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LOCAL NEWS IN TOWN AND COUNTY

The bird law is out and people are posting their land to protect them.

Mrs. W. S. Welborn of Wilkesboro leaves today to visit Miss Ida Greene at Trinity.

The two new brick store houses of F. D. Meadows on B street were half up last week.

Mr. R. Walter Gwyn and family have moved into their beautiful new home on 6th street.

The Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro graded schools both close this Wednesday, afternoon until Monday.

Revs. N. T. Jarvis and Holland were holding a meeting in the lower edge of the county at Clingman, Macedonia, last week.

Mr. W. J. Allen has accepted a position with the Miller Grocery Company where he will be glad to meet and serve his friends.

The wife of Judge Yates Webb, who died several days ago, was once Miss Emma Cleary of Wilkesboro. Her father died in Wilkesboro and was probably buried there.

In North Wilkesboro the stores, other business houses and banks will be closed on Thanksgiving Day except till 9 o'clock that morning the grocery stores will open.

Last week workmen began repairing the brick front of the corner store at Smoak Bros. by taking down all the brick one at a time and sliding each to the ground and will replace the wooden beams with steel beams.

A fine Berkshire stock hog was in the depot here several days ago shipped from Pinehurst to Mr. James Ritchie of Pores Knob. We venture that Mr. Ritchie is now on the way toward finer hogs than ever heretofore.

Mrs. Chap. Minton of Wilkesboro Route 2 was pleasantly reminded of her sixtieth birthday November 18th by neighbors and friends gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Minton that forenoon with baskets that were spread for dinner her in honor.

Eleven persons were baptised at the First Baptist church Sunday morning in this town as a result of the week of meetings at the Baptist church in Wilkesboro in which Rev. James Clark of High Point had been assisting the pastor, Dr. J. L. Rhin, and which closed Sunday night, resulting in present and future good to the community. At the evening services the attendance filled every seat of the main part of the church; the afternoons at 2:30 also were well attended.

Next Monday night at 8 o'clock Wilkes County Post No. 125 American Legion will hold their regular monthly meeting at the Commercial Club rooms, after which refreshments will be served and entertainment supplied. The Auxiliary is cordially invited and all Legionaries are requested and urged to be present. Service men not now members of the Legion are invited to attend and join the Local Post at that meeting. Special entertainment has been arranged and refreshments will be served.

Warren Griswold Returned Saturday from a Year of Voyages—A Boy.

Warren F. Griswold, U. S. N. R., returned last Saturday to spend a few weeks at home with his parents here, D street, east, having landed in New York from Europe, Germany, France, England, Belgium and Holland and a trip to the tropics—to the Canal and to Havana, Trinidad and other ports.

Warren Griswold has been gone a year from home successfully working his way as hospital and commissary steward with the U. S. & American Line of New York.

He is a far-travelled young gentleman for only about 20. He says Germany is building more than ever before, especially in Hamburg and Berlin.

"The German situation is improving, in fact there has been very little trouble compared to the reports that have been made in New York papers.

HON. R. N. HACKETT PASSES FIFTY-SIX YEARS OF AGE

Daughter and Brother, J. G. Hackett, Survive Him—Man with a Most Brilliant Mind.

Former Congressman Richard N. Hackett, of this place, died last Thursday afternoon at 1:05 o'clock, November 22nd, at Dr. Long's sanatorium in Statesville, where he had been a patient and critically ill for several weeks, death resulting from kidney trouble and complication.

Mr. Hackett was 56 years of age, was born December 4, 1866, youngest son of Dr. R. F. and Mrs. Caroline Gordon Hackett. He was a nephew of General James B. Gordon, of the Confederate army. He was married to Miss Lois Long, of Statesville, in January 1907. He is survived by one brother, Mr. James Gordon Hackett, and a daughter, Miss Lois Long Hackett. He was prepared for college by Rev. Richard W. Barber, of this county. He graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1887. He studied law under Colonel Geo. M. Folk, of Caldwell county and received his law license in 1888. He was elected to Congress in 1906 from the old eighth district, having defeated Spencer Blackburn. He was twice elected grand master of the grand lodge of Masons of North Carolina. Before and since he was 21 years of age he took an active part in the democratic party, campaigning the state repeatedly. He was a member of the state democratic executive committee for the past 25 years. He was appointed by Governor Morrison attorney for the North Carolina railroad, which position he held at the time of his death.

