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LOCAL NEWS IN TOWN AND COUNTY

The Associated Charities will meet at the Commercial Club rooms next Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Wilkes Plumbing & Electric Company and the Brushy Mountain Fruit Growers are moving into the basement adjoining W. H. Starr's tin shop.

The Hustler receives this week an account of the commencement at Mount Pleasant which it would be pleased to print but for the fact that it has no authority to do so.

Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners Sebastian requests the Hustler to say that any who desire to adopt or have bound a boy 4 years of age now at the county home should confer with the authorities.

Mr. Carr Wright returned Tuesday from five-weeks visit to his farther-in-law, Mr. E. O. Mastin, at Quakertown, Pa. A fine eight pound boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wright at Quakertown, Pa., a few days ago.

Mr. J. E. Spainhour left yesterday for New York to buy goods. He returned Tuesday from northern markets, and their store was burned that night. This firm will not be long in getting ready, as far as possible to supply their many customers.

Dwight Ware, who is now at Rutherford College, was awarded the debaters' medal following the annual debate of the Newtonian Literary society. The query discussed was that of compulsory arbitration of industrial disputes.—Stateville Landmark.

The following is from Taylorsville in the Stateville Landmark: Deputy Marshall Milholland, Deputy Collector Allison, of Stateville, and Sheriff Carson, of Taylorsville, found and destroyed an unusually large distilling outfit near the Wilkes and Alexander county line in Gwaltney township, Thursday afternoon. There were about 2,500 gallons of beer, six empty fermenters and a complete outfit. It was not in operation.

Mrs. Bell Damron, of Mountain View, was here last Tuesday having her household furniture hauled out from the depot shipped here from Draper, N. C., to which place she moved from Schoolfield, Va. She herself returned about a month ago to her home in the county where she will reside henceforth. Mrs. Damron lost a son in camp during the winter of 1917-1918 it may be recalled. At that time young Damron went to one of the camps from Schoolfield.

SPAINHOUR-SYDNOR D. G. CO. UP STAIRS OVER SHOE STORE

We have our office at Henry-Miller Shoe Co., and any one desiring to pay their accounts please call there.

We will have a stock of millinery and ready to wear in by the middle of next week and until further arrangements can be made we will occupy the up stairs over Henry-Miller Shoe Co.

Yours truly,

SPAINHOUR-SYDNOR D. G. CO.

Card of Thanks.

The Womans Bible class, of the Methodist church, wish to thank the good people who gave them such hearty support at the dinner and supper served by them in the Brame building, and to those who donated the use of the dishes and the use of the autos and truck for transportation of supplies they also extend thanks.

Experts To Fly Across Atlantic in 20 Hours.

London, April 7, (By the Associated Press.)—The airplane of the Shortt brothers, one of the entries for the £10,000 race across the Atlantic, will start from Ireland for Newfoundland on April 16, weather permitting. The airplane is expected to make the journey in 20 hours.

Soldiers From Over the Seas.

The boys are coming in. Each train brings men in this week from the ship loads arriving at Charleston. The 119th, under Colonel Metts, of Wilmington, which docked at Charleston on the Huron Thursday evening of last week, boarded the next morning train out of the South Carolina seaport for Columbia and Camp Jackson.

The Huron vessel, considered small vessel, had 3,200 soldiers and a crew of about 300 or 500. Many of these boys of Wilkes, Ashe, and Watauga too perhaps, reached here this week as a tide of home-coming. Six or eight were on the night train Tuesday among whom were Private Parker of Hunting Creek who went home that night; but Pvt. Lindsay Church, a true mountain man of Jobs Cabin, slightly wounded, son of Mr. Alexander Church; S. T. Walker, not wounded, of Mulberry, who fought at Belle Court, under Capt. Ernest Black of Edenton and in his same company was Pvt. John O. Triplett of Maple Springs, wounded; Ralph Triplett, of Jobs Cabin, wounded by machine gun.

These men left Boston last May 12th and landed on the South Carolina coast April 3rd, 1919, and a half dozen or more of these young veterans were here Wednesday morning.

Pvt. C. E. Richardson, of Traphill, was here last Tuesday having returned last January from several months service in the U. S. Navy. He was on the Oklahoma which served as a transport escort also to the George Washington, out from a French port, when President Wilson first went over.

Richardson says Pvt. Conrad Walls of Lomax returned last week to his mother's, Mrs. Roby Walls, and was wounded once while gone. Richardson's mother has died since his return. This was his first visit in North Wilkesboro since he returned home.

