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## PROMINENT WILKES CITIZEN MEETS WITH FATAL ACCIDENT

Mr. Joseph S. Holbrook, who lives two miles west of Traphill postoffice, in Traphill township, one of the county's most prominent citizens, was instantly killed last Friday morning when he was suddenly thrown from his buggy, his head striking the ground with such a strong force that his neck was broken. Mr. Holbrook was on his way to Traphill to attend a protracted meeting which was in progress at that place. He had been on a short trip into the mountains for the purpose of looking after some timber lands.

The deplorable accident occurred on a hill near the home of the late A. C. Bryan. While going down the hill the coupling to one side of the shaft broke. The horse Mr. Holbrook was driving was trotting at the time, and when Mr. Holbrook spoke "Whoa," he stopped suddenly, throwing Mr. Holbrook to the ground with force and breaking his neck. Mrs. Sallie Brinegar, Mr. John W. Brown, and Mr. Joe Wood, saw the accident, and they went to where Mr. Holbrook had fallen. Upon being asked if he was injured Mr. Holbrook put his hand to the back of his neck and tried to inform them that his neck was broken and that he could live only a few minutes.

Mr. Holbrook was 76 years of age. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Fannie Alexander before marriage. His only son, Attorney John A. Holbrook, died a number of years ago.

Three brothers, Messrs. Harden Holbrook and R. C. Holbrook, of Traphill, and John W. Holbrook, of Abshers, and two sisters, Mrs. Bettie Pruitt, of Traphill, and Mrs. Fannie Holbrook, of Oklahoma, also survive. Mrs. Alice Brown, of Tannersville, Va., who is spending the winter in Wilkesboro with her son, ex-Sheriff P. E. Brown, is a sister-in-law to the deceased.

The funeral was conducted Sunday at 11 a. m. at the Traphill Baptist church in the presence of an immense gathering of relatives and friends. Interment took place in the cemetery of that church. Revs. Calloway Blevins and G. W. Miles conducted the services.

In the death of Mr. Holbrook the county has lost a landmark. She has lost one of her representative citizens, a substantial farmer. Mr. Holbrook was a faithful churchman. At the time of his death he was deacon of the Traphill Baptist church. The deceased had been a life-long Republican, and had represented Wilkes county in the Legislature. The deceased was widely known all over this and adjoining counties and his death is deplored by a multitude of friends.

## MAGISTRATES TAKE OATH OF OFFICE BEFORE CLERK STROUD

Clerk of the Superior Court W. A. Stroud was busy Monday administering the oath of office to magistrates elected November 2nd. The following citizens qualified for this office up until Wednesday:

E. W. Settle, Edwards; W. H. Joines, Union; P. H. Moore, Lovelace; C. M. Finley, North Wilkesboro; C. W. Pruitt, Traphill. L. M. Pharr, Wilkesboro; J. W. Dyer, Lewis Fork; G. W. Adams, Mulberry; W. S. Edwards, Edwards; D. W. Harrold, Mulberry; R. C. Walsh, Beaver Creek; J. N. Felts, Rock Creek; H. H. Walker, Lewis Fork; J. C. Billings, Mulberry; John T. Dula, Elk; J. D. McCann, Traphill. A. Wiles, Rock Creek; J. C. Vannoy, Union; R. D. Nichols, Stanton; G. H. Walker, Beaver Creek; W. J. Templeton, Somers; W. A. Bishop, Lovelace; D. A. Holloman, Somers; A. R. Sherman, Wilkesboro; R. M. Johnson, Somers; N. C. Huffman, Lewis Fork; G. M. Earp, Boomer; Carl Jones, North Wilkesboro; T. J. Royel, Union.

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. W. F. Staley will preach a special sermon to parents and Sunday School teachers. Representatives of the home are urged to attend this service.

7:30. Subject, "An Impossible Flight."  
B. Y. P. U. at 6:30.  
Sunday School at 9:45.  
Cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend.

## BOX SUPPER AT FAIRPLAINS

There will be a box supper for the benefit of the school, at Fairplains, district number 2, for white people, on Saturday night, Dec. 11th, 1920. Everybody invited to attend and bring a friend and have a time that will far exceed ordinary occasions have been forgotten.

## SECOND NUMBER OF LYCEUM COURSE MONDAY EVENING

The Ardmore Orchestral Entertainers will appear here Monday evening, December 13th, in the school auditorium. This is the second number of the Lyceum course for this season.

