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MILLARD MEEK IS SHOT TO DEATH

MERCHANT AT WHITEHOUSE KILLED MONDAY AND TWO OTHER MEN WOUNDED.

At Whitehouse, twenty-two miles south of Louisville, last Monday afternoon, five men were shot. Millard Meek was killed and Con Cheek and Ed Price badly wounded. Garfield Meek was shot in the arm and Wirt Shaggs in the leg.

Shada Cantrell is charged with killing Meek. He was acting as a peace officer under Cheek, a deputy sheriff. Ed Price and Ed Ward also were serving as officers. There was a circus at Whitehouse that afternoon and a large crowd present. It is said Garfield Meek was drunk and the officers attempted to arrest him just outside the circus tent. Millard Meek drew a pistol and interfered when he thought his brother was in danger of being shot. It is said, and Cantrell then shot him. The ball entered his mouth and crashed through the base of his brain.

The shots then came in rapid succession, and five men were victims. Three of the injured men were taken on the first train to Fairview for medical treatment, after receiving first aid at the hands of Dr. Castle.

Millard Meek was a prosperous merchant at Whitehouse, a good citizen, and a member of the Masonic fraternity. He leaves a wife and eight children.

Thus, moonshine liquor has scored another of its awful victories.

Later—A late report says the trouble started between Garfield Meek and the officers and when the shooting started Millard and others ran out of the circus to see what the trouble was. Seeing his brother involved with Cheek, Millard drew an automatic revolver and tried to shoot Cheek in the back of the head. The weapon failed to discharge. He threw it away and grabbed a pistol from some one else and fired twice, it is said. Cheek returned the fire, hitting Millard in the chest and in the mouth. According to this report Cantrell did not shoot Millard. Garfield was shot three or four times, but not dangerously wounded. He has been in trouble often before, according to reports.

Townsend Road Bill Favorably Reported in U. S. Senate

Washington, June 15.—Favorable report was ordered by the Senate post-office and post roads committee today on the Townsend bill to create a Federal highway commission and to establish an interstate system of public roads.

Three Democratic members of the committee voted against the bill and will file a minority report, probably recommending that no change be made in the present law.

The annual appropriation of \$100,000,000 to aid the states in building roads would be continued with the specification that the sums allocated to the states must be expended on interstate roads.

This provision granting the commission final authority in the selection of interstate road routes was retained despite strong opposition from Democratic committee members who asserted it to be an usurpation of the state rights. Democratic members, however, won a partial victory in gaining insertion of a clause directing the Federal Commission to act "in co-operation with the states."

States taking advantage of the Federal aid provided in the bill are required to match Federal funds.

BLAINE

The dry weather is very injurious to the oat and potato crops and farmers would be very glad to see a good rain now.

Miss Blanche and Paul Osborn and Carl Gambill have returned home from Berea. Miss Blanche was graduated in high school.

Miss Mary Evans of Louisa, spent the week-end with her aunt, Mrs. C. F. Osborn.

Luther Hewlett is very sick at this writing.

Herbert Hewlett was the guest of Willie Kouns Saturday night.

Mrs. O. N. Wellman spent Monday with her sister, Mrs. J. L. Hewlett.

C. R. Holbrook was calling on the merchants Tuesday, displaying a very nice line of fall shoes.

J. W. Young was a visitor among some of the boys of this town Monday evening.

Jack McKinnon, our blacksmith, made a business trip to Salyersville the first of the week.

Cam Smith of Webbville was in our town Tuesday. X. Y. Z.

TWO KILLED IN FIGHT IN MINGO.

Two men were killed and one wounded in a fight at Lick creek, near Williamson, W. Va., Tuesday. The shooting came as the result of an attempt by State police to arrest men in the miners' tent colony who were suspected of having fired upon an automobile party.

JOHN MAYO ORGANIZES OIL INDUSTRY AT ASHLAND

A new industry has located in Ashland. It is the Mayo Oil Service Company, composed of the following men: John C. Mayo, president; Ralph J. Morgan, secretary; R. C. Finkbeiner, in charge of the traffic department; Francis L. Adams, supervisor of the engineering and construction work, and John C. Mayo, P. H. Gillman, Ralph J. Morgan, Mrs. E. P. Fetter, John E. Buckingham, John W. Paton and J. W. M. Stewart, directors. The company plans to erect a large oil refinery and the manufacture and market of gasoline, kerosene, lubricating oils, cup greases, soaps and other products.