Glenn Forester, of Austin, returned last Saturday honorably discharged from the U. S. A. and is one of the Wilkes boys who received a badge of honor for his service in heavy artillery, during which he went over the top 4 times.

Pvt. Walter W. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Miller of North Wilkesboro, arrived Wednesday from overseas and came through with 2 or 3 injuries. Miller is one among the youngest Wilkes sent out and young Poplin, of Ronda, is another.

Pvts. Gaither Huffman of Reddies River postoffice, and Charlie McNeill also of Lewis Fork, came in Wednesday having landed in New York.

Marcus Moore, of North Wilkesboro or Straw, was among those boys arriving here Wednesday from overseas and from Germany.

C. T. Rhodes, of North Wilkesboro is at home from one of the South Carolina camps and returned Wednesday.

Rae Barnes, of Alexander county here a few days ago on a visit, while in battle was wounded to a peculiar extent. A piece of his skull on the top of his head was gone and after this he continued in battle until wounded in the left arm and body severely.

The boys when they get back home will have something else to do besides finding out who bought war stamps and who didn't. They will have to make a living, and that will keep them busy.—Chairty and Children.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Pound, of Charlotte, the latter Miss Frances Smoot are expected to arrive today. A reception will be given at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Clinton Smoot.

Mr. N. Ingram Dead—Citizen Here 10 Years.

Mr. N. Ingram, who has been a citizen of North Wilkesboro since 1909 and was known by many as a junk dealer, died Wednesday about noon. Mr. Ingram had been confined to his home about ten days and had been very unwell several weeks. His son, Capt. S. W. Ingram, of the U. S. Army, arrived ten days ago and has been with his father these several days.

Had he lived until June 1st Mr. Ingram would have been 64 years of age. He was married twice. By his first marriage there are five daughters and four sons living—Messrs. S. W., E. K., H. S. and J. A. Ingram, whose homes are in High Point—and Meslames D. B. Fitzgerald and C. A. Hoover of Greensboro; Mrs. B. S. Garbee, of Richmond, Mrs. M. H. Russel of Salisbury, Mrs. Lewis Ganalos of High Point. Of his second marriage, March 27th, 1910, his wife and one young son Claud survive him.

Mr. Ingram moved to North Wilkesboro during the year 1909.

The funeral was at his home yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock directed by Rev. W. F. Staley and Rev. C. W. Robinson and the burial was at Friendship near Millers Creek.

Mr. J. P. Lewis of Spurgeon Dies.

Mr. J. P. Lewis, of Spurgeon, who lived with his niece, Miss Della Combs, died last Monday afternoon about 4 o'clock. Mr. Lewis had been ill for several months and was afflicted with yellow jaundice. He would have been 64 years old had he lived until his next birthday. His only child living is one daughter. He has only one sister living, Mrs. H. E. Combs, of that section of the county. The burial Tuesday was at the Lewis old graveyard near Lindoff Souther's beside the grave of his father. He was an uncle of Mr. J. P. Combs this place, who, with Mr. J. R. Combs, attended the burial from here Tuesday morning.

Death of Rev. Eli Sebastian.

Rev. Eli Sebastian, of the northeastern part of the county, died last Friday. The burial was at Chairty last Sunday. He was a prominent Baptist preacher of the Primitive branch of that church. He was 67 years of age; his death was caused by a spinal disease. Several of his children are living. Mrs. Sebastian, his wife, is very low with cancer.

82 Dead in Wake of Storm in Southwest.

Dallas, April 9.—The worst equinoctial storm for many years swept over north Texas and southern Oklahoma and a section of Arkansas last night and today leaving in its wake 82 deaths, hundred of injured persons and property damage which will amount to many thousands of dollars according to incomplete reports received here. The number of fatalities may be increased when full details are available, as the tornado swept through thickly settled farming communities.

Twenty-eight of the known dead were white persons.

The storm came up from the Rio Grande valley with a high wind and heavy rain, gaining force until it tore through the northern tier of Texas counties with the destructiveness of a tornado.

Reports received here during the day show fatalities from the following towns; Canaan, Texas, four; Durrent, Okla., 11; Wood county, Texas, four; Ector, Texas, three; Ravens, Texas, eight; Mineola, Texas, 11; Tundra, Texas, eight; Winnboro, Texas, 15; San Angelo, Texas, one; Texarkana, Texas, one; Newsome, Texas, six.

The course of the storm was erratic. At times it leaped a mile or more before striking the ground and doing damage, and left one farm house unharmed only to demolish the next one. No cities of any size were in its path. Most of those killed were caught under their falling buildings. The little cotton town of Canaan was completely wiped out.