The personnel of the Ardmore Orchestral Entertainers is composed of Geraldine Edgar, first violin and soprano; Elizabeth Hughes, second violin and mezzo; Mary Hughes, cello and contralto; Margaret Hughes, piano and soprano; Clara Mixer, cornet and contralto; Helen Burns, drummer, reader, and mezzos.

The first part of the evening's program is given over to orchestral selections and readings, the orchestral selections being of a varied nature and ranging from overtures to the semi-popular.

The second and last part of the program consists of a Gypsy sketch. Gypsy songs and instrumental music are rendered in appropriate costume.

Every member of this singing orchestra has had experience in other organizations before coming into this company.

The three Hughes sisters, Elizabeth, Mary and Margaret, have played in public as a trio since they were children.

Geraldine Edgar, who is an accomplished vocal soloist in addition to her violin artistry, was chosen to entertain the soldier boys in army camps in this country and France.

Clara Mixer was a student of Bigot, the famous cornet teacher.

Helen Burns, drummer and reader, has had successful Lyceum experience.

## COUNTY COUNCIL ORGANIZED

An organization to be known as a county council was perfected Monday with the following members: D. C. Sebastian, chairman board of commissioners; C. C. Faw, chairman board of education; C. C. Wright, superintendent of schools; W. M. Sebastian, public welfare officer; Dr. C. H. Douthirt, county health officer. Miss Margaret Wright, community service director.

The officers are C. C. Wright, chairman; D. C. Sebastian, vice-chairman; Miss Wright, secretary. The organization has as its purpose the betterment of health and educational condition in the county.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETS

The county board of education met at the courthouse Monday with C. C. Faw, chairman, C. C. Wright, secretary and J. S. Kilby and J. H. Pennell, present. The most important matters before the board was the trial of Sadie Barber, a teacher in the Wilkesboro colored school, who was charged with having used profane language. After hearing the evidence the board dismissed the case.

In the Oakwoods school matter the board was restrained from paying any salary to the assistant teacher, and was also restrained from removing the school committee.

In addition to these matters all other business transacted was of a routine nature.

## BAILEY-BRAY ANNOUNCEMENT

The following announcement has been received by friends here:

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Bailey announce the marriage of their daughter Bera to

Mr. Abram Oliver Bray on Thursday, the second of December, nineteen hundred and twenty Clinton, South Carolina

The groom is well-known here, having been proprietor of the North Wilkesboro Roller Mills. He is a prosperous young business man and is at present interested in roller mills in Yadkin and Surry counties.

Mr. and Mrs. Bray, after a wedding tour to Florida, will be at home in Elkin.

## TOWN COMMISSIONERS OF WILKESBORO MAKE 1920 LEVY

The board of town commissioners of Wilkesboro composed of W. F. Miller, N. B. Smithey, R. B. Pharr, and J. T. Prevette, met Monday night and made the tax levy for the year 1920. Mayor H. A. Cranor was also present at the meeting. The following levy was made: General, 50 cents; special 25 cents; making a total of 75 cents on the \$100 valuation of property for the year 1920. Property in Wilkesboro, under the old tax law, was valued at \$227,000, and under the revaluation act it has been increased to \$462,000.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The board of county commissioners met in regular monthly session Monday, present D. C. Sebastian, chairman, and D. V. Nichols, member.

A large number of claims were allowed out of the county funds, several claims were granted from the poor funds, and some releases from taxes erroneously charged were issued.

W. H. Foster, register of deeds, W. A. Stroud, clerk superior court, C. H. Ferguson, treasurer, and Dr. C. H. Douthirt, county physician, filed their official reports for the month of November, 1920.

The following constables were inducted into office by the commissioners:

T. F. Sanders, Beaver Creek township; Tyre Barker, Edwards. E. H. McNeil, Elk; W. A. Payne, Jobs Cabin; Golston Smith, North Wilkesboro; Solomon Byrd, Rock Creek; J. T. Ashley Stanton; J. R. Owens, Union.

It was ordered by the board that the tax on 127 acres of land assessed at \$5,000 be taken from the tax of W. J. St. Clair in Beaver Creek township and charged to W. E. Minton with local school tax, it appearing that W. J. St. Clair sold said land prior to January 1, 1920, to W. E. Minton.

