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## ENGINEER W. W. BRIGGS DIES IN TRAIN WRECK

### Dirt Washed Upon Track By Storm Upsets Engine. Accident At Rockford.

Engineer W. W. Briggs, 115 North Cherry street, was instantly killed and Fireman Arthur Yarborough, of 315 East Bellevue street was slightly injured late yesterday afternoon when their engine, which was pulling east-bound Southern Railway passenger train No. 6 from North Wilkesboro to Greensboro, overturned at Rockford, N. C., forty miles west of this city.

According to the account of the accident as given by the injured fireman who arrived here last night, the wreck occurred at a switch on the western end of the Rockford railroad yards after the speed of the train had been decreased for the stop which was to be made at the station more than one hundred yards down the track. Although the definite cause of the wreck has not been determined, it is thought by Mr. Yarborough that the engine was derailed when it struck a pile of dirt which had been washed on the track during a heavy rain-storm which had been raging over Rockford earlier in the afternoon.

When the engine struck the dirt, the surviving fireman stated, it suddenly left the track and after tumbling almost completely around, fell on the right side of the roadbed. The engine was thrown from the cab and fell beneath the wheels of the baggage car and the wreckage piled upon his body. The fireman was thrown into the top of the cab where he remained until the wrecked engine lay still upon the ground.

As soon as he could free himself from the wreckage, Mr. Yarborough stated, that he crawled to where he could see the broken body of the engineer who lay mangled beneath the huge pile of debris which had fallen upon him when he was thrown from the cab.

An effort was made to remove the body of Mr. Briggs by the train crew and passengers who rushed to the front of the train after it had come to a standstill. However, the body was buried so deeply beneath the overturned engine that their efforts were in vain, and it was not until aid arrived on a westbound train from Winston-Salem that the dead engineer could be taken from beneath his locomotive.

Train No. 3, which left the Union station here at 4:30 yesterday afternoon, arrived at the scene of the wreck about sundown and the engine from this train was coupled to the end of the ill-fated train and the wreckage was pulled away until the rescuers could reach the remains of the engineer which were broken and mangled beyond recognition.

The body and passengers from the wrecked train were transferred to the cars which had recently arrived and the journey was begun to this city.

The report of the wreck and the death of Mr. Briggs, who was well known and popular with a large circle of friends in this city, spread rapidly here yesterday afternoon and a great throng of friends and admirers of the dead engineer gathered at the Union station early in the night where they waited the arrival of the train bearing the corpse with hushed and silent sadness.

At ten o'clock the train came slowly into the station and all that remained of the engineer who left here on his westbound run at 9:29 yesterday morning, were taken from the baggage car and placed in the waiting hearse.

The tragedy which had resulted in the death of one of the best loved men in the employ of the Southern Railway, affected even the strangers who were gathered there at the terminal. Men and women stood silently by as the corpse was placed in the hearse and even after the hearse had gone the hush remained unbroken. Railway men, who had been employed for years with the dead engineer in the operation of trains were at the station last night to receive him back at the end of his run, and though there were few words spoken, it could easily be seen that these fellow-employees were burdened with a sadness and sorrow that made words impossible.

Mr. Briggs had been a resident of Winston-Salem for a number of years and was prominently associated with church and fraternal affairs in the city. He was a member of the First Presbyterian church and of the Roger's Sunday school class of that church which he attended faithfully when not out of the city on his run.

In fraternal affairs he was equally

## CONDUCTOR W. L. STAGG HURT IN TRAIN ACCIDENT

Capt. W. L. Stagg, of this city, one of the most popular conductors in the employ of the Southern Railway, was slightly injured in an accident between this city and Greensboro, yesterday morning. Captain Stagg's run is from this city to Greensboro, and as the train approached Kernersville yesterday morning, a drawhead forming the coupling between the coaches pulled out.

Just as the coupling came apart Capt. Stagg was in the act of stepping from one platform to the other and when the cars pulled apart he fell between the coaches sustaining several painful bruises. Fortunately the coupling that pulled out caught between the ties and the track and this with the automatic air brake stopped the two rear coaches in time to save Capt. Stagg from serious if not fatal injury.