At Mineola, the storm struck with

Proceedings of the Board of Education—April Meeting.

The county board of education met Monday in regular session, all members present, and transacted the business as follows:

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Local tax releases because of errors in listing for 1918 were made as follows:

W. D. Woonruff charged with the local tax of district No. 7, Mulberry township, at the rate of 25 cents in the hundred dollars instead of 10 cents, was released, from the excess amounting to \$30.75. F. M. Wellborn New Castle township District No. 7, \$1.43; E. M. Absher, Mulberry township District No. 7, \$11.73; S. C. Hutchinson, Walnut Grove, District No. 9, \$1.19; J. L. Johnson, Edwards township District No. \$0.73; L. C. Ferguson, Elk township, district No. 1, colored, \$1.00; J. J. Russel, Boom or township district No. 1, \$1.14; A. M. McEwen, Elk township, district No. 1 \$3.33.

An appropriation of five dollars was made for securing supplementary libraries in district No. 2 N. Wilkesboro township No. 4 of Reddies River No. 1 colored of Antioch, No. 7 of Walnut Grove, No. 1 of Elk, No. 2 of Jobs Cabin, No. 6 of Wilkesboro.

Appropriations of \$10 each were to each of the schools to establish second original libraries; Beaver Creek township No. 1 colored, New Castle No. 6, No. 1 of Boomer.

Application is to be made to the State board of education for loans for aiding in erection of three new school buildings, \$400 each, for colored, in Rock Creek No. 1, N. Wilkesboro No. 2, Wilkesboro No. 2.

Local tax elections are ordered to be held in districts No. 13 Edwards No. 2 Edwards and No. 1 Lewis Fork No. 1 in Boomer is authorized to dispose of the old school site by private or public sale.

A petition of Porter and others for a new district out of parts of Mulberry and Walnut Grove was heard and withdrawn provided a new school room is added to accommodate the children.

A contract for a new building for the negroes in Rock Creek No. 1.

J. F. Pardue, a patron, was transferred from No. 4 to No. 3, North Wilkesboro.

The board settled with the county treasurer. It took up claims amounting to \$22,170.43 which left a balance in the hands of the board of \$6,388.34 which together with the State aid, etc., leaves a balance due the school funds April 1, 1919, of \$31,812.36.

Farmers Retain Marion Butler.

Raleigh, April 9.—With the announcement of retention of former Senator Marion Butler, of Sampson, as attorney for the North Carolina Farmers' union in the cotton warehouse case. Comes seemingly credible information to the effect that other lawyers are to be employed. Today it is reported that one is to be chosen within the next few days by the North Carolina Cotton association and another by the Farmers' alliance.

extreme severity. Three white women and eight negroes were killed and many others received such serious injuries that more deaths are expected. Much damage was done to the prospective fruit crops in many sections, according to reports.

Telephone and telegraph wires were put out of service and it was not until late today that full reports of the extent of the storm began to reach the outside world.

105th Engineers Have Sailed From France.

Washington, April 9.—Sailing of the transport Zealandia from France for Charleston with the second battalions and medical detachment of the 105th engineers and Companies C, to F, inclusive, of the 105th engineers train of the 30th division was announced by the war department today. The vessel is due April 18.

SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLAR FIRE LAST TUESDAY NIGHT

Tuesday night 15 minutes past eleven o'clock when most of the people of both Wilkesboros had either just gotten into bed or had gone to sleep when a few keen shots from a pistol and big flames in the west part of town soon burst forth at the Spainhour-Sydnor store which had in some manner caught more than half way toward the rear of the building, first floor, as best as could be gathered from those among the first arriving. The next store on the west with only a wooden partition the Wilkes Hardware & Furniture Company which soon was in flames too and bursting out at the roof.

Before this time however a plenty of hose was hurried in an automobile from the Tool House and distributed along Main and 10th streets in front of the buildings which was thought would soon be the ground of contest though the fire was just beginning and no one was yet present—or practically none of the large crowd soon afterwards to be present.