The petition of J. M. Parson, et al., asking for a cartway from a point at or near B. F. Staley's at a convenient place leading on the road from Wilbar to Shoe postoffice, to locate said road or cartway up the Flat Rock Branch by way of G. W. Taylor's plantation, Betty Parson's, and C. L. Parson's, and others, so as to connect with the road at Oak Grove church and Shoe postoffice, was taken up, heard and granted, and J. R. Owens, F. H. Parsons and B. Parsons, were appointed to lay out the cartway, assess damages, and report at the next meeting.

W. A. Stroud, clerk superior court, also filed his annual report for year ending December 1, 1920, the same being examined and ordered recorded.

The new board of commissioners, which will be composed of D. C. Sebastian, D. V. Nichols and John W. Robbins, met and organized by re-electing D. C. Sebastian chairman.

## SOCIAL ITEMS

The football team of the North Wilkesboro high school, and their coaches, enjoyed an old fashioned turkey dinner Saturday evening at Oakalea, the home of the teachers. Mr. E. E. Eller, the biggest produce merchant in this part of the state, presented the turkeys to the team on Thanksgiving Day, when they defeated the Spencer team 7-0.

A delightful hostess of the week was Miss Bess Gordon Finley, when she entertained the Sewing Club Wednesday afternoon. In spite of the snow outside, it was a merry crowd who gathered around the open fire, and the tongues were quite busy as were the needles. The hostess was assisted by her sister, Miss Eloise Finley, in serving tea and sandwiches.

The Wilkes Valley Guards Chapter U. D. C. had a delightful meeting with Misses Clara, Annie and Lucy Finley, at the home of the former, Monday afternoon. Quite a lot of business was disposed of, and an enjoyable program on Christmas and its customs was given. During the very pleasant social hour, the hostesses served coffee, tea, doughnuts, and home-made candies. A bright sprig of holly on each plate was suggestive of the Christmas season.

## LINNEY CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEYSHIP

Charlotte, Dec. 7.—Frank Linney, of Boone, for eight years Republican state chairman, tonight announced his candidacy for the district attorneyship of western North Carolina. The announcement was made by Dr. R. G. Linney, the politician's brother, following the departure of the latter for eastern North Carolina to hunt deer.

## Mr. W. T. Finley, of Brushy Mountain township, was a business visitor to this place yesterday.

Preaches First Sermon  
Mr. Walter Whittington, a ministerial student of Mountain View Institute, and son of Mr. John L. Whittington, of Reddies River postoffice, preached his first sermon last Sunday evening from the pulpit of the Mountain View Baptist church. Those hearing his sermon were impressed and they predict a splendid future for Mr. Whittington in his chosen work.

## ORIGIN OF ELKIN FIRE AS YET UNDETERMINED

Elkin, Dec. 6.—A disastrous fire occurred here yesterday at 1 o'clock which completely demolished Glenn's tobacco sales warehouse on East Main street, also the large brick store building and stock of goods of the S. W. Y. Supply Company. Consumed in the flames of the warehouse, also were 24 hogs and one cow, which were confined in stalls under the building. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is the general opinion that it must have caught from a spark, through the carelessness of someone roving around the warehouse building. The fire in the warehouse building had gained such headway when discovered that all efforts to save it were futile, so the firement worked heroically to save the adjacent places of business.

The value of the warehouse building, which was owned by E. F. McNeer was about \$40,000 with about \$18,000 insurance. About \$15,000 worth of tobacco, the property of J. W. Glenn, manager of the warehouse, was also destroyed, this being a total loss. A considerable quantity of tobacco owned by other buyers was consumed, but much of this was covered by insurance. The loss to the S. W. Y. Supply Company is about \$25,000 with only a small amount of insurance. It was only by the most heroic fighting of all of the citizens of Elkin and Jonesville that the entire block was not destroyed. The Southern railway station was in the greatest danger perhaps, as it is situated only a few feet from the wrecked buildings, and it caught on fire in one or two places from the intense heat.

## FIRST MONDAY BROUGHT CHANGES AT COURT HOUSE

Following the election of November 2nd, at which time county officials were elected for a term of two years, several changes took place about the court house Monday.

The following having been duly elected were given the oath of office by the chairman of the board of county commissioners:

James C. Wallace, who succeeds W. H. Foster as register of deeds.  
W. D. Woodruff, sheriff, who was re-elected for a term of two years.  
T. M. Crysel, who succeeds C. H. Ferguson as treasurer.  
Dr. C. S. Sink, who succeeds C. P. Crysel as coroner.  
Grant G. Elledge, who was re-elected surveyor.  
John W. Robbins, of Somers township, who succeeds C. M. Caudill as county commissioner.