Captain Stagg was taken inside the train immediately following the accident where his wounds were dressed and he then continued his run to Greensboro.—Winston-Salem Journal, July 11.

### MORE ABOUT CLOVER.

We now have more than 2500 acres in clover in Wilkes county. There is one thing especially I wish to call attention to at this time. There is a yellow vine commonly called Love Vine but its real name is Dodder. This vine is very destructive to clover but is easily controlled if taken in time. Many times the seed of the Dodder is found in clover seed. The vine starts from the seed, makes its way up into the clover plant. Then it leaves the ground and feeds on the green clover or other green plants. We should buy the very best grade of clover seed and insist on them being free from all kinds of objectionable weed seeds. Should Dodder appear on our clover the thing to do is to nip it in the bud. When it first appears, take a mowing sythe, cut off the clover and Dodder together, rake it up and carry it off the field. In this way we destroy the whole plant.

A. G. HENDREN,  
County Agent.

### GILREATH NEWS

The contractors for improvement of the road from the residence of the late ex-sheriff Vannoy to New Hope church have begun work. This is an improvement which Brushy Mountain township has eagerly awaited and which will bring a good graded road nearly to the Alexander county line.

Mr. Thomas C. Cooley, of Salisbury, visited friends at the home of Mr. Thomas Chatham last Sunday.

Rev. Milton McNeil held a service at New Hope church on Sunday which was well attended and enjoyed.

Mr. L. H. Burrus, of Taylorsville, arrived last week to become assistant manager of the Golden Belt Stringing Agency.

prominent. He was a member of the Winston-Salem Blue Lodge, the Winston-Salem chapter of Royal Arch Masons and in addition to this he was a Knight Templar and a Shriner of the Oasis Temple in Charlotte.

Mr. Briggs was the oldest man from a standpoint of seniority on this division of the Southern. He began firing an engine on the old Richmond and Danville Railroad in 1880 and in 1883 he was promoted to be an engineer. He ran trains on the Richmond and Danville road until 1890 when he was made road foreman of engines, a position which he held until he was made trainmaster of the Durham division of the Southern Railway.

Mr. Briggs came to Winston-Salem about 1911 and since that time he has served as an engineer on passenger trains between Winston-Salem, North Wilkesboro and Greensboro.

Although funeral arrangements have not been completed, it was learned last night that the services will likely be conducted Monday afternoon from the First Presbyterian church and interment will follow in Salem cemetery.

Wracking crews were rushed to Rockford from Greensboro soon after the news of the accident reached here and it is thought that the tracks will be cleared in time for the operation of passenger trains to North Wilkesboro tomorrow.

## Wilkes Republicans Nominate All Candidates At Convention

### Largest Crowd In Years Attends Meeting. Wallace Wins Out For Register Of Deeds, and Elledge Is Named Candidate For Sheriff. Convention Adjourns At 2 A. M.

Monday was a grand and glorious day for the Republicans of Wilkes County. At 1 o'clock in the afternoon the county convention was called by Chairman J. R. Jones, and with the exception of two short recesses it remained in session until the wee hours of the morning, or to be more exact, 2 a. m. Everything went along in fine fashion until the time to nominate a candidate for sheriff. The convention then became deadlocked and remained so until Sheriff W. D. Woodruff, and other candidates withdrew their names.

The largest number of Republicans seen at a convention for a number of years were present, and the courtroom was literally packed with loyal and enthusiastic partisans. They came from every precinct in the county.

No abusive language, that is no red-hot speeches, were made in the convention flaying the Democrats. Instead the Republicans lauded their progress in national affairs, and instead of altogether criticizing the opposition they offered the voters the favorable qualities of their party. However, Chairman Cowles did pay his regards to the state press, which is mostly Democratic, and to the Democratic administration, but it was in no way bitter. After all it is just as good to display the merit of a party as it is to denounce the opposite party, possibly better, and will bring in increased dividends.

