

# PIKE COUNTY NEWS

## COOPER HOME BURNED.

The home of Judge R. H. Cooper on Elm-av. was destroyed by fire last Sunday night while he and his family were attending church. The home was practically a complete loss though the outer shell was left standing. Some articles of furniture were saved, but practically everything in the house was damaged by fire, smoke and water. The department arrived too late to be of any service except to prevent a further spread of the flames to other houses.

## MEETINGS CLOSED.

The twelve-days series of revival meetings which were opened at the Methodist Episcopal church on March 14th closed last Sunday evening after a season of great religious success. The meetings were under the direction of Rev. W. H. Davenport the District Superintendent; Rev. J. H. Anderson, Methodist pastor at Ashland; Rev. M. C. Reynolds, Methodist pastor at Pikeville, and Rev. Wade Rowe, Circuit pastor. Dr. Davenport preached the closing sermon to a crowded congregation.

Several persons were converted during the progress of the meetings.

## JUICIETY MARRIED.

Miss Mae Johnston, daughter of Taylor L. Johnston of Greenup, Ky., was united in marriage to Mr. Victor E. Bevins, cashier of the Pikeville National Bank, last Thursday evening. The ceremony was quietly performed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Call on Second-st., Rev. Dr. J. F. Record of the Presbyterian church officiating. Only a few friends were present.

## EXPRESSION RECITAL.

Miss May Elliott's class in expression at the high school was heard in a delightful recital last Friday evening. The program of recitations was interspersed with music and it was a very attractive entertainment. A large gathering attended.

## CONDUCTOR AND BRAKEMAN BADLY INJURED.

A carload of staves turned over on conductor Ben Baker and brakeman George Hall last Saturday afternoon at the Coalvale or Edgewater mines, and the men were so badly injured that they had to be rushed into Ashland on a special Saturday night. Baker was unconscious when brought here, but Hall was fully conscious and suffered intensely from his pains.

The men were riding on top of a carload of staves which was being taken up the branch. On rounding a curve the car turned over. They were quickly taken from under the car and rushed to Pikeville where they received surgical attention while waiting for a special to be made up.

## MINER SHOT TO DEATH; WIFE HELD.

John Robinson, a miner in the employ of the Keyser Coal Co., was shot to death at Keyser last Sunday. He died immediately after receiving two bullet wounds, one in the region of the heart and one in the right arm. Mrs. Robinson, who is from Floyd-co., was placed under arrest upon a warrant charging her with the killing and she was brought to Pikeville Monday.

Up to the time of the examining trial she maintained strict silence, though it was apparent that she felt the nervous strain.

## SECOND BOILER EXPLOSION KILLS THREE.

The grist mill of Manuel Riddle on Peter creek in this county was blown into atoms last Saturday and three men, Earney Riddle, Grant Daugherty and Harvey Blankenship, were killed. Several others were badly injured, but the name of only one of these—B. Blankenship—is available. Three of the injured are in such critical condition that they will probably die.

Nothing is known of the cause of the disaster but it is thought to have been excessive steam pressure.

## WIFE HELD IN ROBINSON KILLING.

John Robinson, a miner for the Keyser Coal Co., was shot and almost instantly killed last Sunday morning at Keyser, and his wife was placed under arrest on a charge of having fired the fatal shot. It is understood that she contends that her husband shot himself. She was brought to Pikeville and on Tuesday was given an examining trial and admitted to bail in the sum of \$2,000, which she could not at the time furnish, and was placed in jail.

## NO CLUB MEETINGS UNTIL APRIL 7TH.

The Pikeville Good Roads Club will not meet at the usual hour this evening, but will hold its regular session one week from today. The club members and as many other citizens of the county as can be urged to attend will meet with the Fiscal Court on Tuesday of next week at which time the court will be urged to appoint the commissioners to handle the fund arising from the bond issue of \$500,000 for the building of good roads. The names of a number of safe and careful business men will be submitted to the court from which the commission is expected to be made up. As this is a representative measure in which all the people are interested, all are urged to attend and help in the selection of good men.

## CALLED TO PITTSBURG BY MOTHER'S DEATH.

Ben and Edward Burke of Pikeville were called to Pittsburg last week by the death of their mother, Mrs. Lizzie Burke. Edward received telegraphic word Thursday that she was very low with pneumonia and sinking fast. He wired his brother Ben, who was on Beaver creek at the time, and he left Friday morning, and Ben left later on account of receiving the advice late. Mrs. Burke passed away Friday evening before her sons reached her bedside. A daughter, Mrs. William Cooksey, of Grayson, also went with them.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

B. Justice, who was one of the injured victims of the boiler explosion in South Pikeville, is now able to be out but still wears his bandages.