The crowd began carrying goods from Smoak Brothers believing that it would burn—stoves, furniture, automobile fixtures and bed furnishings, the autos being run out down the street. But this damage was soon seen to be avoided after three streams of water had been playing—two in the rear and one in the front through the windows upon two floors. But during this time the exasperated heat from the leaping flames out of the roaring furnace of fifty by one hundred and fifty feet and curling over top of the Deposit & Savings Bank heated the tin roof of that building that the wood beneath the tin began smoldering and catching. Messrs. Dan Brookshire and others carried a hose through winding stairways of 3 floors to the top floor in smoke where the fire was breaking through from the top in places of about 3 feet by 8, and less spaces, of plaster falling in, and by aid of a ax Mr. Brookshire—who constructed the building and knew where to cut—Mr. Henry Reynolds, and Fred Lane did some work that stopped the fire in that building while some two or three men from the rear outside reached the roof with a streaming hose, that could not be shut off while they were with difficulty climbing up from the porch to the roof and soon turned a flood loose on the roof which cooled it.

Beneath this on top floor of the bank building was a pool table room of some of the younger men or boys of town, and a number of law offices on down on the second and ground floors into which the water ran freely damaging the apartments also occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Willard Wilson, officers of Attorney Trivette, the Red Cross, Hays and Jones, and on the ground floor that of W. A. Bullis for insurance. Attorney Rousseau, and the bank, which opened up business temporarily next morning in the front of Smoak Brothers will continue until the bank's quarters are cleaned and perhaps repainted.

The books in the law offices were partly wet but not destructively.

Nothing imaginable could have afforded a more combustible store room than Spainhour-Sydnor's millinery and dress goods room to have been if not already at its heights of spring stock—a total loss. A quantity of loaded gun shells were thought to have been held in the hardware store where known to have been.

One thing was noticeable and that was plenty of water and with the hose at hand four instead of three streams could have been used though when a fourth was tried connected at a hydrant near the rear of F. D. Forester's or the Coffey lumber yards it caused it to have to be shut off. There was plenty of water and plenty of hose.

The total loss is estimated to be about sixty or seventy thousand as follows: The Wilkes Hardware &

PERSONS LEAVING AND RETURNING

Mrs. J. M. Kunkle returned home yesterday.

Congressman R. L. Doughter was here Wednesday.

Mr. William Spainhour came in on the noon train yesterday.

Mrs. Maude Henderson and son returned Wednesday from Florida.

Mr. Walter Hamilton, of Beaver Creek, Ashe county, was here this week.

Mrs. Chas. Greenwood was a passenger on the outgoing train Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Z. T. Hagby and son, R. A. and Miss Eth. Hagby, boarded the train here Tuesday for Norfolk, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Self, of Wins. on-Salem, have been visiting at Judge R. Finley's this week.

Mrs. B. H. Johnson and children, who had been visiting their relatives in Reddies River township, returned to Asheville today.

Mr. Carter, superintendent of agents of the Southern Railway Co., and two other attaches of the Company, including Supervisor Byrd were here between trains Wednesday.

Pvt. Lonnie Osborn and sister, Miss Frances, came in on the noon train yesterday and left for their home at Laurelsprings. Mr. Osborn was on his way home from 19 months stay overseas—son of Mr. F. M. Osborn.

Gaston B. Means Files \$1,000,000 Suit.

Chicago, April 6.—Alleging conspiracy to send him to the gallows, Gaston B. Means has filed suit here against the Northern Trust company for \$1,000,000.

Means was tried last year at Concord, N. C., for the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, who died from a bullet wound while on an automobile trip with a party of friends of whom Means was one. After his acquittal of the millionaire, James A. King, came legal contest over the will.

Named as co-defendants are Solomon and Bruce Smith, president and vice president, respectively, of the trust company, Alfred F. Reichmann and William S. Miller, counsel for the corporation; John T. Dooling, assistant district attorney of New York, and C. B. Ambrose, at one time a secret service operative.

The declaration filed by Means alleges that the Northern Trust company, through the co-defendants, sought to secure the conviction of Means for the murder of Mrs. King. It is further alleged the defendant corporation sought thus to control the \$3,000,000 King estate and reap vast profits therefrom.

Germans Demand Fresh Consignments of Food.

Paris, April 7.—At the conference of the allied and German financial experts at Pont Sainte Mexico, Sunday, the Germans demanded fresh consignments of food, and announced that it would be impossible to continue payments in gold, says a Havas dispatch. In order to increase their gold reserves they proposed to issue large loans in neutral countries, explaining that Germany's lack of freedom for commerce prevents the defraying of the cost of food.

Furniture Co., principally owned by Messrs. J. R. Marlow and J. W. Shook \$15,000, with \$4,500; C. Call \$5,000 with \$3,000 insurance who owned the millinery building; Rev. W. Calloway Meadows the hardware building \$5,000 with \$1,500 insurance; Spainhour-Sydnor's goods about \$35,000 with eighteen thousand insurance,