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\$1.00 THE YEAR IN ADVANCE

OFFICERS HAVE NOT LOCATED ED WILLIAMS

Robinsville, N. C., May 5—Despite the most earnest efforts on the part of local officials, no trace has yet been found of Ed Williams, the white man who, last Saturday, practically wiped out his wife's family, killing his mother-in-law, Mrs. Phil Phillips, his brother-in-law, Charley Phillips, and his sister-in-law, Miss Mary Phillips. The murders were committed with a revolver. A reward is offered for the arrest of Williams. All the parties involved lived in Graham county.

The exact cause of the trouble is not known, but it is reported that Williams had made threats against the Phillips family for alleged interference with him in a reputed blockade business, it being said that they had reported some of his transactions to the government. Williams is known to have stated that he was getting "tired of the Phillips family meddling in his business," and to have made threats against them.

When Williams went to the Phillips home last Saturday, only Mrs. Phillips and her son and daughter were at home. Without a word of warning Williams drew a revolver and began firing. The first shot struck and killed Charley Phillips, and the second shot hit Miss Mary Phillips, both dying almost instantly. Williams then opened fire on Mrs. Phillips, two shots striking her, from the effects of which she died about two hours later. Williams then fled.

Coroner D. A. Stewart was called and empaneled a jury for the inquest. The jury reported that the three came to their deaths by means of gunshot wounds from a weapon in the hands of Ed Williams. Officers at once started a search for Williams but so far no trace of him has been found.—Citizen

COURT HOUSE GROUNDS TO BE IMPROVED.

The County Commissioners employed a landscape gardner to survey and lay off the grounds, around the court house and also to plan the steps leading from Main street to the court house door.

This work will be done between now and the next first Monday, at which time the contract will be let for the building of the steps.

The landscape gardner is also to furnish plans and specifications for the beautifying of the grounds in general, which will be done in the near future.

TO CONSIDER BUILDING

Mr. Allen Parris is busy this week removing the old building which stands on the Tuckasegee Bank lot, the rear of the lot. This building will be repaired

The directors of the bank will meet in the near future to consider the construction of a bank building on this lot, which would add very much to the appearance of Main street.

SCHOOL CLOSES SUCCESSFUL YEAR

The term at the Sylva High School just closed has been an unusually successful and profitable one. Miss Irene Abernethy, the principal, Mr. Chas. B. Hawkins, the assistant principal and their assistants, Misses Bertha Henson, Olive Norton, Ada Mae Pruett, Essie Norton and Mrs. Geo. P. Miller, have done a great deal of excellent work and are to be commended for their careful and painstaking training of the children.

The commencement exercises began Thursday afternoon with the exercises by the children of the lower grades including songs, recitations and drills by many of the smaller boys and girls and the excellent presentation of the little operetta, "Snow White." The children had been trained by Mrs. Geo. P. Miller and showed the result of careful and efficient training. Expectations to be mentioned are: Christine Cathey as Snow White, water alien as the Prince, Roberta Calhoun as the Queen and Bessie Mae Moss as the witch.

Thursday evening's exercises were begun by a chorus from the larger girls followed by a patriotic drill by several of the boys and girls and two excellent readings by Misses Mayme Painter and Rebekah Cathey. The exercises were concluded by the presentation of "Mr. Bob" by a company from the school assisted by two young men from the town.

Miss Rebekah Luke.....Miss Ensley
"Kitty, Miss Luke's niece.....Miss Anne Long
"Bryant "Mr. Bob" Miss Rebekah Cathey
Patty, a maid.....Miss Grace McKee
Jenkins, a butler.....Mr. Donald Cowan
Mr. Philip Royson.....Mr. Rhodes
Mr. Brown.....Mr. Tompkins

Friday afternoon the annual address was delivered by Mr. E. C. Brooks, head of the school of Education, Trinity College, and editor of North Carolina Education. Mr. Brooks delighted his audience with his magnificent address upon "The Training of a Child."