Attorney Charles Hobson of Frankfort spent a few days of this week here as the guest of his brother, attorney J. P. Hobson.

Attorney James Clay, of Morehead was here for a short visit last week. Dr. J. W. Vicars is remodeling his home on Second-st.

Mrs. Burgess of Louisa was the guest of several friends here last week. F. T. Hoffman & Co., is the name of a new grocery firm just opened in the Central-av. stand formerly occupied by Jackson & Co. Its members are Forde Hoffman and former Police chief Lybourn Dye.

It is understood that the basketball team of Pikeville college will go to Paintsville for a game tomorrow. Will Ramsey of Twin Branch, W. Va. is here this week.

## LETCHER COUNTY AND WHITESBURG.

**What is Happening in this Rich Coal Territory of Kentucky.**

WHITESBURG, KY., March 29.—Although high winds have blown since Sunday splendid weather conditions prevail throughout the mountains and farmers generally are taking the advantage of the fine weather and are getting in readiness to plant bumper corn crops, tend large gardens and do an unusual amount of work generally this spring and summer. Truck growing will occupy the attention of a number of our best farmers, especially potato growing, a number of them specializing on that commodity, a step in the right direction. In a number of instances farmers are getting wise to the fact that it pays to put much of their attention to the growing of vegetables, etc., giving them splendid returns.

The Cumberland Telephone & Telegraph company completed their lines into Blackey the new town in the southern end of the county several days ago and will reach Whitesburg within the next day or so giving our town connection with the whole outside world. The completion of this line will add a new epoch to mountain telephone connection and prove of incalculable benefit to the business interests of the coal fields section, perhaps the most important of the county several days ago and will reach Whitesburg within the next day or so giving our town connection with the whole outside world.

At an early hour Saturday morning Lee Sharp aged about 21, of Quick-sand, Breathitt-co., was killed by an L. & N. coal train at a point a short distance above the railroad station. The occurrence is considered very mysterious. Some, however, believe that Sharp intended boarding the train for his home, while others assert and believe that his acts were of a suicidal intent. Instructions as to the disposition of his body was left in a memorandum he carried in coat pocket. Sharp was knocked by the pilot of the engine quite a little distance before the engineer saw the body. The remains were prepared and shipped to Quick-sand, his former home for interment.

Tharp had been employed for awhile on the county road work immediately above Whitesburg and had made many friends in Letcher county.

It is announced today at Seco that The South East Coal Co. will start the construction of 30 additional miners' houses at once and the work is to be rushed rapidly forward to completion. H. Lavers the manager of the company was up from Paintsville the past week and made arrangements to start the work. Additional mines are to be opened and a large increase in the company's output is forthcoming.

It is believed, also, that arrangements are practically complete for the initial work on the new plant, the development of the Tilden Wright tract between Millstone and Thornton. It is generally believed that this work will start April 1 or soon thereafter.

Aunt Elizabeth Hale, aged 80, one of Letcher county's best loved old women died at her home at Colson on Rock-house west of here after a long illness. She was the mother of Elijah B. Hale and Nat Hale well known and popular educators of Whitesburg, and the sympathies of the entire community goes out to these good men in the death of their aged mother. Aunt Elizabeth was well known all over the mountains.

A few days ago Dick Vance of Crafts-ville, this county shot and severely wounded Cricket Collins a farmer of Carr's Fork, Knott county, a point near the Letcher-Knott border west of here. The shooting is said to have occurred entirely without provocation. Vance escaped to the mountains soon after the shooting and has not been seen since. He will be rewarded by friends of Collins. Vance has a family at Craftsville.

Owing to the illness of Judge John F. Butler holding a special term of the Letcher Circuit court he was compelled to leave for his home at Pikeville. Judge Patrick of Salyersville was detailed to take his place and arrived

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Yesterday. It is unfortunate for the court and Judge Butler, and it will be remembered that the court was twice interrupted at the January term by illness of Judge Butler.

The damage suit of T. L. Webb of Sergeant against the Louisville & Nashville railroad company for alleged injuries received about two years ago in a lever car wreck near Craftsville will come up in the Letcher Circuit Court tomorrow and attract considerable attention.

The case has been passed from time to time. Webb is praying for \$1000 damages.

