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## SUPERIOR COURT PROCEEDINGS

March term of Wilkes Superior court convened last Monday with His Honor James L. Webb, judge presiding and Solicitor J. J. Hayes prosecuting for the State. As much of the present week and next week as will be necessary for the trial of criminal cases will be devoted to the criminal docket, after which the civil docket will be taken up and the cases heard in the order as arranged on the calendar.

The following eighteen men are serving as members of the grand jury: J. A. Caudill, James Byrd, J. A. Souther, W. E. Johnson, T. C. Byrd, J. E. Ferguson, W. F. Billings, G. H. Walker, R. L. Barlow, E. A. Dunn, H. V. Pennell, H. H. Jennings, Vickery Adams Tyre Cothren, T. J. James, W. L. Owens, J. C. Jarvis, A. Brown, H. H. Jennings was selected as foreman of the grand jury and E. F. Brown its officer.

The petit jurors for the present week are the following: Tyre Morrison, T. C. Tevepaugh, J. A. Sebastian, C. C. Faw, R. B. Parsons, L. A. Ward, J. H. Brooks, John Stanley, E. P. Lowe, Dallis Carter, W. L. McCarter, A. G. Shepherd, A. T. Jones, C. W. Adams, W. A. Lakton, T. S. Bryan, D. L. Wooten, E. Y. Yale, W. O. Phillips, L. C. Hall, J. R. West, I. R. Livingston and T. M. Cockersham.

Mr. Thomas M. Crysel, veteran court crier and auctioneer, who spent the winter in Robeson County, N. C., is again at his post.

Following are cases that have been disposed of up to this morning:

J. B. Triplett, continued under former order.

Coon McGlammy and Creola Bullis, f. and a., continued under former order.

Luther Prevette, a. with d. w., good behavior shown; off.

J. F. Alexander, assault; good behavior shown; off.

J. F. Alexander, injury to personal property; continued under former order.

John Dula, cruelty to animals; continued under former order.

Geo. King, retailing; good behavior shown; discharged upon payment of cost.

Fred Rycroft, f. and a.; continued under former order.

Gordon Benton, retailing; continued under former order.

Brenson Benton, retailing; continued under former order.

Slater Call, Melville Shew, Wes Harris, Lessie Coffey, Maud Hayes, Isaac Haynes, retailing; continued under former order.

Charlie Dunn, assault; continued under former order.

Rufus Parker, abandonment; good behavior shown; continued under former order.

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### Book Club Meeting.

March 7th, the Friday afternoon Book Club assembled at the home of Mrs. H. C. Landon. The ladies were met at the door by little Miss Freda Landon who ushered them into the dining room where the hostess served tea and wafers. From there they were shown into the parlor. Spring flowers were in evidence everywhere, huge bouquets of jonquils, pots of hyacinths, baskets of violets, narcissus and red carnations.

The day was ideal and with the sunshine without and the beautiful flowers within who could help feeling bright and happy, making surely a merry, jolly crowd.

The President, Mrs. A. V. Foote, tapped for order. The roll was called and all responded by a current event or giving items of interest and instruction.

After the business session all who wished played ruck, while others gathered in groups and led a merry conversation. After an hour of social enjoyment the hostess assisted by her daughters, Misses Inez and Freda, served delicious ice cream and cake.

Guests present were Mrs. Harvey Church, Ronda; Mrs. W. R. Ware, Mrs. C. F. Lineberry and Mrs. E. G. Albino.

Meeting adjourned to meet March 21st with Mrs. E. C. Willis on Kensington Heights.

### Legislature Adjourns.

The house passed the bill, offered by Speaker Brummitt and Gold, providing for an automobile for the executive mansion. Herring made a plea for its passage. Matthews, of Bertie, reminded the house that Max Gardner had just purchased a fine new car; Grady suggested Rufus A. Doughton should be placed upon a committee to select the automobile so he should know what kind of machine he was to have.

McNeill's bill to require regular reports from all persons threshing wheat in the state was passed. The Humphrey-Stevens bill to regulate the sale of pistols and other deadly weapons, which have been adopted in the senate, was passed by house.