Miss Lois Long Hackett and her uncle, Rev. Mack Long, and the latter's aunt, Mrs. Adams, of Statesville, came to the funeral, the former from Norwalk, Conn., where in school.

In the large crowd present at the home of his brother J. G. Hackett in this town and attending the funeral in Wilkesboro at the Methodist church and his burial at the Episcopal cemetery between 10 A. M. and 1 o'clock last Saturday, his grave being near the graves of his parents—were the following named Masons and friends from a distance, other than many of the county:

Messrs. Mark Squire and Lawyer Wakefield of Caldwell, Congressman W. C. Hammer of Asheville, Leon Cash of Winston deputy grand warden of the State grand lodge of Masons, Mr. McGuire and Joe F. Hendren of Elkin, Richard Fletcher of Watauga, Brown of Winston, Hayden Burke of Alexander county, Parks and Dockery of Surry, Ex Lt. Governor Newland of Caldwell, and many others of the Masonic fraternity of which the deceased was twice elected grand master during his life, and the members of the local lodges of the two Wilkesboros and county who attended in a body. The procession of automobiles was more than half a mile. The sad crowd more than filled the church and annex, Revs. S. M. Needham, pastor, C. W. Robinson and M. T. Smathers officiating. The Masonic burial ceremonies concluded the funeral at the Episcopal graveyard.

Many beautiful flowers were offered some being taken to the cemetery later.

The following editorial comment is from state papers:

North Carolina has known three men of extraordinary historical lore. One was J. Bryan Grimes, another was Richard N. Hackett, and the third, a lone survivor, is Walter Murphy. Mr. Grimes died last summer; the paper today makes record of the passing of Mr. Hackett. When we want to know of incident in the past history of the State we yet have Pete Murphy's brilliant mind to draw from—and long may that be the case. Mr. Hackett's personality was of the irresistible kind. His mind was

THE RELIGION OF THE NAZARENE

Last but not least, let us thank God that we live in a Christian country. I have seen the ignorant in Asia, founded by fear and superstition, bowing down before their bloody idols. I have seen Brahminism in action with its terrible cruelty that makes proud Pharisees of its upper classes and untouchable outcasts of its lower. I have seen Confucianists, practicing the good moral sense common sense of their Master, but yet living barren lives because the exalting power of love—love for God and love for one's fellows—had no compelling place in their religion. I have seen the punctilious Mohammedans praying with faces turned toward a far-away Mecca, while they lived on a creed almost wholly lacking in the tenderness and beauty and uplifting influences of Christianity.

The American who never goes inside a church or hears a sermon or opens a Bible should nevertheless stop at least once a year to thank God that he lives in a Christian nation. In spite of all the imperfections of its professed adherents, Christianity is yet the salt that saves and sweetens our whole national existence.

For all these larger blessings that our whole section enjoys as well as for countless others that have come to individually, let us indeed be grateful. And as we think of them we shall, no doubt, come to echo the fine thought so fittingly expressed by Phillips Brooks:—

"And so let us give thanks to God on Thanksgiving Day. Nature is beautiful and fellow-men are dear, and duty is clear beside us, and He is over us and in us. What more do we want except to be more thankful and more faithful, less complaining of our trials and our times, and more worthy of the tasks and privileges He has given us?"—Clarence Poe in Progressive Farmer.

moved by instant wit or wisdom, as occasion required; one never wanted the spell of his narrative talent broken. His presence at all times meant the best of comradeship. Among the mountain folks he was loved as a brother; in any circle he invaded all hands were extended in gladness. There was no evil in his heart; he was of the type marked with the open token that he loved his fellow man. He was a lawyer of fine qualifications and Governor Morrison had selected him as a guardian of the interests of the State stockholders in the North Carolina Railroad Company. This writer is in a position to bear testimony to his admirable fidelity to the trust. We sorrow in his passing. In days to come, when traversing the peaceful valleys which he loved to roam, or in visioning the majestic mountain in whose glories he was wont to revel, we will feel that something is missing with Dick Hackett not there.—Charlotte Observer.

Hon. Richard N. Hackett, of Wilkesboro, who died yesterday, was one of the most brilliant men of his day who graduated at the University. He was attractive, popular, and singularly gifted. He served as State Grand Master of Mason and in Congress and in other positions of leadership. Many friends will deeply regret his death.—Raleigh News and Observer.

Death of Esq. J. P. Wooten at Ronda.