Friday evening was devoted to the exercises from the first class that has ever graduated from the Sylva High School. This class was composed of six young ladies, Misses Lena Ashe, Otelia Cathey, Annie Long, Mamie Long, Alice Gray and Mary Willie Wells, and one young gentleman, Mr. Donald Cowan, all of whom were awarded diplomas. The exercises were of an unusually high order and met with the approbation of the immense audience that heard them.

PROGRAM.

Invocation
Duo—Through Valley, Though Forest.....Blagini
Misses Lucy Wells, Pearl Long, Dorothy McKee and Christins Nichols
Class History.....Miss Annie Long
Essay—The Value of An Ideal. Miss Otelia Cathey
Class Poem.....Miss Lena Ashe
Oration—Conservation of Manhood
Mr. Donald Cowan

Piano Solo—Il Trovatore....Verdi
Miss Dorothy McKee
Last Will and Testament.....Miss Mamie Long
Class Prophecy.....Miss Mary W. Wells
Valedictory.....Miss Alice Gray
Class Song—Sylvan Days
Awarding of Diplomas.....Dr. L. B. Abernethy
Benediction.
Throughout the commencement season music was furnished by Misses Dorothy McKee, Christine Nichols, Ada Mae Reed, Otelia Cathey, Alice Gray and others of the music class.

COMMISSIONERS MEET

Below we give a few of the most important orders made by the Board at the May meeting.

Board met at 9 o'clock Monday May 3rd, 1915 in regular session. Members present: S. T. Cooper, Chairman, J. N. Bumgarner and H. R. Queen.

Ordered by the Board that the resignation of J. B. Rigdon as List Taker for River Township for the year 1915 be accepted by the Board and R. L. Wike be appointed to fill the vacancy.

Ordered by the Board that an election or exclusive Stock Law be held in Cullowhee Township under the special statute of 1913 on June the 8th, 1915 to determine the will of the people in regard to the same, and that H. Hooper be appointed Register of said election and R. H. Brown and Z. V. Watson as Judges of the same.

Ordered by the board that a public road be surveyed and laid out at or near the Vinson place in River Township and leading by way of Upper Trout Creek and intersecting with the road from Big Ridge to Glenville at or near the John A. Wiggins old homestead so as to follow the most feasible route.

Ordered by the Board that the resignation of J. E. Tritt as Road Trustee in River Township be accepted and A. C. Price be appointed to fill the unexpired term.

Ordered by the Board that the resignation of W. H. Hooper as Road Trustee in Caney Fork Township be accepted.

Ordered by the Board that W. A. Hooper be appointed as Road Trustee in Caney Fork Township for a term of three years.

Ordered by the Board that J. W. Buchanan, Sheriff, pay the County Treasurer \$136.00 for license tax for the year 1914, and the Treasurer apply this amount to the general fund.

Ordered by the Board that the County Treasurer pay S. T. Cooper \$10.20 out of the Special fund of 1914 for services to Board.

Ordered by the Board that the County Treasurer pay W. L. Henson \$1.45 out of the special fund of 1914 for postage.

Ordered by the Board that the County Treasurer pay the Sylva Cash Store \$15.00 out of the General fund of 1914 for casket for Mrs. Mollie Conner.

Ordered by the Board that the County Treasurer pay C. J. Harris Tannery \$8.35 out of the special fund of 1914 for coal for Register Commissioners office.

Ordered by the Board that the County Treasurer pay H. R. Queen \$20.80 out of the general fund of 1914 for services to Board.

Board adjourned May 5th, 1915 at 4 o'clock P. M.

Co. Board of Commissioners

THE EDUCATORS MET J. A. MADISON GETS \$2000 REWARD.

There were about thirty-five or forty in attendance at the educational conference on the first Monday, the 3rd. day of May.

Prof. L. C. Brogden, State Supervisor of Rural Elementary Schools was present and gave a very encouraging, helpful and interesting talk.

Jackson County has during the past four years, according to the statistics reported by Supt. David H. Brown, made very good progress along many lines.

NEW BUILDINGS.