The plant will be located at Eleventh and Front streets. General offices are now located at 116 West Bath avenue. The company will operate a fleet of tank trucks throughout the tri-state region. They will also operate their own tank cars bringing the oil from the eastern Kentucky fields.

The company also intends to construct pipe lines from that section.

ROBERT LESLIE GRADUATED IN DENTAL SURGERY

Among students in the University of Louisville who obtained the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery Thursday of last week was Robert Gladstone Leslie of Greenup. He is the son of Dr. M. S. Leslie, deceased, and Mrs. Florence Leslie, who lives in Greenup. He has not yet decided where he will locate.

He passed the examination held last Saturday by the State Board of Dental examiners at Louisville and has received license to practice in Kentucky.

ROBISON TO PILOT NEW ROAD DRAFT

COMPROMISE BILL IN CONGRESS FOR FEDERAL AID ON ROADS.

Washington, June 11.—Compromise legislation, which its advocates fear represents the position of the Administration on Federal aid in road construction, was reported from the Committee on Roads today by Representative J. M. Robison, Eleventh Kentucky District, who, by vote of all majority members of the committee but one was named to pilot the legislation.

The bill provides an appropriation of \$100,000,000 annually for the next two fiscal years to be used in the extension of Federal aid to the States. If this appropriation is made, it is estimated by officials of the Bureau of Public Roads that \$2,000,000 additional will be available to Kentucky during each of the next two fiscal years.

Its adoption would mean the discarding of the Townsend, the Dowell and the Phipps bills over which there has been much controversy by different interests, some asking for transcontinental roads and others for short but connected market roads for farmers.

The compromise measure, to be known as the Phipps-Robison bill, is said to combine the acceptable features of each of these measures. Some of the principal provisions contained in the bill are:

First—That the burden of road maintenance shall rest on the individual States.

Second—That States, and not counties, shall be the units with which the Government will deal in the extension of Federal aid.

Third—That the time in which States may accept the Federal aid funds now available shall be extended for one year.

Fourth—That of the \$100,000,000 to be appropriated annually for the next two fiscal years, three-sevenths is to be expended for interstate lines as part of transcontinental roads, and four-sevenths for intrastate roads.

The last provision is regarded as a compromise on the previous proposals in the Senate and the House.

The Townsend bill, favored by advocates of transcontinental roads, provides that control of the Federal aid funds be delegated to a new commission but the indications now are that this bill will be blocked.

Mr. Robison said that the compromise legislation which he reported today has the approval of President Harding, Hugh C. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, and of highway commissions of a majority of the States.

Work Resumed on New Christian Church Building

The work of laying brick for the new Christian church was begun Wednesday morning of this week. It is expected that work will go along steadily now.

At four o'clock on Friday, June 17, the corner stone will be laid. D. W. Scott, pastor of the Christian church of Ashland, will make the address and members of the Apperson Lodge of the Masonic fraternity will lay the corner stone. Rev. A. J. Joyce, pastor of the Louisa church, and Rev. J. H. Stambaugh will take part in the program.

George R. Lewis, Master of Apperson Lodge, received his commission on Thursday morning to act as Grand Master on this occasion.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Garred announced the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Oulida, to Robert L. Devesa. The wedding will take place June 22 at the home of the bride's parents near Louisa.

CANDIDATE FOR MAGISTRATE

In announcing his candidacy for Magistrate Add Skeons states that he stands for good roads first and is much interested in advancing the cause of education; and in fact, if elected he will always stand ready to aid any good cause, will to the utmost of his ability strive to make an efficient officer, and be earnestly solicited the support of all Democrats in the coming primary election August 6, 1921. (Advertisement)

CARD FROM T. L. WRIGHT.