Mr. J. P. Wooten of Ronda died Wednesday morning of last week at his home after serious illness for several days. He was a man who had passed the three score years and ten. He breathed last at about 7 o'clock.

He leaves a wife and grown sons and daughter. Mrs. Nora Parks is his daughter and lives at Ronda; his sons are Messrs. Robert and Elsa of Maryland. He had one daughter to die 25 or 30 years ago.

He had been a justice of the peace and for several years conducted a feed business and produce business and was widely known as he also ran a boarding house for many years.

Box Supper at Millers Creek Next Saturday Night.

Millers Creek High school will hold a box supper in the school building on Saturday night, December 1st, to raise money for additional equipment for the boys and girls basket ball teams. The boys are playing a fine game and the girls soon will be. Come and help for the sake of clean sport and health. The building will be lighted by a Deleo light plant furnished by Ogilvie Bros., of North Wilkesboro.—Reported.

Prof. J. R. Weaver and family will leave today for Chapel Hill and while there will see the Va.-Carolina game.

Says Veterans' Bureau Should Act as Attorney.

Washington, Nov. 25.—The Veterans bureau "should act as an attorney" for ex service men in presenting claims and capable counsel should be provided where legal assistance is sought in prosecuting cases before the district boards of appeal. Director Hines has advised district managers of the bureau throughout the country. Settlement in the disabled man's favor in "border line" cases was urged.

"Find a way to render relief rather than to block or delay it," is the slogan adopted. "When there is reasonable doubt as to our responsibility take the responsibility of settling claims favorably to the disabled."

Director Hines warned the district officials against "retardation" discharge of patients from hospitals and declared the policy of putting disabled men in hospitals without delay—and arguing about details afterwards—should be consistently followed. With the sick, he added "promptness of hospitalization speeds prospects of recovery."

The district managers were urged to discourage the so-called "home treatment" of tubercular patients, and urged wider use of government hospital, particularly those of the Veterans' bureau.

Complete rehabilitation of the disabled veterans, Director Hines said, is attained only after he is placed in the work for which he has trained and to facilitate immediate placing of these men in industry he urged a "more rigid supervision" over vocational students and get the possible results from their training. He said preferential consideration should be given these men in the matter of employment and retention in service.

Hand Cut Off in Corn Shredder.

R. A. Baown had his right hand torn off in a corn-shredder Thursday, 15th, evening while feeding the machine at his farm ten miles east of Lenoir. According to information reaching here Mr. Brown thought the machine had choked down and had run his hand into the feeding mechanism to clean the blades. The machine had not choked down and the feed rollers caught his hand and before the belt could be thrown or the engine stopped it had feed it into the cutters.

Mr. Brown was taken to Hickory immediately, where his hand, which was cut into shreds, amputated at wrist joint.—Lenoir News-Topic.

FOR SALE! One large Berkshire boar for sale to prevent inbreeding. Price \$27 at the farm. Registration papers furnished. Bred by the largest Berkshire breeders in America.—James Ritchie, Pores Knob, N. C.

SUPREME COURT TO PASS ON THE BOWIE ACT

As to the constitutionality of the Bowie Act Article V, section 4, is set forth in the State constitution, which reads as follows, and is offered by the opponents:

"Until the bonds of the State shall be at par, the General Assembly shall have no power to contract any new debt or pecuniary obligation in behalf of the State, except to supply a casual deficit or for suppressing invasion or insurrection, unless it shall in the same bill levy a special tax to pay the interest annually. And the General Assembly shall have no power to give or lend the credit of the State in aid of any person, association or corporation, except to aid in the completion of such railroads as may be unfinished at the time of the adoption of this constitution, or in which the State has a direct pecuniary interest, unless the submitted to a direct vote of the people of the State and be approved by the majority of those who shall vote thereon."

The Supreme Court (says the Winston Journal's opinion) will have to stretch the tearing if it permits this section to stand before the people of North Carolina and the opening of the rich northwestern territory and the completion of a through-line railroad across North Carolina from east to west. The framers of the Constitution did not intend by this section to prevent the Legislature of another generation from building a new railroad if it wanted to build one. That is the reason why they began by waiting "until the bonds of the State shall be at par."

This section of the Constitution also plainly declares that the General Assembly shall have power to lend the credit of the State in aid of any person, association or corporation. But that does not in any way prohibit the General Assembly from appropriating funds for the State to build a new railroad. When the General Assembly passed the Bowie Act was not proposing to lend the credit of the State to any person, association or corporation. It was proposing to go into the railroad building business on its own account.