At Seco in the coal fields section Mr. Martin Venters, aged 20, was married to Miss Florence Stanley, aged 17, one of the best loved girls of Seco, Squire Johnnie Potter officiating. The wedding came as quite a surprise to their legion of friends, the friends of both the bride and groom.

WHITESBURG, KY., March 29.—The hearing of the damage suit of Loyd Webb against the Louisville & Nashville railroad for \$2000 for alleged injuries in a lever car accident near Craftsville two years ago in which Webb received a broken leg is scheduled to-day, having been continued from day to day since last week. The case will be watched with considerable interest.

Among the notable visitors in Whitesburg this week was Hon. Ed C. O'Rear of Frankfort, who came up on business for the different big corporations of which he is interested, being employed as an attorney. Judge O'Rear has many friends all over the mountains all of whom are always anxious to see him. From here he went by way of Fleming and the coal fields.

A number of officials of the Elk Horn Mining Corporation, including George T. Fleming, Mr. Flue and others made a tour through the big development centers above here during the week and expressed themselves as well pleased with the active mining operations in process. Continued increases are in evidence at the different plants.

At Jenkins a few days ago Mr. Oris Dolin, aged 23, a barber was married to Miss Cora Craft, aged barely 15, the daughter of J. W. Craft. The wedding came as a complete surprise.

At Rockhouse Mr. Shade Combs, aged 37, was married to Miss Ollie Adkins aged 21, daughter of W. B. Adkins a farmer. It was the second venture. At Fleming Mr. James Deem, aged 41, was married to Miss Lizzie Webb of Seco, making the second marriage of each.

Marriage license were issued to the following, also: H. A. Muncy, 24, to Bertha Bailey, 22, at McRoberts; Fay Hibbs, aged 21, to Stella Reffett, 19, at McRoberts; Geddon Holcomb, 23, to Miss Orgie Cornett, 22, Line Fork; Grant Fields, aged 19, to Miss Millie May Holcomb, 17, Line Fork; Wm. J. Harmon, 22, to Vada Myrtle Wright, 19, at Fleming; R. B. Banks, aged 29, to Miss Polly Sturill, 17, at Cumberland river; Isaac Potter, 22, to Miss Dollie Hall, 17, at Baker.

It is reported here that L. Dow Collins of Whitesburg has purchased the Archie Craft timber lands on Thornton near Seco in this county and that he will begin immediately the development of the property. The most of the oak will be manufactured into staves.

Timber operations are getting active all along the Louisville & Nashville railroad.

**ADELINE.**  
There will be church at this place this Saturday night and Sunday. Sunday school was organized here Sunday.

Singing school was closed at this place Sunday night. Miss Anna Vanhorn was shopping at Adeline Saturday.

Earl Elswick was visiting Miss Rozella Bellomy Sunday. Delbert Crumb was visiting Miss Ruth Bellomy Saturday night. Scott Kinner was visiting his sister on Rove creek Sunday.

Bill Bellomy was visiting his daughters on Rove creek Sunday. Mrs. Bertha Vanhorn was shopping in Adeline Saturday.

Sam Bellomy, who has been sick is improving. Miss Lizzie Tomlin of Fallsburg is expected home soon on a weeks visit. Ira Vanhorn was shopping in Louisa Monday.

John Cochran was visiting John Tomlin Sunday. Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Bee Queen, a fine girl.

Several boys passed down our creek Sunday. Hence Vanhorn was shopping here Monday. A FROSTY MORNING.

**TIMBER TRACT SOLD.**  
Local Lumber Concern Disposes of West Virginia Holdings.

Huntington, W. Va., March 24.—Announcement was made here to-day of the purchase by the Peytona Lumber Company of this city, of the properties of the Island Creek Lumber Company in Logan-co., constituting the entire lumber and timber operations of Cole & Crane, of Cincinnati, on Island creek. The property involved is said to represent more than a half million dollars. It includes a large band mill and planing mill and 51 houses at Omar and 28,000 acres of timber land, with stumpage sufficient to keep the mills in operation for 10 years.

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## FLOYD COUNTY'S RECORD FOR WEEK.

### News From Prestonsburg and the Surrounding Country.

**Hobo Jumped Forty Feet From Bridge.**  
Last week a hobo by name of Don Stephens from Ohio was riding on a local freight and as the train was crossing the bridge at West Prestonsburg he thought he heard some one yell to him to jump and as he did so, falling about forty feet, striking on a rock. He was not fatally but seriously injured. He was taken to Beaver, where some of his people are now located.

