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KILLED; 4 HURT IN BOILER EXPLOSION

Blair Leads In Alderman's Race; Bramlett, Jones

Election Here As 1,007 Votes In Town Election; Caldwell Fourth

quiet, but with steady voting, than 1,000 ballots were cast in town election here Tuesday, with Killian leading six other candidates for aldermen, getting 630 votes, E. L. Bramlett, seeking re-election, polled 612, followed by Sam H. Caldwell also seeking re-election, got

J. H. Way, Jr., without opposition, polled 742. Official tabulation for aldermen followed:

Killian	630
Bramlett	612
E. L. Jones	589
S. H. Caldwell	442
W. H. Kinison	329
L. L. Limer	154
Francis	139

Blair, Smith and Knight in Hazelwood

Over 300 votes were cast in Hazelwood election, with John Blair leading the aldermen's ticket, 232 votes. Mr. Blair is a presiding member of the board. Blair polled 222 votes and Knight 198. B. Prevost, without opposition, polled 266 votes. Official tabulation was:

Blair	252
Smith	222
Knight	198
Queen	160
Wyatt	81
Wyatt	54

Blair Only Hold-Over in Clyde Election

hardest political battle of the year in Haywood County was fought in Clyde, when the voters cast an entire new ticket, with the election of Claude Jones, alderman. G. Snathers was elected with 140 votes, over incumbent John Shook who got 116 votes, and Killian, the third candidate, got 105 votes. H. Cagle, was elected police chief by defeating N. C. West by a vote of 141 to 97. Claude Jones, incumbent, received 125 votes, Charles A. Mooney 139, Tom Rogers 140. They defeated Linden Robinson, incumbent, who polled 126 votes; Grover C. H. 125 votes, and Jeter P. 100 votes.

Blair and Incumbents Win in Canton

Paul Murray was re-elected as mayor of Canton by a two-to-one margin over his two opponents. He polled 214, while W. F. Sorrells got 94 and Albert Curtis 179. A total of 1,586 was cast in a quiet election.

Hippis, alderman, led the entire ticket, getting 1,068 votes. C. L. Moreland, also a present member of the board, polled 948 votes, while McCracken, new member, got 876 votes. Frank M. Byers, defeated alderman, received 676; Frank Hall and C. C. Willis 290.

M. Blaylock, incumbent, was elected as judge of the police court, getting 864 votes over Ralph H. H. 586, and Charles H. 96.

Newspaper Man Notes

Town's Steady Growth
would not have known the town signs had been down," was the opinion of M. E. Lemmell, representative of the State, got of Waynesville last week, when here for his first six years.
The steady growth is what impressed me. No mushrooming," said former newspaper man in conversation on Waynesville's "new" street.
Mr. Corpening, assistant farm manager who has been confined to his bed at the Hotel Gordon for the past week, has gone to convalesce at home of his mother in Horseshoe.

Rally Speaker



GREGG CHERRY, former speaker of the House of Representatives, will address the Young Democratic Voters at a district rally in Asheville Saturday, at 7:30 o'clock.

Judge F. E. Alley Will Preside Over Civil Court Here

Docket Contains Unusual Number Of Cases For Civil Term

The May term of civil court will convene next Monday, May 8th, with Judge Felix E. Alley, who exchanged with Judge Zeb V. Nettles, presiding.
The docket contains the average number of cases usually coming up for trial at a civil term. All uncontested divorce cases will be heard at the convenience of the court.

The cases of Bryson versus the Asheville Stock Yards, tried last term of court, at which time the attorneys of the plaintiff took an appeal, which was scheduled to come up at this term, has been transferred by order of the judge to Henderson county for trial.
Other cases on the calendar are: Palmer vs. Jones; Palmer vs. Love, et al; Palmer vs. Love; Palmer vs. Love; Banks vs. Furniture Company; Thomas vs. Bank; Hyatt & Company vs. Francis; Moody vs. Atkins, et al; Mackey vs. Bingham; Cagle vs. Anderson, et al; Manufacturing Company vs. Bramlett.
Campbell vs. Caldwell, et al; Hood, Comm. vs. Cogburn, et al; Bell vs. Clark; Glidden Company vs. Hipps; Rickman, et al, vs. Land Company; Smith (b. n. f.) vs. Ferguson; Haywood County et al vs. Byers; Limer vs. Sloan, et al; Bramlett vs. Greyhound Corp.; Haywood County vs. (Continued on back page)