For the reasons it is difficult to believe that the Supreme Court will stop this great movement that means so much for the commercial and industrial development of North Carolina. The voice of the dead should be much clearer and more certain than this in its meaning, even in so sacred an instrument as the Constitution, before that voice shall be permitted to control the acts of the living to the point of thwarting the progress of a great civilization.—Winston-Salem Journal.

Boone Trail Highway Hard Surface Road—Five or Six Miles.

The State is now making a survey for the Boone Trail Highway hard-surface road toward Winston-Salem from North Wilkesboro. It looks as if the road will be changed at a point just beyond the Yadin driver bridge, leaving the present concrete road to the right and running in a south-eastward direction to the main street in east Wilkesboro (entering main street at C. Y. Miller's and J. J. Hayes residence) and running down main street to the corporate limits, then leaving the old Salem road and crossing Cub creek and up the Penden hill leaving the residence to the left and coming out to the present highway near the Ike McLean old home place. The hard-surface contract will be 6 miles distance and 18 feet wide. No grade work will be done on this road before spring.

Governor Morrison has refused to pardon or parole Baxter Shemwell who is serving a sentence on the Davidson county gang. Shemwell claims he is physically unfit to do duty. If not, the Governor says, the prisoner should stay in the county jail.—The Mooresville Enterprise.

PERSONS LEAVING AND RETURNING

Mr. J. T. Prevette returned on the noon train last Thursday.

Mr. J. L. Garwood went to Iredell last Thursday to sell an organ to a church in that county.

Mrs. William Marshal, of Winston-Salem, came in Friday to visit her mother, Mrs. Octavie Greer at Moravian Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Butler, of Mt. City, Tenn., arrived last week to visit their daughter, Mrs. C. H. Hulcher, in Wilkesboro.

Rev. L. B. Murray of State Roads left home by auto Monday of last week for Watauga to begin a series of meetings near Boone.

Miss Minnie Gilliam is at the home of her parents near Hays visiting a few days from pursuing a business course at a college in Thomasville, N. C.

Mr. Lindsay Cashion, a former N. Wilkesboro boy and living in Winston several years, where he married, whom we saw last week, is still with a printing house there.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Moore, Jr., and children motored to Edgemont Saturday to spend the week end with Mr. Moore's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Moore.—Lenoir News-Topic, 20th.

Mr. C. D. Harris and family, of Moravian Falls, have moved to Hidenite. Alexander gains a splendid citizen. Mr. Harris is a man that always tries to live close to the Golden Rule.

Mrs. J. H. Johnson of Elkin, (to where they moved from here two weeks ago) has been spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Waugh, accompanied by their baby.

Mr. Ed. Harris of Wilkesboro has been in Texarkana, Texas, several days having left here Nov. 18th summoned to appear there in court to show the letters he received from an oil company indicted there. It is said they wish to prove that this oil company guaranteed 250 per cent.

Dr. M. L. Townsend, Former Wilkes Citizen, Raps Veterans Bureau.

Washington, Nov. 24.—Charges of inefficient administration and favoritism in personnel appointments filed by Dr. M. L. Townsend, former medical officer of the Charlotte sub-district office, against M. Bryson, manager of district No. 5, of the veterans' bureau, were declared to be unsubstantiated and without foundation by Gen. Frank T. Hines, director of the bureau, today.

An investigation of the conditions of the Charlotte office was made recently by a representative of the inspection service. Dr. Townsend, who preferred the charges, was discharged from the veterans' bureau last May on account of inefficiency, it is alleged, in that he permitted excessive medical expenses to be incurred, and that his services were generally unsatisfactory.

Dr. Townsend's statement that veterans suffering from tuberculosis had wasted valuable time before being admitted to hospitals was also declared to be unfounded, and Dr. Townsend or any one else is invited to the bureau any specific case of neglect.

The invitation failed to disclose anything to the discredit of Mr. Bryson, it is declared.

Mrs. Byrd of Ronda Dead.

Mrs. Lonnie C. Byrd of Ronda died Tuesday night of last week at the Wilkes hospital where she had been five or six weeks following an operation for appendicitis.

She was a young woman being eighteen years, five months and twenty-two days old, and was the wife of Mr. Eugene Byrd who, alone, so far as children at least is concerned, survives. Her parents and the parents of her husband are living.

The burial was at Macedonia church Wednesday afternoon.