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Hold Funeral For Charlie Stewart, Victim Of Knife

Charlie Stewart, 37, of Erastus, is dead, and Jim Underwood, 67, is in a serious condition, in the hospital here, as a result of an affray which occurred at the home of Underwood, in Mountain township, Sunday afternoon. Both men were brought to the Community hospital Sunday, Stewart dying about five o'clock Tuesday morning.

An inquest was held over Stewart's body, in the undertaking parlors of the Medford Furniture Company, at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon, Dr. C. Z. Candler testifying that Stewart's death was caused by two knife wounds in the upper right chest and through the left kidney. That one of the wounds was about three inches and the other about two and one half inches long.

Hayes Childers, who lives just on this side of the Cullowhee Mountain, said that he, Fred Henson, Carl Childers, Roy Stewart, Clyde Carroll, Alvin Stewart and Charlie Stewart, had all met at a point near Underwood's house and that Underwood invited them into the house to hear him play the violin. That Charlie Stewart, with others, went into the house and that shortly afterwards the row had begun. That Underwood, after playing the violin five or ten minutes, handed it to his son, Wayne Underwood, who continued the playing. Jim Underwood and Albert Stewart, a brother of Charlie's were engaged in conversation, the import of which was not audible to any of the witnesses, until Underwood, speaking in a louder tone cursed Albert Stewart and said he would cut him. At this point, he said, Hayes and Charlie Stewart attempted to separate the two men. Hayes Childers' shirt being cut in the attempt. Underwood continued cursing and said he would kill the whole crowd, inflicting upon Charlie Stewart the cuts which are said to have caused his death. Underwood then left the house, going to a shop nearby. Glenn Stewart, another brother of Charlie, came up and asked who had cut Charlie. Underwood said he did it and that he would cut him also. Underwood then procured a hand axe at which time he was struck across the head with a pole causing serious wounds.

Albert Stewart, last witness examined, said that when Underwood handed the violin to his son, he asked Albert to dance and that when he refused, Underwood cursed him and said "he would make him dance" and the fight ensued.

The testimony of all the witnesses was substantially the same and all said that, while none of them saw Underwood drinking, he had the appearance of being drunk. No weapon was seen by any of the witnesses except the knife that Underwood had.

The testimony of the witnesses in part was as follows:
Coroner: Dr. Candler, will you please tell the jury as to how the deceased, Charles Stewart, came to his death?
Dr. Candler: Well, he had a knife wound in the upper right chest.
Cor: Did the wound go through the chest wall?
A: I could not say. There was another wound over the left kidney, also.

Q: How long were the scars, Doctor?
A: The one in the chest was about two and one half inches long, and the one in the left back was about three inches long.
Q: Did you treat the deceased, did you attend him prior to his death?
A: Yes.
Q: Was he conscious?
A: Yes.
Q: Did he make any statement?
A: Not to me.
Q: How long did he live—from the time you first treated him until his death?
A: Well, he came into the hospital late Sunday afternoon, and died this morning about five o'clock. I'd say he lived about forty hours from the time he was wounded until he died.

Q: And these wounds caused his death?
A: Yes, he had a hemorrhage, caused by the wounds.

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FORTY YEARS AGO

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Mr. M. Buchanan went to Yellow Hill, yesterday.

Mrs. Robert McKay favored us with a visit on Monday.

Miss Lipscombe and Miss Duggie Franks, of Bryson City, were visiting friends here, this week.

Prof. A. T. Hoard, of Burlington, N. C., has been elected to succeed Prof. Pinecard, in the Hamburg High School.

We received a pleasant call from Miss Bonnie Candler, of Buncombe county, and Miss Ella Potts, of our town, last Friday.

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Wolff, Master of the editor's wife went to Yellow Hill yesterday, to attend the commencement exercises of the Cherokee Training School.

Mrs. A. W. Bryson and Miss Carrie went to Bryson City Saturday, returning Monday. Mrs. W. C. Bryson accompanied them home and will remain here till the last of this week.

We are sorry to learn of the extreme illness of Mrs. Daniel Bryson. Her death is almost momentarily expected. Later: Just before going to press, we learn that Mrs. Bryson died today, at noon.