Eleven new school buildings have been erected during the past four years at an approximate cost of \$8,500. Among these buildings are the following: Caney Fork No. 4, Hog Rock, Fall Cliff, Speedwell, Cashiers, Pine Creek, Bouble Springs, Weyhutta, Greens Creek No. 2 additional room, Sylva High School finishing, Sylva Colored School.

Before all the districts of the county can be properly housed the following school houses will have to be built: Wilcox (they are about ready to go to work on their house and it will be built before school begins), Rock Bridge (they have commenced work), Yellow Mountain (they will begin right away), Olivette (they will have the house ready for school this fall) Dark Ridge, Cane Creek, East Laport, Charley's Creek, (the only log house now in the county,) Pilot Grove (they have commenced work), Sylva No. 3, additional room, Balsam, additional room, Greens Creek No. 1 additional room, Moses Creek, additional room, John's Creek, additional room, Savannah No. 2, additional room.

During this period of time, maps of North Carolina, the Eastern Hemisphere, Western Hemisphere and globes twelve inches in diameter have been placed in all the schools of the county, very few of the schools had any of these before this time.

There has been, within the past four years, about two car loads of desks and a large number of blackboards placed in the schools of the county.

SCHOOL TEACHERS

Three years ago there were 77 teachers who taught in the county, only thirty-six or less that 47 per cent of them had ever taught before, leaving 53 per cent new and inexperienced teachers of the county that year taught in the school in which they had taught the year before.

The next year 53 per cent of the teachers had taught before, 47 per cent were new in the work and more than 18 per cent of all the teachers of the county taught in school in which they had worked the previous year.

This year nearly 73 per cent of our teachers had taught before with only 27 per cent untried teachers and nearly 24 per cent of all the teachers taught in the same school as last year. And nearly 40 per cent of our teachers who taught both years—this and last

J. A. Madison, who rescued Harry D. Bryson the little son of Sterling Bryson from being drowned in the Tuckasegee River near Webster on April 5, 1913 has been awarded a bronze medal and \$2000 by the Carnegie Hero Commission.

The money is to be applied on his medical education. Mr. Madison is now attending the Bennett Medical College, of Chicago, but will enter the Vanderbilt University this fall where he will complete his education.

The Carnegie Hero Commission sent their representative here some time ago and he viewed the scene where Mr. Madison rescued the child and talked with a great many of the eye witnesses and being very much impressed with Mr. Madison's record since he has been in college recommended to the Commission that he be given a bronze medal, and \$2,000 toward his education which was due.

It will be remembered that Mr. Madison was just recovering from his wounds which he sustained from being struck by a train while at the A. and M. College which adds much more to his heroic act.

IN MEMORY

Spartanburg, S. C., May 5.—To provide a memorial to the Hon. Robert Y. Hayne of South Carolina, in honor of his railroad services, President Fairfax Harrison, of the Southern Railway Company, has given instruction that the name of the junction at terminal where the line from Asheville intersects the Washington-Atlanta line be changed from "Spartanburg Junction" to "Hayne."

Mr. Hayne was, if not the first, the most effective promoter of the construction of a railroad across the mountains from South Carolina to the middle West. It was the Asheville and Spartanburg railroad, beginning at what is now known as "Spartanburg Junction" which first realized Mr. Hayne's plan, and this important Southern Railway point will hereafter bear his name and be a lasting testimonial to the work he did.

L. W. Crawford of Willets was in the city this week and paid the Journal a very pleasant visit.

Mrs. C. A. Esperson visited her parents at Cullowhee last week, returning home Friday, accompanied by her little sister, Otelia Mae Bumgarner.

year-taught this year in the same school as last year. You see from this that the number of teachers being retained in the same school where they are acquainted with the needs and conditions, during this period has been doubled and that the number of teachers staying in the work and making teaching a profession has almost doubled. This is very encouraging.

The topics outlined were discussed and a great deal of interest was manifested by those present. Every one seemed to enjoy the meeting; numbers expressed the desire that similar ones be held.