## Committee to Report

The nominating committee of the Wilkes Commercial Club will post a list of nominees for president and members of the board of governors, twenty-two in all, Saturday, December 11th. The president and ten governors will be elected for next year at the annual meeting of the club to be held on the evening of January 8th, 1921.

## Occupy New Building

Messrs M. L. Gilreath and R. C. Hendren have their new brick building on B street ready for occupancy. Mr. Gilreath has moved his shoe repairing shop from Reins Brothers building to his new building, and the remainder of the ground floor is to be used as garages. The second story of the building has been constructed with a view of being used as living quarters.

## The literature department of the Woman's Club met with Miss Ellen Robinson Wednesday afternoon.

Despite the heavy snowfall there was a very good attendance and the first literary program of the year proved very successful. The department will study southern literature this year. At the first meeting the Colonial period of southern literature was the subject. Miss Eloise Finley read a splendid paper on "The Relation of and the Continent to American Literature." Miss Gena Church gave a sketch of the life of Capt. John Smith, discussed his writings and read a short story from "The True Relation." Miss Ellen Robinson discussed the life and works of William Strachy and Colonel William Byrd. She gave as an illustration of Strachy's writings "A Storm Off the Bermudas," and Byrd's "Dismal Swamp." The meeting then adjourned until January.

## NOTICE

The State Budget will be made up not later than December 15th. No person can be employed at the State will no allow a supplement to the State Budget.

## BODY OF WILLIAM HAYS FOUND IN HUNTING CREEK

The body of Mr. William Hays, of Lovelace township, was found Saturday morning in Hunting Creek, near the home of Mr. P. H. Moore, who lives about nine miles southeast of this place on the Statesville road. Mr. Hays left home Thursday night about 10 o'clock. It is said that he was intoxicated and it is thought, generally, that he fell in the creek and was either drowned or chilled to death, being unable to reach a place of safety.

Coroner C. P. Crysel, accompanied by Sheriff W. D. Woodruff, Dr. C. H. Douthirt, county health officer, and Messrs E. L. Chambers, L. C. Warren, J. P. McCarter, W. H. McCarter, C. A. Canter and C. C. Foster, who composed a coroner's jury, held an inquest over the body Saturday afternoon. Following is the substance of the evidence taken by Coroner Crysel: Mr. Hays left home about 10 o'clock Thursday night in an intoxicated condition, going from his home in a northward direction which led to Hunting Creek and towards the Statesville-Wilkesboro road. His whereabouts was unknown until his body was discovered Saturday morning seventy five yards above the ford across Hunting Creek just east of Moore's mill. Mr. Hays' body was found in shallow water with his feet near the south bank of the creek and his head out toward deeper water. He was lying on his back and the water did not quite cover his head at the time he was found. (However when the mill was not running his body would have been completely covered by water.) His coat was found about 75 feet below with one sleeve with the lining turned out. There were no bruises about his body except on the knees which were bruised when he attempted to climb the bank. Five \$1 bills and some small change, and a watch which had stopped running at 5:16, were found in his pockets. A thorough medical examination failed to discover any evidences of foul play, and there were no signs pointing to the fact that he was drowned. Therefore, the jury rendered a verdict that "the deceased came to his death by some cause unknown to us."

The theory that Mr. Hays was either murdered or held under the water until life was extinguished, has been advanced. Some people are inclined to think that the whiskey he drank contained poison, but at this writing all evidence tends to prove that death was caused by water and cold, and that Mr. Hays was in no condition to protect his life.

The deceased was 46 years of age, and is survived by a young wife and one child. Funeral and burial services were conducted Sunday afternoon at Hunting Creek church.

## FARMERS' UNION ELECTS OFFICERS.

At a meeting of the Wilkes County Farmers' Union held Monday at the courthouse the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, A. G. Hendren; vice-president, J. M. German; secretary, R. B. Pharr; door-keeper, H. E. Harrold; conductor, L. F. Jennings; chaplain, W. B. Steelman; organizer, R. L. Profit. The executive committee for next year will be composed of C. M. Tevpaugh, D. S. Melville and H. H. Jennings.

## "ON WITH THE DANCE"

A Rhymed Review by Russel Holman  
Sonia, lovable butter-fly girl,  
Hot in her quest for pleasure,  
Caught in the big city's cabaret whirl,  
Drunk with the dance's gay measure.

