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R. E. BRADLEY FATALLY INJURED BY AUTOMOBILE

Struck Near His Home at Marion Mill Monday — Car Driven by W. C. Burgin.

E. Bradley, aged sixty-five years, was fatally injured near his home in the Marion Manufacturing company's village early Monday morning, when he was struck by an automobile driven by W. C. Burgin. He was picked up and hurried to town for medical attention, but died before he could be given any attention.

According to reports, Mr. Bradley was returning from work in the Marion mill, and in some way got in the path of the machine, being killed almost instantly. The reports as to how the accident occurred are conflicting. Burgin will be given a hearing Friday to determine whether he is responsible for the accident.

FORD STATION

CHANGES HANDS

T. J. Halliburton has sold his garage and automobile business to Charles Barnes and W. S. Shifflett, recently of Morganton. The new proprietors will change the name of the firm to McDowell Motor Company. They will operate a general repair and sales business. They are experienced in the automobile business, having been engaged in this business at Morganton. The building in which the business has been conducted for the past few months has been sold to A. L. Finley, and Barnes and Shifflett will occupy temporarily a machine shop building adjoining the garage. A new, modern building is being erected by W. C. Smith on the corner lot, where Barnes and Shifflett will carry on their business as soon as the building is completed. The building formerly occupied by Halliburton has been leased to Fleming Snipes, where he will conduct the City Motor Company's business.

Mr. Halliburton has made no announcement of his plans for the immediate future.

HANKINS SCHOOL CLOSES; INTERESTING PROGRAM

At the closing exercises of the Hankins school Friday night, April 3, one of the most interesting programs ever given by the school was enjoyed by all present. At the appointed time the house was filled with patrons and friends.

The program consisted of plays, recitations, tableaux, etc., all very appropriate to the occasion. The entire program was rendered in such a way as to show that the pupils had been well trained for the occasion.

At intervals on the program very interesting string music was made by Mr. Millard Browning and sons. This, too, was enjoyed.

For the past year the school has been under the efficient management of Miss Annie Wall. By her devotion to the work and the interest shown in the school, she seemed to do all she could for the children and community. She needs much praise on the part of the parents for what she has done for the children and for making the past year one of the most successful in the history of the Hankins school.

JOHN BAILEY LODGED IN COUNTY JAIL HERE

John Bailey, accused of killing Jake Baxter in upper North Cove township, May 15th, 1920, was arrested at Love Station, Tenn., by Sheriff Corn and Ed. Garland a few days ago. Sheriff Nichols was immediately notified of the arrest and went to the Tennessee town and brought the prisoner to Marion, where he was placed in the county jail.

Reports of the killing give as a motive robbery. Bailey will be arraigned for trial at the July term of court.

Use Clean-up Week and rid your house and home of that rubbish.

JUDGE J. C. PRITCHARD OF ASHEVILLE PASSES

Asheville, April 10. — Federal Judge Jeter Conley Pritchard, of the fourth district, died here this morning at 6 o'clock, following an illness of several months. Death of the famous jurist was due directly to pneumonia, which developed Thursday, and served to aggravate his previous physical afflictions. He was in his 64th year.

For more than 48 hours previous to his death, he had been unconscious, and while medical experts exerted every effort to save his life, the disease continued to fasten its grip. While his death was not unexpected this morning, it was a great shock to members of the family, who had kept constant vigil at his bedside.

The funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the First Baptist church of this city, of which the distinguished jurist had long been a leading member.

He is survived by his widow, a daughter, wife of Thomas A. Rollins; three sons, Dr. Arthur T., Solicitor George M. and Attorney McKinley Pritchard, and a sister, Mrs. J. T. Harris, all of Asheville.

GLENWOOD STUDENTS RENDEZVOUS

Nealsville, April 11.—Under the direction of Miss Mattie Tate and Miss Edith Lonon the first, second and third grades of Glenwood High School entertained their parents and friends last Friday night with a brief program that reflected much honor upon both teachers and pupils. From beginning to end the little tots held the undivided attention of the packed auditorium and many a grown-up was put to shame by the realization that he couldn't do half so well.

At the close of the children's exercises Mr. D. E. Hudgins of Marion made one of the best addresses that has been the privilege of the Glenwood people to hear at any time throughout the year. In a speech rich with illustrations and comparisons he made a wonderfully strong appeal to his audience to stand by the school, to take part in its upbuilding, and on April 16 to register their votes in favor of the continued progress of their children and their school.