Owners Of Parkway Hotel Arrive For Tourist Season

Extensive Improvements Being Made By Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hudson, New Owners

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hudson, owners of the Parkway Hotel, arrived this week from St. Petersburg, to get the property ready to open the first of June.
Mr. and Mrs. Hudson bought the hotel last November from the Haywood Home Building and Loan, and plan to locate here permanently, spending at least six months of the year in Waynesville.
Extensive renovating and modernizing are planned during the next month prior to the opening in June. The kitchen will be practically built over, with the latest types of refrigeration installed. All the thirty bedrooms will be furnished with new beds and inner spring mattresses.
The grounds are also being put in splendid condition which includes a restoration of the tennis course.
Mrs. Hudson is originally from Cleveland, Ohio, but has been residing in Florida for the past few years, where she has been connected, either with a hotel or a cafeteria.
Mr. Hudson is a native of Montgomery, Ala., and has been in Florida since 1923. He was former manager of a hotel at Safety Harbor, Fla., and has had a wide experience in hotel management since his residence in Florida.

Commissioners Are Considering School Building Program

At Meeting Monday Grant \$1,000 To County NYA Projects

The county commissioners, at their regular first Monday of the month meeting, held in the court house this week voted to allow Mrs. James R. Boyd, Jr., county supervisor of NYA work in the county, \$1,000 for the coming year's projects.
It was pointed out that last year Mrs. Boyd was allowed \$400 for the projects, and that for the coming year, she would have enrolled twice as many boys and girls as of the last twelve months period.
A lengthy discussion of the needed repairs on school buildings and the necessary enlargement or construction of additional buildings at some of the schools took up a good part of the day's meeting.
If certain WPA funds can be secured, the plans are to make all the recommended repairs and additions to the schools sometime during the coming year, it was stated.
Office equipment, including new furniture, was ordered for the office of the register of deeds.

Miss Smith, County Agent, Will Attend London Conference

She Is One Of 22 From State Planning To Attend Meeting

Miss Mary Margaret Smith, county home demonstration agent, will attend the fourth tri-annual conference of country women of the world, which will be held in London, England, in the month of May.
Miss Smith will be a representative from the First District of the North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, and one of the 22 women from the state attending, the group including county agents, state officials, and club members.
She has been granted a leave of absence by the Federal and State authorities, who consider the experience and contacts of the trip equivalent to a study course, and the county commissioners have also approved the leave from her work.
The general session of the conference will be officially opened by a representative of His Majesty, King George, of England, and the speaker will be of international note. There will also be a number of special group meetings, in order that delegates may hear programs of special interest to their work.
All the delegates attending will be (Continued on back page)

Ten Day Extension To Be Granted For Listing Property

Weaver H. McCracken, county tax supervisor, has announced a ten-day extension for listing taxes.
Between 700 and 800 listed their taxes during the past week, with more than 250 of the number visiting the tax collector's office on Saturday the last day as advertised, according to Mr. McCracken.
There remains in Waynesville township about ten per cent of property unlisted, while in Beaverdam it is much higher, around 25 per cent.
Mr. McCracken stated that after the ten day period ending next Wednesday, the penalties as heretofore stated will be applied to those failing to get their property listed in the interim.