Taken as a whole the convention was the most orderly held in some time. Everybody seemed to be there to attend to business, and all the while it was in session the convention organization and various delegations worked untiringly. It is all over. The happenings of Monday afternoon and Monday night and Tuesday morning are now history. Every indication points to peace and harmony in the party, for the time being, and no doubt each candidate nominated will roll up the usual majority this fall.

### Convention Called.

Chairman Jones, shortly after one o'clock, called the convention to order, and spent a short while getting the various delegations grouped. E. M. Blackburn, executive secretary, was in his place of duty. Chairman Jones read an article from the Manufacturer's Record setting forth the business revival which he claimed is under way in the United States. He stated that the Republicans were trying to put together that which the Democrats had torn apart. His speech was an industrial boost. Credentials were handed in from every precinct, and as there was no contest, on motion of J. B. Norris, the convention voted to dispense with the credential committee.

### Cowles Is Chairman.

Ex-congressman Chas. H. Cowles was called to the chair to preside, and he in turn called Mrs. J. R. Jones and J. T. Ruland, to assist Mr. Blackburn in keeping the minutes of the convention. Henry Reynolds also gave some very valuable clerical work. This organization was made permanent, and following the speech of Chairman Cowles, in which the state press, and school system were denounced, the friendship of the Republican party to the women of the state shown, and the trend toward better business set forth.

### Jones Re-Nominated Chairman.

E. M. Blackburn, in a short speech, nominated J. R. Jones to serve another two years as county chairman. The nomination was made unanimous by the convention.

### CITY'S TAX LEVY FOR YEAR OF 1922-23

In last weeks issue the city's tax levy for the ensuing year was given only partially. Following will be found the complete levy:

Special or bond tax, 90 cents on the hundred dollars worth of property, and \$1.80 on each poll.

For general fund, 30 cents on the hundred dollars worth of property, and 60 cents on each poll.

For school tax fund, 35 cents for school maintenance, and 10 cents on the hundred dollars worth of property for taking up debts, and 90 cents on each poll.

Following is a list of the precinct chairmen:

Antioch—A. Mathis.  
Beaver Creek—G. H. Walker.  
Boomer—S. H. Swanson.  
Brushy Mountain—Cama Robinson.  
Edwards No. 1—M. C. Jones.  
Edwards No. 2—I. C. Woodruff.  
Edwards No. 3—C. H. Day.  
Elk No. 1—G. W. Bradley.  
Elk No. 2—John M. Dula.  
Jobs Cabin No. 1—W. A. Payne.  
Jobs Cabin No. 2—Grady Baker.  
Lewis Fork—J. C. Ellis.  
Loyelace—G. M. Green.  
Moravian Falls—F. M. Jennings.  
Mulberry—D. C. Sebastian.  
Newcastle—W. A. Hendrix.  
North Wilkesboro No. 1—E. M. Blackburn.  
North Wilkesboro No. 2—J. W. Jones.  
Reddies River—C. H. M. Tulbert.  
Rock Creek—W. M. Sebastian.  
Somers—J. W. Robbins.  
Stanton—C. C. Hays.  
Traphill—T. S. Bryan.  
Union—G. E. Blevins.  
Walnut Grove—J. B. Sheets.  
Wilkesboro—J. T. Prevette.

The next business to claim the attention of the convention was the various nominations of county officers as follows:

**Legislature.**  
Chas. H. Cowles was placed in nomination by J. B. Norris, seconded by C. M. Sheets. Vance McGhinnis was nominated by G. E. Blevins. Result of ballot: Cowles, 132; McGhinnis, 20.

**Register of Deeds.**  
A fight between J. C. Wallace, incumbent, and R. F. Green, Ed. Dancy, and J. L. Eller, had been expected, but it failed to materialize. Mr. Wallace was nominated by C. M. Sheets, seconded by L. Vyne and C. Call; Mr. Dancy's name was placed before the convention by A. Caudill, seconded by P. E. Brown; Mr. Green was nominated by Charles Byrd, and Mr. Eller by J. O. Hoots. All the candidates withdrew and Mr. Wallace was nominated by acclamation.