J. W. BIDDIX PASSES; FUNERAL TUESDAY

Mr. J. W. Biddix, aged eighty-seven years, died at the home of his son, J. B. Biddix, near Greenlee, Sunday morning at seven a. m. Mr. Biddix had been in very feeble health for a number of years. Last year he suffered a stroke of paralysis from which he never fully recovered.

The deceased was a highly respected citizen of McDowell county. He represented this county in the Legislature something over twenty years ago, and served on the home guard during the war between the States. He always took an active interest in anything that meant for the upbuilding and improvement of his home section or county.

The funeral was conducted at two o'clock Tuesday by Rev. J. P. Hipps, assisted by Dr. J. T. Bowden. The final rites were held by the Masonic fraternity, of which Mr. Biddix had been a member for a long number of years, he being the oldest living member of the local lodge.

Mr. Biddix was born in McDowell County. He was twice married, first to Miss Esther Elizabeth Finley. To this union were born seven children, six sons and one daughter. The following sons survive: F. W., of Cannon City, Colorado; J. B., of Greenlee; Miles, of Madison, Fla.; J. L., of Marion; Ed. of Badin, and J. C., of Baltimore. He was married the second time to Mrs. Mary Grant of this county, who preceded her husband to the grave about twenty years ago.

Sunflowers as food for cattle are being cultivated in the dry land farming regions of the northwest.

WHY CHANGE YOUR WIFE?

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

OLD FORT

Old Fort, April 12.—Mrs. P. C. Harmon has just returned from a few days visit to relatives in Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lafever visited relatives in Hickory Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. J. L. Nichols left Monday for Asheville where she will spend a few days.

Miss Elizabeth Biddix was called home yesterday on account of the death of her grandfather, J. W. Biddix.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Strickland spent Saturday in Asheville on business.

Mrs. Harry Bach of Wilmington, Del., is visiting her father, W. P. Terrell.

Mrs. Albert Terrell and little son of Black Mountain visited friends in Old Fort last week.

A musical recital was given Friday evening in the auditorium by the pupils of Miss Pearle Evans. The program, which consisted of solos, duets, trios and choruses, was enjoyed by all. This speaks well for the progress the young people are making in music under Miss Evans and a still better program may be expected next year.

Mrs. Edgerton, of Canton, visited Mrs. Maggie Allen last week.

The following pupils of the graded school made the highest average in their respective grades thus entitling them to free picture show tickets: 11th grade, Essie Mashburn; 10th grade, Kimball Miller; 9th grade, Estelle Lavender; 8th grade, Clyde Miller; 7th grade, Donald McIntosh; 6th grade, Charlie Turner; 5th grade, Noland Gilliam; 4th grade, Ashby Robinson; 3rd grade, Carlyn McIntosh; 2nd grade, Srema Finch; 1st grade, Mary Virginia Adams.

The honor roll for Old Fort school for April is as follows: Ninth grade, William Treverton. 8th grade, Janie Parker and Pearl Turner. 7th grade, Dennis Haynes, Albert Noblitt and Rosa Turner. 6th grade, Ward Treverton. 3rd grade, Carlyn McIntosh, Pauline Noblitt, Eva Noblitt, Frances Shirrell and Annie Ritter. 2nd grade, Clyde Nesbitt, Lytle Eteppe, Charles Thomason, Ethel Allison, Catherine Finch, Pearle Haynes, Martha Hughes, Irene Jordan, Edith Potate, Geneva Steppe, Sallie Mae Owenby, Selma Finch, Ellen Holland. 1st grade, Edwin Gilliam, Louise Pitts, Nellie Nichols, Lucy Allison, Gertie Connor, Mae Connor, Jessie Olla Davis, Evelyn Gilliam, Frances Kanipe, Stella Sherrill, Frances Thomason, Virginia Vess, Elizabeth Wilson, Walter McCurry, Carlyle Nesbitt, Lester Plemmons, Donald Turner, Harold Vess, J. R. Harris, Roy Holland, Bishop Davis, Emmett Burgin.

CROOKED CREEK

Old Fort, Rt. 2, April 12.—Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Lavender and daughter, Estelle, of Old Fort, visited relatives here Sunday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Davis, April 5, a daughter.

Lee Lavender of Greenville, S. C., is visiting homefolks here.

Mrs. Julius Parker and children of Marion have been visiting relatives here.

