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SAD ACCIDENT THURSDAY

Frank W. Wilson of Nebo Killed by Dynamite Explosion Near Linville Falls.

Frank W. Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Wilson, of Nebo, was killed by a dynamite explosion at six o'clock last Thursday evening near Linville Falls. Young Wilson was employed as foreman on the road construction work in North Cove township. He had set off a charge of dynamite, one charge failing to explode. It is said that he went to investigate the result of the explosion and had just arrived upon the spot where one charge had failed to explode and while standing over the charge the dynamite took fire, a terrific explosion occurred, killing him instantly. The body was badly mangled.

Young Wilson had only recently returned from overseas duty in France. He was a member of the 316th Field Artillery, Battery D, 81st division. He was overseas for ten months, doing valiant service. He was mustered out the latter part of June, returning home immediately.

Young Wilson attended Nebo High school and was considered a very bright student. After leaving Nebo High school he was engaged in railroad construction work, being associated with his brother, Vance.

Frank Wilson was a young man of pleasing personality and excellent traits of character. He was universally popular among a very wide circle of friends. News of his tragic death will cause great sorrow among his many friends and relatives.

The deceased is survived by his father and mother, one brother, Vance Wilson, of Nebo, and two sisters, Mrs. Kelly Simpson of Rutherfordton, and Mrs. H. D. Plant of Knoxville, Tenn.

The funeral services were conducted from the residence Friday afternoon by Prof. E. J. Harbison and interment made at the cemetery of the Methodist church of Nebo, the services being attended by a large crowd of sorrowing relatives and friends.

The Wilson family is one of the leading families of the county. The sympathy of their many friends and relatives goes out to them in their great loss.

Hild Farm Sold Tuesday.

The E. K. Hild farm was sold at public auction in tracts Tuesday. The purchasers of the several tracts are as follows: J. T. Pierce, J. W. Fowler, J. H. Tate, Grover Greene, W. O. Ledbetter, Millard Hawkins, A. R. Buffalo, G. S. Kirby, W. M. Goodson, Gus Poate, J. R. McNeely, I. W. Saunders, E. M. Crawford, W. H. Hawkins, E. J. Ferguson and Galan Sparks.

The S. A. Potest property was sold at private sale to the Marion Ice and Fuel company, and Lee Early purchased the J. C. Bowman property.

Deputy Marshal Wall of Montgomery, Ala., uses an airship from which to survey the landscape when he is searching for illicit distilleries.

Nebo High School Opens Sept. 1—Normal Course for Teachers.

Nebo High School will open its fall term on Monday, Sept. 1st, the regular schedule of classes to start on Tuesday, the 2nd.

Mr. E. J. Harbison, a graduate of Trinity College and a school man of a number of years successful experience, will direct the Nebo school for the coming year. Mr. Harbison is considered one of the best qualified school men in the State. The Nebo folks consider themselves extremely fortunate in securing him as principal of the school for the coming year. Associated in the school work with Mr. Harbison will be Mrs. Harbison and Miss Rosa Stacy as high school teachers. Misses Ellen Carson and Julia Rust will be intermediate teachers; Miss Dodson will have charge of the primary work; Miss Boyette, a music teacher of successful experience, will have charge of the music class.

The school will this year offer a normal course, under the supervision of the State Board of Education, for teachers. Mr. Harbison will supervise the course, assisted by Mrs. C. S. Briggs. Mrs. Briggs is well known in McDowell County, having been Supervisor of Rural Schools for a number of years. She is considered one of the best qualified teachers of normal work in the State.

The prospects for Nebo this year are the brightest in the history of the school. Already a number of reservations have been taken at the dormitory, and applications are coming in daily. It is expected that the school will open with full attendance.

Father and Daughter Killed by Lightning at Bridgewater.

While standing on the porch of her father's house at Bridgewater, where she was visiting, Mrs. W. F. Dobson, of Morganton, was instantly killed when lightning struck the house Saturday afternoon about 4 o'clock. Mrs. Dobson's father, M. B. Branch, who was standing with his daughter, was also instantly killed, although the little daughter of Mrs. Dobson, standing a few feet away, escaped injury.

The father and daughter were standing on the porch and leaning against a pillar. The lightning struck on the roof and is supposed to have reached the ground by way of the pillar against which Mr. Branch and his daughter were leaning. The Bridgewater section suffered a rather severe storm Saturday afternoon, and it was at this time that the accident occurred.

Mrs. Dobson's husband was some distance from the house at the time of the accident. The wife of Mr. Branch and several children survive him.