Spring Federation Of County Clubs To Meet Saturday

All Home Demonstration Clubs In County Will Meet In Court House At 2:00 O'clock

A spring federation meeting of the home demonstration clubs in the county, comprising a membership of more than four hundred women, in the 17 organizations, will be held in the court house building, at two o'clock on Saturday afternoon.
Since May the 8th is the silver anniversary of the establishment of the extension work in the state, it was decided to hold the meeting on Saturday. It will not be an end-of-the-year achievement day, but an afternoon on which all the women of the county can come together for an inspirational and social meeting.
Tentative plans call for a song, led by the Clyde club, the collect by the entire group, the roll call by clubs, and a demonstration on flower arrangement.
Plans will also be made for transportation of all the members who desire to attend the district federation meeting which will be held in Bryson City on May the 12, which include delegates from Cherokee, Clay, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, and Swain.
A large number of delegates are expected to attend the district meeting, as Dr. Jane S. McKimmon, assistant director of North Carolina extension work, and the first home demonstration agent in the state will be the principal speaker.
LEAVE ON EXTENDED TRIP
Mrs. Johnny Ferguson, Miss Harriet Boyd, Miss Daisy Boyd, and Miss Margaret Hyatt left the first of the week for New York, where they will spend several weeks. Before returning home, they will visit in Canada.

Parts of Boiler Thrown Half Mile From Mill In Black Camp Gap Area

Francis Kilpatrick, Fireman, Instantly Killed; Moore, Cagle And Haverston Injured

MILL HAD BEEN IN OPERATION 2 WEEKS

Owners, Russell And Rowland, Will Discontinue Steam Engine And Resume Work

A boiler blast instantly snuffed out the life of Francis Kilpatrick, 28, and seriously injured three other men, Pherson Cagle, Charlie Moore, and Dave Haverston, when the boiler at the sawmill owned by R. Lawrence Russell and his son-in-law, Woodrow Rowland, located on the Plott boundary between Black Camp Gap and Wykle's Fork, ten miles from here, exploded yesterday morning around 7:30 o'clock.

In the excitement following the blast that came without warning, throwing pieces of metal from the boiler at a distance of half a mile, and amidst the cries for help from the injured men the body of Kilpatrick, the fireman, was not discovered until more than a half hour after the other men had been rushed to the hospital, two being taken in a car and the third on a cot in a truck.
Kilpatrick's body was found on the edge of a bank of a stream some seventy-five feet away. At the time of the explosion, it is said that he was standing about 8 feet from the boiler, with his back to the engine. His clothing was practically all blown from his body, and the leather from his shoes was scattered about.

Charlie Moore, whose injuries were considered more critical last night, than any of the injured, was engaged as a trimmer, and ran the cut off saw. He was standing a short distance from the saw at the time of the explosion, and his body was thrown with such force onto the saw that he was cut through the shoulder.
Pherson Cagle, employed at the mill as a lumber hacker, was standing only a few feet from the boiler, when the accident occurred and he was thrown about forty feet away from where he stood, receiving burns from the steam, and a number of bruises from the timber that was thrown through the air.

Dave Haverston, side edgerman, was said to have been standing about ten feet from the boiler, and was discovered later about twenty feet away. He was badly scalded from the steam and his body was bruised practically all over from the falling timber.
When the men were brought to the hospital, the trip to town was made at 85-miles-an-hour, so a representative of The Mountaineer was told last night. The injured men, who were suffering to such an extent urged that they be driven faster. It was feared that Charlie Moore whose shoulder was cut to such a depth would bleed to death before he could receive medical aid.

The men were given attention at once upon arriving at the hospital, as the message had been sent ahead to have doctors in readiness. One of the attendants in describing the morning's experience stated that in her year-and-a-half at the Haywood County Hospital, Wednesday had had been the most nerve-wrecking day she had spent in the institution, as the work was rushed to give aid to the injured men.
In talking to a representative of The Mountaineer, three of the four injured men stated that they felt at the time that his hour had come. In grateful appreciation of being alive they appeared in spite of their intense suffering, and loss of blood, to be in a cheerful frame of mind, late yesterday afternoon.

No changes in their conditions were reported at ten o'clock last night. The owners of the mill, R. Lawrence Russell and Woodrow Rowland, were a little late in getting to the mill and arrived just in time to see the accident. The latter was knocked down and covered with ashes, receiving injuries about the hands. A large piece of metal, that would have instantly killed Mr. Russell, had it touched him, fell a short distance

Explosion Victims

Victims of the boiler explosion were:
Francis Kilpatrick, fireman, instantly killed.
Charlie Moore, trimmer, serious cuts received when thrown against saw.
Pherson Cagle, lumber hacker, burns and bruises.
Dave Haverston, edgerman, burns and injuries from debris.
Woodrow Rowland, hand injurer.

from where he was standing, as he alighted from his car.