After 61 days and many nights of lawmaking the faces of North Carolina lawmakers turned toward home Tuesday. The presiding officers gavelled emphatically at 2 A. M., signalled the formal expiration of a session that has been characterized by much of a memorable nature and much that was trivial, the latter being unavoidable, of course. Those who seek to pierce the proverbially impenetrable veil of the future are impressed with a tremendous sense of the strangely interwoven fidelity and frailty of concerted human effort. There are to be many offices filled in 1920 and those politically inclined are beginning to think seriously of who will fill them. To what spirits bold or timorous, will recognition be accorded? Time will show the results and work of the legislature just adjourned, but it is too early to place a proper estimate upon everything done there.

### Mrs. Sidney Barlow Dead.

The town of Ferguson lies silent and sad as the news of Mrs. Sidney Barlow's death is being learned. She passed away at 8 o'clock last night. Her family and friends had been expecting to hear of her death as her life had hung in a balance for several days. A little son was born on last Sunday, March 2 and spent a few days on earth when it was called home five days before the gentle mother's passing. Mrs. Barlow was Miss Mamie Hare before her marriage to Mr. Barlow about 25 years ago. She was 49 years old and was held in the highest esteem by all her friends and neighbors, was a most dutiful mother and wife and leaves seven interesting children, three daughters and four sons, also her father, Mr. M. Hare of Beaver Creek and one sister, Mrs. Myrtle Eller, and her husband who have the sympathy of a large host of friends. As one who has been her neighbor for 20 years I can say I have never heard an unkind remark spoken of her, but many words of praise and good will. She will be buried tomorrow at the German family plot on Beaver Creek beside her babe and young son who died several years ago. She was a consistent member of Beaver Creek Baptist church.

### Traphill Topics.

Correspondence of The Wilkes Patriot. Traphill, March 12.—After a silence for a while I again lift my pen in order to give some of the happenings in this part of the moral vineyard.

Our people are all smiles on account of the prospect for good roads. The steam shovel is now in about 4 miles of Traphill and moving along nicely.

The health of the neighborhood is good except Mrs. Doub and Mrs. J. M. Wood have been right sick.

Our school is progressing nicely and we have a faculty as good as the best in the state of N. C. Our people are certainly delighted with the advancement the children are making. The farmers of our community reorganized the Traphill local Union last Friday night with T. S. Bryan as President and J. G. Lyon, Secretary and Treasurer.

The rain has kept our farmers from doing much plowing, but they will rush the plowing when the soil will permit.

Some of our citizens are attending court at Wilkesboro this week.

Messrs. McBride Bros. have moved their stock of goods into their new store building and are serving their customers in their usual clever way.

Hoping to be able to write often and with best wishes for the success of The Patriot and its many readers, I am sincerely,

## BATTLE LOSSES TOTAL 240,197

Include the Killed in Action, Wounded, Missing and Prisoners.

Washington, March 8.—Battle casualties of the American army in France as shown by revised records announced today by General March totaled 240,197. These include killed in action, wounded, missing in action and prisoners. There probably will be some slight further revision as final reports are received.

The second regular division showed the greatest losses in the revised list, with 24,029. The first division came next with 23,978. The 28th (New Jersey, Delaware, District of Columbia and Maryland) led national guards and national army divisions being fourth in the list with 14,417. The 32nd (Michigan and Wisconsin) was fifth with 14,268.

In the new list the 42nd division (Rainbow) reported a total of battle casualties of 12,252; the 77th (New York Metropolitan national army) 9,432; the 26th (New England) 8,955; the 27th (New York) 7,940; the 30th (Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina) 6,893.