Mrs. C. L. Erwin of Henrietta spent last week with her daughter, Mrs. A. W. Lavender.

Miss May Gilliam of Broad River spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. U. A. Davis.

Mrs. Annie Lane and little son of West Virginia have been visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Gibson.

MONTFORDS COVE

Union Mills, Rt. 1, April 12.—This time the cold snap is hitting us hard. We think all the fruit in this section

is already killed.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. James Haynes, April 4, a fine son.

Mr. and Mrs. Laddie Hemphill of High Shoals are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Hemphill.

Miss Floy Williams is visiting her brother, Curtis Williams, in Rutherfordton.

Several of the young folks attended the singing at the home of Miss Vera Ledbetter Sunday evening.

Robert and Jones Harris spent Monday in Rutherfordton.

Miss Annie Sue Harris, after spending the week-end with her parents, has returned to Marion.

Grover Hardin of Caroleen was a visitor here Sunday.

Verno Harris and family spent Sunday at the home of the former's parents.

Miss Ethel Ledbetter spent Saturday night at the home of Miss Olif Stott.

NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER THE STATE

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Col. Isaac M. Meekins, of Elizabeth City, N. C., has been appointed general counsel for the alien property custodian's department, it is announced from Washington.

The annual convention of the North Carolina Baraca and Phila-thea Union will be held in Henderson April 21, 22, 23 and 24. The program includes subjects of intense interest to church and Sunday school workers.

More than a million dollars in immediate improvements is the program for Hendersonville and other parts of Henderson county, according to the Hendersonville News. Over half a million dollars will be spent for road improvements through the county. A quarter million dollars will be invested in street building in Hendersonville and a quarter million dollars improvement in buildings in the city is now in progress.

Waynesville, April 7.—As the result of a large bowlder, under which they were camping, crashing to the earth, Rev. Mr. Campbell, of Crosby, Tenn., was fatally injured and a relative by the name of Thomas, had a foot badly crushed. The two men were camping on Indian creek and had retired for the night. Rev. Mr. Campbell was asleep and Mr. Thomas heard the bowlder as it started to fall and was able to get out of the way in time to save his life. The rock was said to weigh about 2,000 pounds.

NEBO ROUTE 2.

Nebo, Rt. 2, April 7.—Mrs. E. E. Weaver of Nebo and Miss Gladys Dale spent Tuesday with Mrs. Lennie Hollifield.

Mrs. Charles Wacaser of Glenwood and Miss Emma Higgins of Shelby visited Mrs. Mason one day last week.

Mrs. Ollie Finley was shopping in Marion Tuesday.

Miss Sallie Weaver is on the sick list. We hope she will soon recover.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Redman of Gastonia and Miss Gladys Dale have returned to Nebo where they will make their home.

There will be prayer meeting next Sunday at William Carswell's, conducted by Rev. Tom Wilson. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Della Carswell was the guest of Mrs. S. R. Cuthbertson Wednesday.

Miss Jessie Hendrix has returned to her home in Youngstown, Ohio. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Paul Smith.

CATAWBA VALLEY

Old Fort, April 10.—Patton Odom of Black Mountain spent the week-end with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Wilson of Burnsville are visiting the latter's father, T. A. Porter.

Miss Frances Nichols was taken to the hospital last week for an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Steppe of Old Fort spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Allison.

Walter Porter made a business trip to Swannonoa last week.

V. L. Bradley of Greenlee spent the week-end at the home of J. W. Bradley.

Old "Jack Frost" has been calling around to see us.

CURFEW

Curfew, April 7.—The farmers around here are getting ready to plant corn.

I. L. Reel of Marion made a business trip to Curfew, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Burgin were the guests of the latter's sister, Mrs. C. N. Hogan, Sunday.

Oscar Shelton was a visitor here Thursday.

WHITE PINE

Nealsville, Rt. 1, April 11.—Miss Vera Ledbetter has returned home from Marion.

Miss Floy Williams is visiting her brother, Curtis Williams, at Rutherfordton.

Bud Williams and family visited his father Sunday.

Miss Lela Marlow spent the week-end here with relatives.

Miss Annie Sue Harris, who has been attending school in Marion, is home for a few days.

Preston Hensley and Lawrence Wilkerson of Marion visited homefolks here Sunday.

Mrs. Julia Ledford spent the week-end with her son, Manley, at Stroud.

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