A total of 21 men, with 9 working at the mill, and 12 in the woods, were employed by the owners. At the time of the explosion, it is said that twelve of the employees were at the plant.

The only reason that could be accounted for the accident was the fact that the water pump jet was discovered open, following the blast and it was feared that the boiler had become dry, and that the cold water pouring into it had caused the explosion.
No estimate was made public of the loss of the machinery on which there was no insurance. However an accident policy covered the workmen employed.

Mr. Russell told The Mountaineer last night that operations of the mill would be resumed immediately.
He also explained that he was through with steam, and that some form of petroleum engine would be installed for power. His steam engine was damaged in the explosion, but the remainder of the equipment can be used with slight repairs, he said.
"Steam has been my friend, but I'm through with it. I could not work around it any more," he stated.

This was the second week of operation. Before starting up the mill was thoroughly tested and gone over by authorized inspectors, and was pronounced in good condition. The Foraker-Ajax engine was new, but the 30 horse power boiler was re-conditioned.
"I have been in the sawmill business for the past fifteen years," said R. Lawrence Russell, "and I have never had even a man's finger injured in all those years. I have made it a rule to never ask a man to do any job about the mill, or run any piece of machinery that I would have been unwilling to tackle myself."

The Plott timber boundary is considered one of the best in that section, and represented an investment of several thousands of dollars on the part of Russell and Rowland.
News of the accident spread through the community fast, with the usual numerous rumors which accompany such tragic events.

Funeral services will be held on Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Cowetta Baptist church in Macon County for Francis Kilpatrick. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.
Kilpatrick was a native of Madison County, and is the son of James Kilpatrick and the late Jennie Wallen Kilpatrick. He is survived by his wife, Edith Tallent Kilpatrick; his father, a resident of Buncombe County; four brothers, Vernon, of Madison County, John, Troy, and Ted, and a half brother, Jack Kilpatrick, all of Buncombe County.

Robert Osborne Passes Away At Home In Florida

News has been received here by relatives of the death of Robert Osborne, formerly of this county, who has been residing in Florida for the past twenty years.
Mr. Osborne was stricken with a heart attack last Saturday and died around 4:30 in the afternoon, according to information received in a message.
He was the son of the late Mr. and (Continued on back page)

Voice of The People

Granting that we need more industries in Haywood County, what method would you suggest be used to interest manufacturing in locating in this section? (Continued from last week.)
L. M. Richeson—Hazelwood—"If we are to attract new industries in Haywood County, we should first make a definite survey showing what we have to offer.
"Such survey should show the approximate number of male and female labor available, pointing out its splendid type of native born; availability of industrial sites, and approximate costs of same per acre; climatic conditions; type of water; tax; power, and water rates. After obtaining such statistics, I believe we would probably be more successful in attempting to bring industries which are more or less allied with our present industries, because in so doing, we would have the added appeal of the raw material already on the ground. For instance, locate a small shoe factory, a toy factory to use some of the scrap wood materials from our wood working plants.
"Also endeavor to locate an overall plant, pointing out the great number of industrial workers on the Murphy branch, which should have an appeal to such an overall plant from the point of distribution of their product. Also locate a hosiery plant

because of our great availability of female labor, also the large field of distribution, which is at hand.
"We should preferably seek small plants, employing from 100 to 300 employees, as they probably make for a healthier industrial development. It is doubtful if we can bring in new industries by just writing letters. We must have our survey accurate, then personally go out after the new prospects, and bring them in and let them see for themselves the many advantages we have to offer."
L. N. Davis—Insurance and Real Estate—"Industry does not just happen to locate in any community. There are certain fundamental reasons that influence this decision. The most important, perhaps, are climate, water, transportation, labor and taxes. These things within themselves are factors, but unless the industrial seeker knows about these qualifications you are very seldom recognized. A careful survey of our county should be made to determine our ability to accommodate industry, and the type industry applicable to our needs, and this information in some way placed before interested parties. This could be done through a small printed leaflet, or follow every good lead by a committee familiar with our ability to serve them. The personal contact is by far the most effective way."