The battle casualty figures now announced include in the totals wounded, which were not included in the table of major casualties recently made public by the war department. The list of divisional totals follows: Second (Regular) 24,429; First (Regular) 23,974; Third (Regular) 16,356; 28th (Pennsylvania), 14,417; 32nd (Michigan and Wisconsin), 14,268; 4th (Regular) 12,948; 42nd (Rainbow), 12,252; 90th (Texas and Oklahoma), 9,710; 77th (Metropolitan, N. Y.), 9,163; 4th (New England), 8,955; 82nd (Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee), 8,300; 5th (Regular), 8,280; 78th (Western New York, New Jersey and Delaware), 8,133; 27th (New York), 7,940; 33rd (Illinois), 7,800; 35th (Missouri and Kansas), 7,745; 89th (Kansas, Missouri, South Dakota, Nebraska, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona), 7,093; 30th (Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina), 6,893; 29th (New Jersey, Delaware, Virginia, Maryland and District of Columbia), 5,972; 91st (Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Nevada, Montana, Wyoming and Utah), 5,835; 80th (Virginia, West Virginia, West Pennsylvania), 5,133; 37th (Ohio), 4,303; 79th (Pennsylvania, Eastern Maryland and District of Columbia), 3,223; 36th (Texas and Oklahoma), 2,397; 78th (Regular), 1,546; 92nd (Negro National army), 1,399; 81st (North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida and Porto Rico), 1,062; 60th (Regular), 285; 88th (North Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa and Western Illinois), 63.

### Social Items.

Reported for The Wilkes Patriot.

The Senior Christian Endeavor society enjoyed a very delightful party at the home of the president, Miss Elizabeth Pilson, Friday evening. Various games caused the evening to pass all too quickly, and after feasting on ice cream and cakes, the society gave a rising vote of thanks to the social committee, and adjourned to meet again in the near future.

Mrs. R. B. Williams was hostess at a theatre party Tuesday evening. After the performance, a delightful social hour was enjoyed at the home of the hostess. Mrs. Williams' guests included, Miss Pilson, Misses Lucy and Grace Finley, Ellen Robinson and Ellen Finley.

Misses Grace Finley and Elizabeth Pilson entertained very informally Monday evening. Victrola selections and various games provided amusement for the guests. A dainty sweet course was served.

Mrs. Don Coffey was hostess to the Young Ladies Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church Monday afternoon. After the business session which consisted of the election of officers, and reports of committees, Mrs. Coffey served a delightful course of refreshments. The auxiliary was very much pleased to have four new members at this meeting.

Mrs. C. C. Smoot entertained the Bridge Club Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Harper will entertain the Bridge Club tonight.

## SOLDIERS WILL RECEIVE BONUS

Honorable Discharge Must Have Been Received Since April 6th, 1917. Official Statement.

Many Wilkes County soldiers and sailors will get the \$60 bonus which is being handed out by the government. Local authorities received this information a few days ago and The Patriot publishes the communication containing the information. From this time on the bonus will be paid the men when they receive their discharge from the service.

The following circular has been received from the Finance Dept., Washington, D. C.

"Section 1406 of the Revenue Act approved February 24, 1919 authorizes the payment of a bonus of \$60.00 to officers, soldiers, field clerks and nurses of the Army upon honorable separation from active service by discharge, resignation or otherwise. This bonus is not payable to the heirs or representatives of any deceased soldier.

Those who are discharged hereafter will receive this bonus on the same roll or voucher upon which they are paid their final pay.

Those who have been discharged and have received their final pay without the \$60.00 bonus, should write a letter to the Zone Finance Officer, Lemon Building, Washington, D. C., stating their service since April 6, 1917, the date of last discharge and their present address to which they desire their bonus checks to be sent and enclosing with this letter their discharge certificate or Military order for discharge and both, if both were issued.

Those who have the Zone Finance Officer, Washington, D. C., of this information and the soldier's discharge certificate, this officer will cause checks to be drawn and mailed to the claimants in the order in which their claims were received by him. The discharge certificate will be returned to the soldier with the check.

It is estimated that at least one million and a quarter persons have been discharged from the service who are entitled to the benefits of this Act and while payments will be made as expeditiously as practicable, it will manifestly take considerable time to write and mail this many checks.

By direction of the Adjutant General: THOS. B. McCARICO, Jr., Capt. Int., U. S. A.