**Mountain View Hospital Completed.**  
Walker and Ed Stumbo recently completed a hospital at the Forks of Beaver. These young men have been very successful in the surgical line as well as in the practice of medicine. This new hospital will be a great help, especially to the people of the upper valley. It is located at what will be the junction, if the proposed R. and O. goes up left Beaver.

**Star Drug Co. Has Installed New Fountain.**  
The Star Drug Co. has installed their new electric soda fountain. It has all modern equipments and is one of the prettiest fountains in the valley.

**Taken To C. & O. Hospital.**  
Virgil Bailey, a railroad man and a brother to Mrs. Cecil Oppenheimer of this city was taken to the C. & O. hospital at Huntington last Saturday night on a special train to be treated for typhoid fever.

**Jno. Richmond at Point of Death at Big Stone Gap.**  
Mr. Isaac Richmond received a telegram Tuesday evening that his brother, Jno. Richmond was at the point of death at Big Stone Gap, Va. He and another brother Cass Richmond left Wednesday morning for his home.

**J. M. Weddington Resigns as Cashier.**  
Mr. J. M. Weddington, who has for a number of years served the people faithfully as cashier of the First National Bank, resigned his position as same and will go to one of the Western States for his health. We regret very much to lose Mr. Weddington not only as cashier, but as a citizen of our town. He is succeeded as cashier by Mr. Jo Stanley, one of Floyd county's best business young men.

**Ladies Aid Meets With Mrs. Jo Harkins.**  
Mrs. Jo Harkins was the gracious hostess to the Ladies Aid Society Wednesday afternoon. More members were present than had been for several weeks and the meeting was of unusual interest. After much work had been accomplished a dainty salad course was served.

**Miss Mayo Entertains.**  
Miss Merian Mayo entertained the members of the Young Ladies Guild Society Wednesday afternoon at her home on Court-st. The afternoon was spent in sewing and at the conclusion a lovely salad course was served to the guests.

**Chas. Oppenheimer returned Tuesday** from Huntington, W. Va., where he had been to buy goods for the firm of Chas. Oppenheimer & Son.

Hon. W. S. Harkins and daughter Josephine returned Wednesday from an extended visit to Mrs. G. L. Howard at Maysville. Miss Harkins also stopped in Cincinnati.

Atty. B. F. Combs returned Tuesday from a business visit to Cincinnati and Louisville.

M. C. Kirk and Geo. Copeland, two prominent business men of Paintsville were here Wednesday.

W. D. Blair made a business trip to Wayne Court House, W. Va., first of the week.

Mrs. Jo Harkins leaves Sunday for several days visit to Maysville and Cincinnati.

Clyde Burchett spent Sunday in Catlettsburg the guest of friends.

Ben Preston telegraph operator at Auxier was guest of friends here over Sunday.

R. E. Stanley shipped three car loads of nogs to the Cincinnati market Wednesday.

Mrs. Miranda Marrs spent last week in Cincinnati buying millinery.

J. M. Hawkins of the Mercherson-Hawkins Tie Co., was here Monday on business.

Mrs. Belle Gardner had on display Wednesday a beautiful line of millinery.

Miss Grace Layne spent the weekend with home folks. She returned to Pikeville Sunday night.

Mrs. Jo Davidson was the week-end guest of Mrs. Garland Rice at Paintsville.

The Pikeville basket ball team will play the P. B. I. team here Saturday.

Atty. S. C. Ferguson was a business visitor in Paintsville Wednesday.

## ULYSSES.

A small boy, about 7 years old, son of W. M. Griffith and wife, of Lowmanville, died today. He had been sick for a few days but was thought to be better when a sudden change came. A physician was called but child died before he arrived.

On last Saturday near the noon hour uncle John Webb, while sitting in a chair at the postoffice reading a newspaper, was suddenly stricken with cerebral hemorrhage and became unconscious. A physician was summoned but nothing could be done and he died about 10 p. m., Saturday night without regaining consciousness. He was buried Monday in the John Webb graveyard overlooking his home. He is survived by a widow and several children, some of them small. He is the father of Issadore Webb, deceased was 63 years old and a good citizen, husband and father.

Aunt Martha Sansom, who is nearing her 80th milestone, has been seriously ill of gripe for about three weeks, but she is thought to be somewhat improved at this time.

Robert Williamson and wife are pleased at the arrival of a new girl baby at their home. Its name is Alfa.

