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WIRE BURNS CHARLEY HANNON TO DEATH

Wire fell near E. Kings Mountain school building Wednesday night—One dead; another burnt.

Charley Hannon, age 12; was burned to death, Charley McFalls had his hands slightly burned and consternation reigned in the vicinity of the East Kings Mountain graded school building last Wednesday night as the result of a static wire being down. Nobody knows just how the wire came to be down except that the pin pulled out of the cross-arm and the wire fell to the ground across Mr. Wesley Barnes' yard. Young Hannon had worked during the night and was on his way to his uncle Jesse McDaniel's about 5:30 Thursday morning when he ran in contact with the wire. The wire was lodged on a poultry wire and was just high enough to strike the boy about the throat. Mr. Barnes heard the boy scream and saw the flame leap up. The lad is said to have burned like kerosine for half an hour before the wire could be discharged. His left hand was burned off at the wrist, his right hand badly burned and his whole body burned more or less. He was the son of Mr. W. P. Hannon of near Bethlehem church about six miles from town. The boy had come here on Sunday before to learn to work in the Dilling Mill and was boarding at Mr. McDaniel's. The father arrived early Thursday morning and took the body home and it was taken Friday to Antioch where it was buried.

The wire was supposed to be dead, that is the switch was pulled out. It received its charge either by a leak in the switch or by overflow from other wires on the same poles, or more probably from both sources. It was on the street arc line and the lights were off. This sort of current is called "static" and there is no way of knowing how strong it was.

Some say the wire came down as early as nine o'clock in the night but Mr. Barnes says that he discovered it about midnight. It was lying flat on the ground across Mr. Barnes' yard in front of his door. It burned several holes in the ground and as it passed through a corn patch burned an ear of corn in two. Mr. Barnes says that he worked hard to keep people from coming in contact with the wire after he discovered it. Many were passing to and from the mill, especially as the day and night shifts were being made.

It is claimed that numerous efforts were made by telephone to have the wire attended to before any damage was done but it was only after the boy been killed that relief came. The boy could not be released from the wire and burned there until someone could go to the power house several hundred yards away and have the current cut off. Mr. Parsons took no chances and cut off everything in town.

Mr. Parsons who was in charge of the power station says that he had an indistinct telephone message about twelve thirty that there was trouble with a wire somewhere in town but could not get the facts except Jim Able, the man who looks after the town wires, was wanted to attend to the wire. As

HON. T. W. BICKETT TO SPEAK AT SHELBY SEP. 4

Democratic candidate for Governor will address voters in the county court-house.

We are asked to announce that Hon. T. W. Bickett, candidate for Governor of North Carolina on the Democratic ticket, will speak in the court house at Shelby at 11 o'clock Monday, September 4th.

REV. CULP IS STUNNED BY LIGHTNING

During the electrical storm of Tuesday afternoon of last week Rev. B. A. Culp, pastor of Grace Methodist church was severely shocked by lightning, so much that he was unable to walk until next morning. He had been out at the church where some hands were tearing away the old building preparatory to building a new one and was run in by the cloud. He and one of the men were standing near the stove in the kitchen at the parsonage when a severe clap came. It affected Mr. Culp's left leg and he started to fall, when the other man caught him. He was able to get about the next day.

BOOK CLUB

On the 17th of August the Book Club together with their invited guests met with Mrs. J. E. McLaughen, whose hospitality is far reaching and generous nature includes a large circle of friends.

The guests were met by the attractive daughter, Miss Margaret McLaughen, and she went to rear of reception hall where a bank of magnolias surrounded the bowl of ice cold punch made and served by the delicate hands of Miss Kate McLaughen and Mrs. E. H. Wood.

The parlor was decorated in pink and white roses and polished center table with a beautiful Maiden Hair fern.

Following the business meeting this program was rendered: Our National Guard, by Mrs. D. C. Mauney.

Minuet in G, duet by Misses Katie Garrott and Margaret McLaughen.

Reading, Fairness to Militia, by Mrs. C. E. Nelsler.

The Last Smile, piano solo, by Miss Garrett.

Special reading, Burglar Caught by a Woman, by Miss Margaret McLaughen.

O Lovely Night, solo, by Miss Garrett.

A two course menu was served and a most delightful afternoon spent, long to be remembered by those present.

Able had no phone Mr. Parsons could do nothing. The arc switch is worked from the town station and Mr. Parsons had nothing to do with that.

While the boy was burning and grounding a greater part of the current Mr. Charley McFalls came in contact with the wire at another point about forty yards away but managed to get away before he was badly hurt.

Some blame attaches for that wire lying there all night imperiling the lives of so many people but we are not in position to place it.

Descendants Christian Mauney Had Great Reunion Saturday

History of old Tryon county was reviewed—To be annual event—Monument to be erected.