The above is published for the benefit of discharged men.

F. B. HENDREN, Chairman Local Board.

### Richard Parks Accidentally Killed.

Thursday of last week while cutting logs near Brier Creek Church, Mr. Richard Parks was accidentally killed and Tyre Gray seriously injured. The Patriot received the following information concerning this sad occurrence. Richard Parks and Tyre Gray were cutting trees for Mr. Tom Church and when one of the trees was falling it struck another tree breaking out the top which flew back and killed Parks and inflicted severe wounds about the head and neck of Gray. Parks lived only a short time after the accident. He leaves a wife and two children and is a son of Mr. Charlie Parks. He was buried at Brier Creek Baptist Church of which he was a member, Saturday. The funeral services were conducted by Revs. Bob Davis and N. T. Jarvis, with the burial rights of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, of which he was a member. Tyre Gray is recovering from his wounds and is expected to be out in a few days.

### Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kind and tender care and assistance during the sickness and death of our mother. GEO. W. ELLEDGE and Family.

Ensign Bryan Turner arrived here Tuesday and will spend a few days with his homefolks. He is temporarily stationed on the receiving ship at Newport News.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Smoot will leave Sunday for Alexandria, Va. to attend the marriage of Miss Frances Smoot to Mr. R. M. Pound, which will occur on March 19th.

### Township Road Maintenance Fund.

At the regular session of the Good Roads Commission for March with T. C. Myers, W. A. Hendrix and C. R. Triplett present, the township maintenance fund was apportioned as follows:

- Antioch, \$300.00
- Beaver Creek, \$300.00
- Boomer, \$400.00
- Brushy Mountain, \$400.00
- Edwards, \$600.00
- Elk, \$500.00
- Jobs Cabin, \$450.00
- Lewis Fork, \$450.00
- Loveiace, \$300.00
- Moravian Falls, \$400.00
- Mulberry, \$500.00
- Newcastle, \$450.00
- North Wilkesboro, \$500.00
- Reddies River, \$550.00
- Rock Creek, \$500.00
- Somers, \$450.00
- Stanton, \$350.00
- Traphill, \$500.00
- Union, \$600.00
- Walnut Grove, \$600.00
- Wilkesboro, \$600.00

Mr. C. R. Triplett, a member of the commission, stated for publication that there are still some of the maintenance funds which have not been apportioned, hold over for emergencies.

### Pores Knob Items.

Correspondence of The Wilkes Patriot.

Pores Knob, March 12.—Mrs. W. G. Meadows has returned to her home here after spending a week with her daughter, Mrs. R. C. Jennings at Winston-Salem.

Messrs. Clate and Sherman Davis returned to their homes at this place the first of the week from Ohio where they have been for some time, they say there was three men for every job out there.

Mr. Carl A. Love, who was seriously hurt at the Pores Knob explosion a few weeks ago is now improving rapidly his many friends will be glad to know and he hopes to be able to come home in a few weeks.

Rev. W. C. Meadows is spending this week at the home of Rev. E. V. Bumgarner in Alexander County where he is assisting in installing electric lights, dynamo, etc.

Mr. L. W. Jackson is at his former home here for a two weeks stay. We hope he will decide to return here to reside, as we miss his most excellent family and are anxious for their return.

Mr. J. E. Bentley happened to a very painful accident one day last week. He was using an axe which caught in a limb causing a cut on the leg which bled freely.

There was a box supper given at the Brocktown schoolhouse last Saturday night for the benefit of the school building and notwithstanding the inclement weather the neat little sum of \$40.86 was raised. Miss Roxie Billings has taught a very successful term at the above place and her services are very much appreciated by the patrons.

The R. C. Meadows Mill Mfg. Co. is getting out a new mill which is a complete burr mill in a very compact form and by the simple shifting of a pulley is converted into a grist mill. We predict for this new mill a great success. They will continue to manufacture their celebrated Imperial grist mill.

Mr. W. F. Weisner of Elkin is spending some time at this place.