We heard with much regret of the death of Mrs. Javan Davis, at East La Porte, last Thursday. She was a daughter of Col. Alley, of Horse Cove, and left a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

We are glad to learn that our young friend, Aleck Baum, who has been quite sick in Asheville, is improving, and that he and his sister, Miss Frances, who has been with him during his sickness, are expected home the last of this week.

Prof. A. E. Pinecard has accepted an invitation to deliver an address before the Third Congressional Teachers' Institute, to be held at Ozark, Ala., on July 21.

The Masonic celebration at East La Porte, Saturday, July 4, promises to be quite an enjoyable affair. Mr. W. E. Moore of Webster, will deliver a Masonic address, Mr. D. L. Love an oration, and Lecturer Bell, who had intended to be in Webster on that day, has altered his plans and will be at East La Porte on Saturday, instead of Webster.

We are sorry to part with Bro. Curtis, of the Franklin Press. His lease has expired, and he makes the remarkable statement that, financially speaking, it has not been profitable. The general public will be surprised, no doubt, to learn that a country newspaper could possibly be less valuable than a gold mine.

MRS. L. P. ALLEN PASSES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Mrs. Alice Reed Allen died at her home here, Friday afternoon, after an illness extending over a period of nearly nine years. Mrs. Allen was stricken with paralysis in October 1922, soon after returning from a revival service and has been an invalid since that time. She became much worse last week and passed away on Friday afternoon.

The funeral was held at the Baptist church at eleven o'clock Sunday morning, the local order Eastern Star, of which Mrs. Allen was a member, having charge of the first part of the service. Rev. J. Gray Murray, pastor of the Baptist church, Rev. George Clemmer, pastor of the Methodist church, and Rev. W. C. Reed participated in the service, the choir of the local churches combined, rendering the music.

Interment was in the Kenner cemetery.

Mrs. Allen, who was 68 years old,

A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR

TO THE CITIZENS OF SYLVA:

We have designated the week beginning Monday, July 6th, as "Clean-up and Paint-up" week and are asking that every property owner or resident in the town cooperate with us in making arrangements to have all grass and weeds cut on their property that week and to have all trash on their lots cleaned up and deposited on the side of the street or side walk so that we may have it hauled away. Don't wait until the middle or end of the week, but start Monday morning and let's have a clean town by Friday night, July 10th.

We want all broken down cars and trucks or parts thereof hauled to the town garbage dump and ask that all garages or other owners of same see that it is done.

A little white wash or paint will do wonders to improve the looks of fences, woodsheds and other out houses and we hope that property owners will, where possible paint up as well as clean up.

The Town expects to clean up all streets that week and to mow weeds and grass on street edges and if the citizens will cooperate with us we can have a clean town at the end of the week. Then we can keep it that way if each property owner will look after his own property.

Remember the date, Monday, July 6th, and let's all clean up and paint up that week.

THE TOWN OF SYLVA

By H. E. Buchanan, Mayor.

New Government Asks Cooperation Of Citizens

To the Citizens of Sylva:

Your new Board of Aldermen and Mayor elected in May were duly installed on Monday, June 1st and set Tuesday night June 9th as their first regular meeting.

We met June 9th and after reviewing the town's financial condition with the town clerk, C. C. Crispe, we decided that everything possible must be done to cut the expenses of the town and further to do our best towards the collection of all past due water rents, taxes and paying assessments without working any undue hardships on any of its citizens.

Briefly we recited some of the most important resolutions and ordinances which have been passed by the board to date, which have been enacted looking to saving the taxpayers money and at the same time give the town efficient government and place us in position to meet our financial obligations.

1. The mayor has been paid \$25.00 per month in the past. The present mayor told the board that he would serve without any salary during the term of his office. This save the taxpayers \$300.00 per year.

2. J. A. Turpin was re-elected Chief of Police, but his salary was cut ten per cent which saves the taxpayers \$150.00 per year, and much additional work was imposed upon him, such as supervision of street cleaning and repairs to the water system, as well as collection of past due water rents. We hope that the citizenship of the town will cooperate with Chief Turpin in all his new duties.