Mad with her beauty, jealous men fought;  
Pistol shots startled the Broadway throng;  
Out of the darkness the love that she sought  
Turned her heart back from the pathway of wrong.

"On with the Dance"—New York grave and gay  
Playing the game that sings young hearts;  
Mae Murray, star in a great photo play,  
Fairest of players in strongest of parts.

"On With the Dance" will be shown at Amuzu Theatre, Friday, Dec. 17th.

## Negro Minstrel to be Given Here

The negro minstrel given by the students of Mountain View Institute will be given at North Wilkesboro on Thursday, Dec. 16, at 8:30 p. m., at 10:30 Friday Dec. 17th; at Elkin Saturday, Dec. 18.

## SIXTY-SIXTH CONGRESS CONVENES IN THIRD SESSION

Washington, Dec. 6.—Congress reconvened today with the customary brief and routine opening sessions which were attended by great crowds and marked by an address, in the senate, by President-elect Harding as a unique and historic feature. Senator Harding took his seat, answered his name when the senate roll was called and made a brief address from the rostrum.

Other features of the opening of the third and final session of the 66th Congress were receipt of annual appropriation estimates aggregating \$4,653,000,000 and introduction in the house of unusual volume of new bills and resolutions. Senators held up their bills until tomorrow, in accordance with the custom of limiting the first day to formal convocation.

As usual the senate session proceeded with dignified calm and the house with boisterous confusion. The latter's roll call was taken amid a bedlam of felicitations of returning members and conversation of members and spectators.

Galleries of both bodies were jammed and thousands of persons stood in the halls to catch glimpses and sounds of the proceedings within. About the capitol, conferences of party leaders, cafe dinner parties and surging crowds in the corridors furnished other opening session atmosphere.

## INFORMATION IS WANTED ABOUT CLEVELAND FAMILY

The following letter was received recently by the postmaster in Wilkesboro from Mrs. Sallie Cleveland, of Washburn, Tenn., who is anxious to obtain information concerning the Cleveland family and their old homestead. The writer will be glad to correspond with anyone who can furnish the desired information. Her letter follows:

Washburn, Tenn., Nov. 28, 1920.  
Postmaster, Wilkesboro, N. C.

Dear Sir—I am writing you concerning the old Captain Robert Cleveland homestead and his grave. The place is near your town, I think. Do you know who lives there now, or do you know of any descendants of the Cleverlands near your place? The last account I had of the place it was owned by Jesse Yates, a grand son of Capt. Robert, and a son of John Yates. Capt. Robert and wife, Aley, are buried within a hundred and fifty yards of the house. I would be glad to correspond with any of the descendants or any one else who can tell me anything of the place and send me some pictures taken about there. I want to know if there are any stones at the graves to identify them and if the graves are cared for, and are there any other graves there. I would like to have a picture of the house. A description of the farm, any information will be greatly appreciated by me. I will pay for a good kodak picture made from scenes on that farm.

Capt. Robert Cleveland was my great grandfather. I am the grand daughter of Hon. Martin Cleveland who was born on that farm Jan. 7, 1787. He moved to this, Grainger county, Nov., 1811. He owned four thousand acres here. I now live on a part of the homestead. Most of the entire original farm is owned by his grandchildren. He is buried in the half acre cemetery which he deeded for a family burying ground. This place is on a little elevation in front of the old home place. A place most sacred to me. My father, Eli Cleveland, and my mother, Addie, are sleeping there. Also my grandfather and wife, Col. Lewis Mabry Ellis, and many others who have gone on before. I often think of old Rocky Hill, N. C., the home of grandpa and great grandpa. I have the Cleveland records back to the first Cleveland of England. There are three large volumes, more than two thousand pages. Also the Captain Robert family record in my grandfather's writing. You can imagine how proud I am to have this. If you can obtain any postcards of scenes about Kings Mountain, I would be glad to have them and will pay for same. I want some pictures of the monument of Col. Ben Cleveland who is buried at Fort Madison. Any scenes near there along the grand old Tugaloo.

If you can give me the name of some one to whom I could write at Fort Madison I would be glad to have it. Do you know of a Vannoy Cleveland anywhere in North Carolina? Enclosed find stamp for reply, which I am thanking you in advance.

I am anxious to have a reply at once, and I hope you can give me the information I want.

How far is the Cleveland homestead from Wilkesboro? Tell me all about Wilkesboro. I would be glad to correspond with any of the Yates family if any are living there.

Yours very respectfully,  
Sallie Cleveland.



Do Christmas Shopping Early