**Clerk.**  
W. A. Stroud, who has been serving as clerk of the superior court for four years, was re-nominated unanimously.

The convention then passed by the work of nominating a candidate for sheriff, and took up the nomination of other officers.

**Treasurer.**  
T. M. Crysel, incumbent, was unanimously re-nominated to serve another two years as county treasurer. He was nominated by J. R. Jones, and it was seconded by C. M. Sheets.

**Coroner.**  
The convention decided to allow Coroner H. E. Harrold to hold his office for another two years. J. J. Hayes nominated him and it was endorsed by acclamation.

**Surveyor.**  
T. S. Bryant nominated Charlie Miles, of Traphill township, for surveyor, and Bryant landed his man.

**Commissioners.**  
A number of men were nominated for places on the county board of commissioners, and it was necessary to take three ballots before three men were nominated. The nominees were: D. V. Nichols, D. C. Sebastian and C. M. Wellborn, the present board, by C. M. Sheets; G. W. Bradley, by E. H. McNeill; W. M. Royal, by T. S. Bryant; W. F. Alexander, R. C. Meadows, E. W. Settle, and S. H. Swanson. The result of the balloting follows:

First—D. C. Sebastian, 118.1; D. V. Nichols, 70.4; C. M. Wellborn, 108.8; (Continued on page Eight)

### NINE APPLICANTS FOR TEACHERS CERTIFICATES

There were nine applicants for teachers' certificates at the July examination held Tuesday and Wednesday. They were: Mrs. R. O. Poplin, Ronda; Misses Jessie Redwines, Rural Hall; Elizabeth German, Boomer; Estelle Hutchinson, Hays; Ruth Caudill, North Wilkesboro; Willie Guthrie, Wilkesboro; Luther Venable, Traphill; Marvin Miller, Call; James Blackburn, Hays. Prof. C. C. Wright gave the examination.

Miss Hallie Lewis and Master Herbert Holland, of Dunn, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Carter.

## OUTBREAKS OF VIOLENCE ENDS FIRST WEEK OF STRIKE

Chicago, July 7.—The first week of the strike of railway shopmen ended tonight with sporadic outbreaks of violence reported in widely scattered sections of the country, troops held in readiness to quell trouble in Illinois and soldiers requested in other states and union officials, railroad labor board standing firm in the position each assumed when the walkout started July 1.

The attitude of the federated shopcrafts was indicated tonight when B. M. Jewell, head of the railroad employees department of the American Federation of Labor, issued a statement declaring any further responsibility for continuation of the strike and holding the railroads and the labor board to blame for the length of time the walkout lasts.

"Those who complain because the railway shop strike has not been settled should understand that the men have been forced out much against their will," his statement said.

"The strike has now been in progress one week. Notwithstanding the fact that we have by every means available to us made it known that conference was desired with any responsible person authorized to negotiate a settlement or that any proposal would be carefully considered, no move has been made by other parties to bring a settlement.

"The striking employees are not to be driven back. They are asking only justice and will not willingly submit to less."

### WILKES COMMERCIAL CLUB

The new club rooms will be ready for occupancy very soon and the Wilkes Commercial Club will move from the present rooms in the Stafford building to the new Call building opposite the post office on or about August 1st, 1922.

The new rooms are very much larger, more spacious and more of them than the old building and will be a very attractive place for the members. As soon as possible the new radio, which has been purchased and is on hand, will be installed in the club rooms for the entertainment of members.

On account of the possible changes the club work has been rather quiet for the past few months, but with the opening of the new rooms it is expected that the club will redouble its activities. It has already put the Wilkesboros on the map, and the result is that the Wilkesboros are growing rapidly.

It is realized that no live town can exist without a live Commercial organization and it is known now that the membership after August 1st will be largely increased. In order to boost the Wilkesboros and Wilkes county every business house and every other person interested should become members and hand in their name to J. C. Reins, chairman of the membership committee.

The radio entertainments alone which should commence sometime in September should be worth the money let alone the fact that every new member adds additional interest to club work. Get busy and join the club at the earliest opportunity, if not already a member.