3. We cancelled the town's contract for the hauling of garbage which saves us \$600.00 per year, and we are asking each place of business and the property owners to have their own garbage and trash hauled away from their premises at least twice each week at their own expense. We have also passed an ordinance directing that all garbage cans and trash containers be removed from Main Street and placed on Mill Street. These receptacles are not only unsightly, but also unsanitary

FORMER SYLVA PASTOR PASSES IN ASHEVILLE

Rev. J. M. Bennett, 78, died at the home of his son, Rev. J. P. Bennett,

was a daughter of the late Rev. W. W. Reed, a pioneer Baptist preacher of this section. She was one of the thirteen charter members of the First Baptist church of Sylva and was an active worker in her church as long as her health permitted. Kind-hearted and hospitable, "Aunt Alice," as she was familiarly known, was a general favorite and many friends mourn her passing.

She is survived by her husband, L. P. Allen, and one sister, Mrs. Arrington, of Morganton.

and no up-to-date down permits them on its main street.

4. We finally decided to have four hours each day, instead of ten in the past, spent on cleaning of Main and Depot Streets, and such refuse as is swept up each day off these streets will be hauled away each day at the town's expense. This charge will save us \$300.00 per year.

5. We cut the salary of the town clerk from \$74.00 to \$25.00 per month effecting a saving of \$600.00 per year and elected Raymond R. Nicholson Town Clerk. Naturally, no one would accept the responsibilities and duties of the office at this very small salary, unless it could be done in connection with other work. We especially ask for the cooperation of the citizenship of the town in connection with Mr. Nicholson's duties as town clerk. When convenient, please mail any payments for items due the town to him and he will mail you receipt. He will be at the Town Hall each Tuesday and Saturday afternoon.

6. We have made a new contract with the Dillsboro & Sylva Electric Company covering the street lights which will save several hundred dollars per year. The town will pay for all new globes after July 1st, on Main Street and certain other streets, but will expect property owners to pay for new globes after that date on all street lights which are in residential sections and are particularly serving for the benefit of any one or two persons.

We will save the tax-payers of the town about \$2,800.00 per year by the changes listed and hope to effect other savings as we go along. We can not accomplish any of these savings without the full cooperation of the people of the town. The town must collect its obligations and we hope that everyone will do his best towards the payment of all past due water rents and taxes.

We expect to keep the people fully informed of what we are doing as your governing board, and solicit any helpful and constructive ideas.

Let's work together.

H. E. Buchanan, Mayor.

on the Hendersonville Road, near Asheville, last Friday and funeral services were conducted Sunday at the First Baptist church, Canton, with the pastor, Rev. A. V. Joyner, officiating, with interment at Locust Field cemetery.

Mr. Bennett, who was pastor of the Baptist church here, for several years, a number of years ago, had been living in Ellerbe and was visiting his son when he died suddenly, from a heart attack.

Surviving are his widow, one son, Rev. J. P. Bennett, of Asheville, and three daughters, Mrs. Carl Hill, of Canton, Mrs. Arnold Walker, of Ellerbe, in Richmond county, and Mrs. L. C. Smith, of Fort Mills, S. C.

Leaders Like Hoover Debt Payment Plan

(Special to The Journal)

Washington, D. C., July 1.—No official act of any president since war time has been received with such genuine approval or enthusiasm as President Hoover's recent declaration regarding Germany's war debts. In effect he proposes to give all debtor nations a year's extra time, during which no payments will be asked. Either of principal or interest. The intention is to stop the terrific drain on the finances of the leading European governments long enough to permit them to catch their breath.

No suggestion is made that any part of the debt will be forgiven. Most Americans feel that the debts should be met with a reasonable payment, such adjustment, if arrived at, to be made only after Congress has had ample time to view the proposition from all angles. The main purpose aimed at by Mr. Hoover, everybody agrees, is to suspend payment long enough to enable private business to return to its usual channels. All foreign governments have shown agreement with the proposal, France uttering the only discordant note by demanding that German payments for damage done its country by the German armies be continued. As this amounts to only \$100,000,000 a year, an insignificant sum compared with the full war debt, the objection is not expected to block the adoption of the plan.

President Hoover's statesmanlike proposal did not come as a surprise to those closely informed on national politics. Several days before the plan was broached. Under Secretary Castle, of the State Department, casually told newspapermen that the Administration's mind was not closed on the subject of war debts. When his remarks went unchallenged by the White House they were taken to mean that an official utterance on the subject was impending.