Under ideal weather conditions a crowd estimated at two thousand, mainly of the descendants of Christian Mauney, met Saturday on the old historic grounds of Tryon Court House for the purpose of reviewing the family and the history of the community. The exact spot is on the lands of Alex Farris situated on the Macadam road about half way between Bossomer City and Cherryville, and the only marks of the old county seat are an old scrubby mulberry tree in the midst of a small stable field which is said to be on the spot where Christian Mauney's oak log house stood which was also used as court house and jail. Flanking the old race path and wagon road of history. The picnic was held in the pine forest about a hundred yards away where a stand and seats had been provided by the ladies of Concord church. The church is erecting a nice building near by and the ladies provided the platform and seats for the privilege of selling refreshments on the grounds.

The program was carried out to the letter in the finest style. Hon. W. A. Mauney of Kings Mountain presided in his usual pleasant manner. In his introductory remarks he stated that the object of the meeting was mainly to combine two Mauney reunions, the one he has usually had at his park near here and the other, the Moses Mauney reunion. The spot was selected because it was the old homestead of Christian Mauney the pioneer Mauney who migrated from Pennsylvania before the Revolution and, therefore, the forefather of all the Mauneys in this connection. Christian Mauney had two brothers, Valentine and Abe Mauney, who came from the Dutch settlements of Pennsylvania at the same time and it is expected that their descendants will participate in the next reunion to be held at the same place next year.

Hon. Oscar Mason of Gastonia was present and extended the welcome and in very appropriate words introduced the speakers. The first speech was a recital of the history of Tryon county and the Mauney family by Judge A. Nixon of Lincolnton. This will be reported in full elsewhere in the Herald. Hon. Clyde R. Hoey was the next speaker. Mr. Hoey spoke about twenty minutes and made one of the finest patriotic speeches we have heard on such an occasion.

The noon hour arrived and a general good time was had. A long four square table was loaded to the greening point with good things and was well surrounded with folks with sharp appetites. A general get-acquainted hour was mingled with the eating. At the table Rev. C. K. Bell offered prayer concluding with the "Blessing."

After dinner the crowd reassembled and Hon. A. Nixon read the will of Christian Mauney. Hon. W. A. Mauney then read a partial list of the lineal

descendants of Christian Mauney. Dr. Kiser of Reepsville offered a resolution that Hon. W. A. Mauney and his friends erect an appropriate monument on the grounds commemorating the memory of Christian Mauney and Tryon county. The resolution was adopted and Mr. Mauney and A. Nixon were appointed to negotiate the matter. It was decided that the reunion be made a permanent annual event and W. A. Mauney was appointed chairman of arrangements. J. J. George of Cherryville suggested that the editor of the Kings Mountain Herald be asked to publish the entire list of the descendants and make his bill for same. No action was taken in that matter. The music for the occasion was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ridenhour and Messrs. E. L. and W. K. Mauney, of Kings Mountain. Two violins, an organ and a horn were used.

Among the names of those mentioned in the first, second and third generations of Christian Mauney are: Mauney, Ramsey, Jenkins, Wells, Rhyne, Sanders, McCarter, Neal, Beam, Baker, Huffstetler, Blackwood, Falls, Jones, Black, Carpenter, Plonk, Reynolds, Brown, Huddleston, Kiser, Eaker, Sellers, Stroup, Smith, Williams, Van Dyke, Heavner, Clark, Willis, Beatty, Long, Barber, Crawford, Farris, Gaston, Proneberger, Kendrick, Kennedy. Miss Bonnie Mauney is making a list of all the names, and the indications now are that there will be about 2,000 of the descendants of Christian Mauney when the numbering is finished.

Little 13-year-old Fannie Farris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Farris, was present with the record that she had seen five of her grandmothers and they were all Mauney's.

DEATH OF MRS. HEWITT

Yorkville Enquirer.

After an illness of about four months, Mrs. Nancy Hewitt died at the home of her niece, Mrs. R. B. Riddle, on Clover No. 2, Tuesday evening and was buried at Union cemetery in Gaston county, N. C., on Wednesday. Mrs. Hewitt was in the 90th year of her age. She was, before her marriage, Miss Nancy Wood, and was born in York county, near Wright's Ferry, on Christmas day, 1826. She was twice married, first to the late Martin Ward and several years after his death, to Rev. T. A. Hewitt, now deceased. She leaves no children. Up to a year ago Mrs. Hewitt lived in Warrior, Ala., and since then has been with the family of Mr. Riddle. Her only surviving relatives in this section are Messdames David Brandon and R. B. Riddle of Clover No. 2, and Mr. William M. Glenn of Gaston county.

AN INFANT

The infant child of Mr. John Allen of Gastonia was buried in Mountain Rest cemetery here Monday of last week.