Real Estate Transfers.

J. Ray Denton to F. C. Daves, 17 acres, adjoining H. B. Brackett, \$550.

Henry T. White to Dora D. Ep-ley, lot in New Fort, \$1500.

J. C. Ballinger to J. C. Sandlin and wife, lot on Main St., Old Fort, \$1200.

J. W. Wise to I. T. Wise, 5 acres adjoining J. J. Sprouse, \$50.

Miss Jennie Davis and Miss Martha Whitten will leave today for Baltimore, Md.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings in McDowell County—Items About Home People.

OLD FORT

Old Fort, Aug. 19.—Miss Annie White spent a few days last week in Asheville. Mrs. G. B. Strickland and daughter, Elizabeth, and Mrs. R. O. Anderson and daughter, Margaret, spent two days in Asheville last week.

John Massey, of Clayton, spent the week at the home of W. P. Artz.

Mrs. George Lee and daughters, Mrs. Gilliam and Miss Virginia, of Asheville, are visiting at John Bradley's.

Mrs. B. H. Thurman of Washington, D. C., is visiting John Bradley and family.

Mrs. J. H. Salisbury and daughter, Miss Travis, of Morristown, Tenn., will arrive Saturday to spend some time with Mrs. P. H. Mashburn.

Carl Bradley left this week for St. Louis, Mo., where he has accepted a position.

Miss Mary Hamilton returned to Asheville Tuesday after spending some time with Miss Francis Artz.

Earl Bradley left a few days ago for Winston Salem where he has accepted a position.

Miss Rachael Monroe of Salisbury is here on a visit to Mr. Caplin's.

Will Gilliam left Sunday for his home in Gastonia after spending a few days in Old Fort.

Misses Lelia and Lucile Cox and Mrs. Pearson, of Gastonia, are spending some time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Y. Grant.

Rev. Mr. Church is conducting a successful revival at Cherry Springs.

C. A. Snyder returned Sunday from a business trip to Asheville, Canton and Dillsboro.

Mrs. Mason has returned Spartanburg, S. C., after an extended visit to her sister, Mrs. H. A. Westerman.

Mrs. McMurray of Roanoke Rapids, N. C., is spending a while at the Sandlin House.

G. B. Strickland spent a few days in Ashboro last week. He was accompanied by his son, Frouz, who will return later.

A party consisting of ten or twelve left Monday for Mount Mitchell sight-seeing.

J. L. C. A. and T. L. Nichols, A. C. Kanipe, Russell Oats, Will Burgin and Jack Fortune made a trip to Chimney Rock last Sunday, returning same day. They report a nice time.

GLENWOOD

Nealsville, Aug. 18.—The Glenwood high school two-story brick building is in course of erection, and when completed will be one of the best school buildings in McDowell county and probably one of the best in Western North Carolina. The old school building will be converted into a dormitory at some later date. The fall session of school will begin in the old building as it will be several weeks at best before the new building can be occupied.

Rev. James Brown, pastor of the Glenwood Baptist church, and Rev. J. A. Fry of the McDowell circuit, assisted by Rev. J. P. Morris, pastor of the Spruce Pine M. E. church, began a series of Union revival services at Glenwood Sunday, Aug. 10th. Services have been held daily at 10:30 a. m., and at 8:30 p. m., and large congregations have been in attendance at the night services. A number of persons have made a profession of their faith and united with one of the churches here. Much interest has been manifested and doubtless eternity only will reveal the good that has been accomplished during these services.

T. W. Wilson has sold his splendid home and 475 acre farm to a real estate firm at Old Fort, the consideration being \$24,000. Your correspondent learns that the new owners will cut the Wilson farm into small farms of 15 acres and up and sell it at public auction at some future date. It is understood that Mr. Wilson contemplates moving his family to Marion. Their friends regret to give them up.

Robert Raburn left last week for Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. Vista Hart, of Atlanta, Ga., is

visiting relatives in Glenwood and vicinity.

Lee Raburn has sold his 30 acre farm near Glenwood, to Sam Pyatt.

Mrs. Totherow is visiting in Morganton.

Mrs. Brownlow Bird, of Indian Head, Ind., is visiting relatives in this community.

Miss Bertha Goforth, of the D. and D. school, of Morganton, is home spending her vacation.

J. T. Davis, who sold his residence near the Methodist church some time ago, has bought a lot and is building a cottage just west of his former home.