Your scribe has just returned from a pleasant visit to Louisa relatives. Sorry the circumstances would permit me to spend only Saturday and Sunday in the pretty little city of Louisa, which has grown much in improvements and population in the last two or three years.

**FORT GAY.**  
The county court is visiting Fort Gay today, relative to taking over the bridge between Louisa, Ky., and Fort Gay.

Attorney Henry Hensley will go to Wayne Saturday on legal business.

Farmers are getting busy in this vicinity. Lots of potatoes have been planted within the last few days.

P. J. Wellman, candidate for assessor on the Republican ticket, was in town a few days ago.

C. M. Porter, city recorder, has been quite ill for the past week, but is better at the present time.

James Heynolds was at Wayne Wednesday and Thursday on business.

N. H. Grizzle of Greenbrier was in town Tuesday.

There is nothing lying around loose about Fort Gay, as the wind storm Wednesday attended to that.

Miss Ollie Hensley of Curedo visited her brother in Fort Gay this week.

Carl Fraisher has purchased a new piano.

J. J. Gibboney, signal maintainer, who has been stationed in Fort Gay several months, will leave in a few days for Petersburg, Va.

**HENRIETTA.**  
James Preston, George Brown and Charley George, all of this community, are attending school at Louisa.

Miss Mattie George is at this time visiting her sister, Mrs. L. T. Davies, at Portsmouth, O.

Frank Proctor, Jr., and his wife, who spent the major part of the winter in Louisa, have returned home.

There seems to be a reviving interest in the Sunday school at Borders chapel. It is hoped this interest will continue to be manifested throughout the spring and summer months.

Edgar Brown was a business caller at J. F. Brown's store last Monday afternoon.

Misses Mary George and Elizabeth Williams were guests of Miss Beulah Brown Sunday last.

Mrs. Martha Sampson and Joe Borders, Sr., are on the sick list. It is feared that Mrs. Sampson has pneumonia.

Edgar Brown sold a fine yoke of cattle last week. Price is good.

Emitt Preston, who has been absent from home for several months is now at home.

Preparations for farming in this vicinity have been largely commenced. It appears that the soil will be greatly disturbed.

It is said that old aunt Sis Moore will move from our creek.

We are sorry to hear of the sudden death of uncle John Webb of Georges creek.

Frank Miller has returned home from West Virginia where he has been doing some carpenter work.

T. P. Wagner brought in a nice drove of hogs a few days ago that he bought up the river.

Ora Blackburn and wife were visiting Levi Miller Sunday.

Several of the people of our creek are keeping their dogs tied on account of the excitement caused by mad dogs a few days ago.

Bessie Mead has returned to Ohio after a three weeks stay with her parents.

Several of the boys are finding work with Mr. Triplett, who bought the boudery of timber on the Garred Branch just below here.

Aunt Lucinda Johnson, now in her eighty-third year, is about in her usual health.

Margey and Liza Miller, Erma and Gertie Hinkle were visiting Bessie Mead last week.

Levi P. Miller has sent and got a sack of fertilizer that he says he will put in the eye of his potatoes and improve them.

John Reynolds was the guest of A. H. Miller one day last week.

Our people are planning to build a church. It is very much needed as we have no place to hold meeting.

ONLY ONE.  
There was church at Big Laurel last Sunday.

A terrible hail storm visited this section last Monday and did considerable damage.

Miss Sula Ellen and Fanny Branham visited their cousin, Nannie Ratcliff last Saturday night and Sunday.

Master Clifford Branham is very ill at this writing.

Edward Branham and U. S. Waller attended church at Myrtle last Sunday.

Lace Branham made a business trip to Louisa last Saturday.

J. W. Hall and wife attended church at Donthan last Sunday.

U. S. Waller, Josie Lambert and Myrtle Fields were out horse back riding last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Maynard visited at Big Laurel last Sunday.

Jess Hall was fishing last Monday. Edward Branham made a business trip to Louisa last Friday.

Aunt Dicy Wallace is very ill at the home of Eugene Wallace.

There has been a considerable lot of timber going out of Rockcastle during this time.

Dan Ratcliff and U. S. Branham are still buying cattle.

Sam Branham and family visited his mother, Mrs. Ellen Branham, last Sunday.

Edward Branham and U. S. Waller are planning a trip to Huntington soon.

Mrs. Lace Branham and daughter and T. B. Branham were visiting Mrs. Ellen Branham Sunday.

Erma Shannon was shopping in Spunkey last Monday.

Taylor Branham was visiting his brother, Mart Branham last week.

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