GRADED SCHOOL OPENS SEPTEMBER ELEVENTH

Full list of teachers—Several changes in faculty—Extra teacher in sixth grade.

The Board of School Commissioners of the Kings Mountain Graded School has completed the list of teachers for the ensuing year and fixed Monday, September 11th, as the opening day. The teachers are as follows:

- SUPERINTENDENT
Professor Frank W. Orr,
Charlotte, N. C.
- LOWER FIRST GRADE
Miss Daisy Lovelace,
Mooreboro, N. C.
- ADVANCED FIRST GRADE
Miss Sue Merritt,
Roxboro, N. C.
- SECOND GRADE
Miss Jennie Lee Kerr,
Rock Hill, S. C.
- THIRD GRADE
Miss Bessie Simonton,
City.
- FOURTH GRADE
Miss Edna Dixon,
Falls, N. C.
- FIFTH GRADE
Miss Alda Titman,
Loweryville, S. C.
- SIXTH GRADE
Miss Annie Bell Hill
Red Springs, N. C.
- SEVENTH GRADE
Miss Bonnie Mauney,
City.
- HIGH SCHOOL
Prof. Orr and
Miss Melissa E. Phillips,
Dalton, N. C.

The following are of last year's faculty: Misses Kerr, Simonton, Dixon and Mauney. One teacher has been added in the sixth grade.

FIGURES THAT SILENCE

The comptroller of the currency has received reports from the national banks of the county for the last fiscal year. Their consolidated testimony sets forth the deposits of more than 14,000,000 persons in every state, county and town in the Union having a national bank. This testimony convicts of gross insincerity and misrepresentation those who have claimed and are insisting that the country's prosperity is a Fool's Paradise or that it is temporary, sectional or begotten of and dependent upon war.

To summarize briefly the reports by groups of states, from April 8, 1912, to May 1, 1916, in the states of New England the increase in deposits was from \$619,000,000 to \$811,796,000, a net gain in deposits of \$191,858,000.

In the Eastern states the net gain was \$1,713,794,000.

In the Southern states the net gain was \$218,084,000; in the middle states, \$212,219,000; in the Pacific states, \$124,462,000; in Hawaii, \$901,000.

The total net gain for all the states reached the enormous figure of \$3,119,811,000—quite a silence to the reckless statement that enemies of the government have been making.—The Bulletin.

MRS. FLUM DIES

Mrs. Eddie Flum died at her home in Greenville county, S. C., August 8th. She was the wife of Mr. J. L. Flum, recently of this county, and sister of Tom and E. D. Masberry.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. Farris Hamrick of near Grover and Miss Fairy Hicks, daughter of Mr. W. A. Hicks of Route 2, were married Sunday night, August 6th.

Mr. D. D. Kembell of East Kings Mountain returned Thursday from Misenheimer, N. C., where he attended the funeral of his father who died August 10th.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hord visited in Lincolnton last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Heavner attended the meeting of telephone managers at Lakewood Park, Charlotte, Friday night.

Miss Ellen Long, who had been in a Charlotte hospital for several weeks, was brought home Thursday night and is getting along very well.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Crome and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Adderholt spent part of last week at Henry River, visiting Mr. Adderholt's brothers, M. L. and D. W. Adderholt, and his sisters, Mrs. M. E. Rudisill and Mrs. M. R. Rudisill. They returned Friday.

Rev. Raymond Browning and family, of Lincolnton, were in town last Thursday.

Mr. T. G. Leagon and family, who moved to Gastonia three months ago, have moved back here.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Page went over to Gastonia Thursday to be present that evening and night at a reception given by Mr. and Mrs. D. H. McMillan in honor of their son, N. Fred McMillan, and his bride. Mr. N. Fred McMillan was married on August 8 to Miss Anna Sue Camp, of Gilkey, N. C., and during the interim had spent their honeymoon at Asheville, Hendersonville and other points of interest among the mountains of Western North Carolina. The reception was largely attended by the young people of Gastonia and the happy couple enjoyed the occasion to the fullest. They have set up house-keeping on West Airline.

Mr. Ed Smith, who recently married at Lumberton while he was assistant superintendent of a tin mine at Keysville, Va., has come back to take charge of the farm, which is situated near Ware's school house, and his mother, Mrs. J. North Smith, has gone to Keysville to be with his father. Ed says that his recent courtship had somewhat of romance in it and he thinks that all Herald readers ought to know about it. He met the good lady at Keysville only once, liked her, loved her, and when she went back home he sent her letters; soon he popped the question, and so, and so on, and then he went after her and she folded her tents and joined him.

PINK PAGE DEAD

Mr. J. Pink Page died at his home at the Seyler Mill Tuesday of last week after long suffering with cancer of the face. The remains were taken to Bethlehem cemetery for burial Wednesday. Mr. Page was a member of the Methodist church and signified his willingness to die.