GREENLEE

Marion, Rt 2, Aug. 18.—J. G. Pendergrass spent Saturday and Sunday with homefolks here.

A large crowd of Greenlee folks made a trip to Chimney Rock last week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Pendergrass of Rutherfordton have returned home after spending a few days with the former's parents here.

Melvin Burnett and Vernon Bradley returned to their work at Bridgewater Sunday.

J. R. Ledbetter spent last week in Marion.

Pink Crawley spent Sunday at Greenlee.

R. S. Murr has returned from overseas. We welcome him home.

Woodfin McCurry of Marion spent the week-end in Greenlee.

Hendley-Gunter.

A beautiful wedding was solemnized at the attractive home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. C. Conley last Sunday afternoon when Mr. Horace C. Hendley, of Marion, and Miss Hattie Gunter, of Old Fort, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, Rev. J. C. Story officiating. Among those present at the wedding were: Miss Willie Davis, of Charlotte; Miss Ada Conley, Cecil Little and Ben Hawkins, of Old Fort.

Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple, accompanied by Miss Davis and Mr. Hawkins, motored to the McDowell Hotel where they enjoyed a sumptuous supper.

Mr. Gunter is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Gunter of Old Fort and has many friends in Marion. Mr. Hendley, who was in service with the United States Marines during the world war, is employed by Mr. Conley on his farm. He is an industrious young man and is destined to become a successful farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Hendley will make their home for the present with the groom's brother, Mills C. Hendley.

Increase in Auto License.

North Carolina automobile license fees paid to the Secretary of State during July amounted to \$992,027, as against \$434,913 for the entire fiscal year of 1918-19, according to figures available from that office. The increase is due largely to the increase in the license fees, but in July of this year, the first month of the new fiscal year, 86,409 motor vehicles were licensed against 81,712 for the entire year 1918-19.

Americans Go After Bandits.

Troops of the Eighth cavalry crossed the Mexican border Tuesday morning in pursuit of the bandits who held Aviators Peterson and Davis for ransom. Davis and Peterson accompanied the troops, acting as guides.

Aviators are co-operating with the cavalry as scouts to locate the bandits on the Mexican side, flying over the Ojinaga district south of Candelaria.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Jim Rose, alleged outlaw, tried for killing Ab Wilson in Cherokee county, was acquitted.

Sally N. Michael, aged 17, of Rutherfordton, whose weight is 272 pounds, is believed to be the heaviest weight, age considered, in the State.

The Mountain Retreat Association, owners of Montreat, the Presbyterian assembly grounds, plans to erect another hotel at Montreat, to cost \$200,000.

Friday, 22nd, will be Educational Day for Iredell. A feature of the day will be a public address by Dr. E. C. Brooks, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Haywood county farmers report that the potato crop in that county is short one-third to half and that the apple crop is only about 15 per cent of normal. Haywood is noted for apples and potatoes.

The first steel ship to be finished at the Carolina Ship yards in Wilmington will be launched Labor Day, September 1. Three other steel ships are in course of construction in the yards.

A washout near Glen Alpine interfered with the regular schedule of trains Thursday night. West-bound train No. 35 was detained by way of Charlotte and Spartanburg. The damage had been repaired and the track was in operation Friday morning.

The Boone Democrat says that from August 2 to August 8, Mr. J. B. Horton, sales agent, shipped 31,901½ pounds of cheese, netting the farmers \$10,072.83, and that the cheese now being produced amounts to four solid cars every 30 days and is all shipped to Southern cities.

Three Department of Justice agents making investigations at Durham into the charges of hoarding and profiteering, found several thousand pounds of sugar in the local branch store of C. D. Kinney company, according to a dispatch from Durham. They ordered that the sugar be put on the market immediately, it is said. Similar charges have been brought against stores elsewhere.

There will be a debate given by the Valdimer Literary Society at the Stroudtown school house, Friday night, August 22. The program will begin at 9:00 o'clock. Query, "Resolved, that Immersion Is the Proper Mode of Baptism." Speakers on the affirmative are Will H. Odom and J. A. McKelvey; on the negative M. M. Horton and C. M. Pool. The public is cordially invited.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to extend our most sincere thanks for much sympathy and many kindnesses shown us in our recent bereavement; and for the many floral tributes. J. F. Wilson and family.

The new store room of Bryson-Snyder Company is now filled with an attractive line of ladies coats, coat suits, middy suits, and men's and boys' clothing.

An inch of rain descending on an acre of land would fill more than 600 barrels of 45 gallons each.