The President did not issue his statement without testing the temper of Congress, leading Democrats being called in and sounded out as to their attitude. Their warm approval of Mr. Hoover's ideas was followed by the public announcement. Since then such leading candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination as Newton D. Baker and Owen D. Young have expressed their approval of the plan. Their action has removed the project from the partisan field and elevated it to the broader field of statesmanship.

Another straw that forecast the announcement was the appearance in England and Europe of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon. His informal audiences with European leaders was followed by the President's announcement.

A curious thing about the project is, that it came a few days after the June 15 semi-annual payment of war debts had been made. No other payment is due until December 15. Congress will meet eight days before the winter payment falls due and will have to act almost instantly if the plan is to be put into effect this year. Between now and that time it is certain that business men, bankers and farmers will bring pressure to bear upon their representatives in Congress to make them fall in line behind the President and nobody expects but that the plan will go through, practically overnight, when Congress gathers.

If any further proof of the President's ability to gauge public sentiment were needed, it can be found by the favorable reaction of the stock exchange to his proposal, and to the fillip given business in general throughout the country by Mr. Hoover's utterance. It points to the fact that a return to normal conditions is only being prevented by the mental attitude of business men. Although they realize that the President has done nothing that can have any material effect for another six months, yet psychologically the nation has responded enthusiastically and evidences are already beginning to appear that conditions are easing off and the country is feeling it has a man at the helm who can be trusted to indicate the pathway to a return to prosperity.

TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stockbridge, Antiques)

The craze for "antiques" has reached the point where almost any piece of furniture that was made before 1890 can be sold at a fancy price to somebody. There are not enough "colonial" pieces to go around, so the latest craze is for "Victorian" antiques.

In a New England antique shop the other day I saw kerosene lamps, china dogs, walnut "what-nots" and hair-cloth-covered chairs and sofas, which might have come out of my grand-mother's parlor, marked at fancy figures as "antiques." Alongside of them were a leather-seated cobbler's bench, a home-made boot-jack and a high-wheel bicycle.

"We'll sell them all," said the dealer, confidently. "Most people haven't any taste. They'll buy anything that looks old."

Books

It is a widespread belief that Americans generally read nothing but fiction.

As this is written, the most popular book in America is "The Education of a Princess," written by the former Grand Duchess Marie of Russia. The Grand Duchess, reared as a member of the imperial family of the Czar, married a Swedish prince from whom she was later divorced, and came to America to earn a living. She got employment in a fashionable dress establishment in Fifth Avenue, and wrote the story of her life, which reveals the inner workings of the Czar's regime, at the suggestion of friends, never dreaming that it would sell so many copies as to make her rich.

Actual personal experiences, if well told, are far more interesting than the best fiction. The trouble is that few persons who have had interesting experiences can tell them interestingly.

Glders

The nearest approach to flying the way a bird does is the glider plane, which is an airplane of special design without any engine. One gets off the ground it navigates on the air currents just the way the big soaring birds do, without moving their wings.

A Canadian, Lieut. Lisant Beardmore, was the first to fly across the English Channel in a glider, a few days ago. A German experimenter recently covered 162 miles in a single glider flight.

There is no likelihood of the glider displacing the engine plane, but every flight made in one increases airman's knowledge of air conditions and navigation and so tends to make flying safer.

Movies

The Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, Inc., which is the organization of which Mr. Will H. Hays is president, takes exception to my statement in this column recently that "Two-Gun" Crowley admitted that he got the idea of being a "bad man" from the movies.

Whether he did or not, however, does not seem to me to affect my contention that children and persons of immature minds who see crime and criminals exploited in the films are much more seriously affected than they can possibly be from reading crime news in the newspapers. For one thing, the immature do not read newspapers outside of the big cities, whereas they go to the movies everywhere.

I have no animus against Mr. Hays or the motion picture industry as such, but I do maintain that in presenting life as it is not in the films the movie magnates give youth a distorted impression of values and do immeasurable harm.

Speed

The world is moving at a faster pace than ever before. A few years ago thirty-five miles an hour was considered high speed for automobiles. Four-wheel brakes and smooth roads make 75 miles a safe speed today and many cars can do 100 miles an hour or better.

The other day the fastest speed ever made on rails was achieved by the new German air-propelled "rail Zeppelin." Driven by gasoline motors which whirl an air propeller, the car made the 173 miles from Hamburg to Berlin at an average speed of 106 miles an hour, and for one stretch made over 143 miles an hour.