Mr. Howard Brovhill seriously cut his foot with an axe one day last week.

Mr. John Russell of Route 2 and Miss Zora Clanton of Route 1 were united in marriage Monday. Rev. W. C. Meadows performed the ceremony.

### Hendren-Torrence.

Mr. D. R. Hendren and Mrs. Emily Torrence were married Sunday afternoon in the presence of a number of relatives and friends at the home of the late Mrs. Emily Call, east of Wilkesboro, J. E. Wikler, Esq., performing the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mr. Jacob Staley and a granddaughter of the late Mrs. Emily Call. The groom is a native of Wilkes County, but has lived at Clinton, Tenn., for several years. Both have many friends and relatives in the county who extend best wishes and congratulations. They will reside at the old home of Mrs. Emily Call, deceased, where the bride has made her home in recent years.

## JIM CLARK KILLS JOHN DICK SHEW

Was Struck on the Head Friday by Jim Clark and Died Early Sunday Morning.

John Dick Shew was struck on the head with a stick by Jim Clark last Friday afternoon and died early Sunday morning. Shew leaves a wife and nine children. Clark is a married man and has three children. The tragedy occurred in the neighborhood of Call postoffice. Clark was arrested Sunday night at the residence of Mr. Ransom Mastin, about one mile from his home, by Sheriff W. D. Woodruff, Chief Deputy J. M. Bumgarner and Officer C. A. Wyatt. The circumstances which brought on the tragedy, as learned by The Patriot are as follows: A young son of J. D. Shew, the victim, was riding a mule belonging to his father and was on his way to a store in the neighborhood. When the boy reached the schoolhouse near Nathan Call's home, he met Jim Clark, the defendant, Fred Glass, Robert Roop and several others in the road. The mule upon which Fred Glass was riding threw him to the ground. Jim Clark requested the Shew boy to let him have his mule to chase the one that had thrown Fred Glass and dashed away. The Shew boy would not agree to part with the mule but took Jim Clark, the defendant, up behind him and they rode on together after the loose mule. Somebody, perhaps it was the school children, told John Dick Shew that Jim Clark was running his mule, when Shew replied that he would see about it. Going immediately to the scene of action Shew and Clark were soon in a difficulty concerning the improper treatment of Shew's mule. They talked the matter over and apparently settled their differences. Trouble was soon brewing again, however, and Clark claims that Shew was advancing upon him with an open knife when he struck Shew a blow upon the head with a stick, which later caused his death. A coroner's inquest was deemed unnecessary, inasmuch as there were witnesses who saw the tragedy and the defendant, Clark, does not deny striking Shew with a stick, claiming he did it in self defense. Jim Clark is a son of the late John Clark and John Dick Shew is a son of Sam Shew. The body of the victim of the tragedy was buried at Fishing Creek Arbor Monday afternoon, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. J. A. Foster. The largest crowd gathered at this funeral that has assembled there for a long time. The case of Jim Clark is now pending before the grand jury, as court is in session here this week.

### Death of Ronda Hendren.

Ronda Hendren, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hendren of Gilreath, died at Hiddenite, N. C., in the early dawn of March 9th. He left home about three weeks ago accompanied by Earl Tevepaugh to go to Illinois where they expected to get employment. They both contracted colds on the way and young Hendren was unable to go to work upon his arrival. Sick and discouraged they both decided to return home. During the return trip Hendren's trouble developed into pneumonia and he was too sick when he arrived at Hiddenite to be carried across the country to his home. His parents were summoned to his bedside immediately and he lived until Sunday and passed into the great beyond. Ronda Hendren was sober, moral, upright and industrious and a favorite among his associates. He was a member of Bethany Baptist church and was buried there Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. His passing was not only a severe blow to his parents and other members of the family, but a shock to the entire community.

### May Buy Explosives Without a License.

Washington, March 12.—Explosives may be purchased without license, except by enemy aliens, after March 15 for reclamation purposes such as stump blasting or other agricultural work, it was announced today. Enemy aliens are not permitted to manufacture, buy or sell explosives for any purpose.