H. C. LANDON, Secretary.

### MR. MARLEY RETIRES FROM TWIN CITY POLICE FORCE

Motorcycle Officer W. G. Marley, of the local police department, has resigned his position and has accepted an appointment as special officer with the Southern Railway. He has been a splendid officer and his associates in the department regret his decision to leave the service.—Monday's Winston-Salem Sentinel.

### NOTICE.

On Saturday, July 22, at 2:00 p. m. at Maple Springs, the Board of Education will receive sealed bids for the erection of a three-room school building at that place, size 26 by 80 feet, windows, doors, porches, and cloak-rooms after state plan.

C. C. WRIGHT,  
Secretary Board of Education.

### BASEBALL GAMES

This afternoon the Twins will play Lenoir at Lenoir.

Saturday afternoon Trinity will meet the Twins at the fairgrounds.

One of the best games of the season will be played next Thursday afternoon between the Twins and Boonville.

The support of the citizens of the Wilkesboros is needed, and it is hoped that a large number will attend the games on Saturday and Thursday.

## PROCEEDINGS OF COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

### High School District Established At Millers Creek. School Committees Appointed For Year.

The Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, July 3, the members present and transacted the following business, to wit:

The minutes of the last regular and call sessions were read and approved.

The Board made its quarterly settlement with the County Treasurer. The Board proceeded to let the contract for the erection of a new building at the Anderson School. The contract was awarded to Pardue Brothers.

It was ordered that a contract for a new school building in the consolidated district embracing the Maple Springs and Shepherd schools be let on Saturday, July 22.

It was ordered that the committee of Mt. Zion and Hendrix schools meet with the Board or representatives of the Board at Hendrix on Monday, July 22, at 10 a. m., for the purpose of consolidating these schools and the location of a site.

It was ordered that a High School district be established at Millers Creek embracing the territory included in the group division in that place.

It was ordered that no teacher holding a second grade certificate be employed in the schools of this county during the coming year.

It was ordered that schools where the average attendance last year was not less than 65 to 100 be allowed 3 teachers, and that schools with not less than 40 to 65 be allowed 2 teachers and that schools with less than 40 be allowed one teacher. This in accordance with the rules and regulations adopted by the State Board of Education.

The Board proceeded to appoint school committeemen for the ensuing three year period, one member in each school district.

### DEATH OF MR. PINK PHILLIPS

One of Boomer township's most substantial and popular citizens, passed away Sunday. He was Mr. Pink Phillips, a well known Wilkes man.

Mr. Phillips had been in feeble health for several years. Sometime ago he was carried to a northern hospital for treatment, and in a great measure his health was improved thereby. He was 93 years of age at the time of his demise. For a number of years he was a rural mail carrier, and held this position until ill health forced him to retire from the service.

Funeral and burial services were held Monday, and were largely attended.

Surviving are a wife and several children.

### DEATH OF PEARL SHEPHERD

The death of Miss Pearl Shepherd which occurred on July 2nd, was a great shock to the Fairplains community. Miss Shepherd was one of the community's most popular and highly respected young ladies, and her untimely death is deplored by all who knew and loved her.

Miss Shepherd was 18 years of age. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shepherd, and a granddaughter of the late Rev. John Brooks, who passed away a few months ago. She was a loyal church member, and took an active part in all church work, and always wanted to do all she could to help others along the pathway of life.

The funeral service was held on Tuesday of last week from Fairplains Baptist church, of which Miss Shepherd was a member, by Rev. J. S. Elliott, the pastor. The burial followed in the church cemetery.

### RATES ON EXPRESS SOON TO BE INVESTIGATED BY I. C. C.

Washington, July 10.—Notice was given by the Interstate Commerce commission today that an investigation would be instituted immediately into the reasonableness of existing express rates in all parts of the country. Hearings will be fixed later, the order said, and a plan of procedure outlined.

Though freight rates were reduced generally 10 per cent from the highest levels reached during the war on July 1, express rates have been maintained substantially unchanged since 1920. A considerable number of complaints involving express charges have been pending before the commission.