To the citizens of Lawrence county, Kentucky:—I am informed that it is being circulated that I have been a resident of the county for only six months. I wish to call your attention to the fact that I have lived in Lawrence county, Ky., three different times, the first being at Richardson, Lawrence county, Ky., for six years and in Louisa, Ky., for three years. I have been living in Lawrence county, Ky., this time for four years. Lawrence county, Ky., has been my place for transacting business for twenty-four years, practically my home for that period of time. My interest is all in Lawrence county, Ky., and my efforts are to make it a better and happier place to live in. I shall appreciate any assistance that the people may give to me in the race for nomination for Jailor of Lawrence county.

Very truly yours,
THOMAS LEE WRIGHT.
(advertisement)

Nash & Cain Praised For Record on Road Work

The following complimentary notice from the Danville, W. Va., Progress refers to a contracting firm of which J. M. Cain, of Louisa, is junior member. His friends will read the article with interest:

"Work on the new Madison to Foster road, on the main highway between Logan and Charleston, has been temporarily suspended by the county authorities by reason of lack of available funds with which to carry on this work. The contracting firm of Nash & Cain, who have the contract for this five miles of road, justly deserve the praise of all the people of this section for the admirable way in which they have handled this work and the consensus of opinion of the engineers on the work, the county court and the people in general all over the county, is that this is one of the very best dirt roads in the whole State. We sincerely hope the county court will soon have funds to meet these contractors' estimates and that work will be resumed on this road in the very near future. Automobile agents, both at Danville and Madison, have certainly thrived in sales because of having this road in our section.

Mr. J. M. Cain of the firm has personal supervision of Nash & Cain's contract here on Little Coal River and Mr. C. A. Nash, also of the firm, is superintending a job for the county at Racine, on Big Coal River. Mr. Paul Turman has, we understand, an interest in the contract here. He is the shovel engineer on the job."

Floyd County Officer Gets Four Years For Killing

Prentonsburg, Ky., June 12.—Deputy Sheriff Ben Harris today was convicted of killing Kendall Moore and was sentenced to four years' imprisonment for manslaughter. The trial lasted a week.

Harris shot Moore with a rifle when he attempted to arrest his victim on a charge of robbing a man. Harris contended that Moore resisted attempts to search him and was walking off with his hands thrust in his shirt as if to draw a weapon when Harris fired. The shooting occurred at Melvin March 13.

A CHILD KILLED BY SMALL BROTHER

A very sad accident occurred a few days ago at Cherokee, this county, when Sam Butler's son, ten years old, accidentally shot and killed his little sister, age two years. The boy got his target rifle and went into the yard to shoot at a hawk. The gun was discharged prematurely and the ball entered the forehead of the child, who was playing in the yard. Death ensued in a short time.

Mr. Butler was in Louisa at the time attending court. He was taken home in an automobile.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Carlos Lambert, 24, of Buchanan, to Mabel Erma Stewart, 21, of Prichard, W. Va.

Jack Chapel, 25, of Camp Murphy, Va., to Cuba Myrtle Mullett, 17, of Louisa.

Willie Leslie Dixon, 24, of Roderfield, W. Va., to Fannie Hampton, 27, of Fort Gay.

Con Rice, Jr., 17, of Cadmus, to Stella Moore, 21, of Potter.

Albert Robertson, 55, of Geneva, W. Va., to Mary Workman, 42, of Fallsburg.

NOTICE.

All members of Apperson Lodge No. 195, F. & A. M., are requested to meet at the hall Friday, June 17, at 2:00 p. m. A full attendance is desired. The lodge will assist in laying the corner-stone of the new Christian Church. G. R. LEWIS, Master.

ANOTHER CUT OF 25 CENTS IN OIL

AGENCIES QUIT BUYING OIL LAST FRIDAY, RIGS SHUTTING DOWN.

Another cut in the price of oil Tuesday brings it down to \$1.25 for Somerset and \$1.55 for Somerset Light, Pennsylvania is \$2.75.

These are the lowest prices for several years and the industry is hit very hard.

On last Friday orders were sent out for the pipe lines to buy no more oil. This order is said to have been modified somewhat since that, and some oil is being bought.

The Union Shuts Down.

When the cut was made in the price Tuesday the Union ordered its twenty strings of tools in the upper Blaine field shut down. The wells now in process of drilling will be completed.

Other companies will very probably follow suit, except those compelled by their contracts to continue development.

MRS. FLOYD HOLBROOK DIES.

The wife of Floyd Holbrook died last Friday at Garrett, Floyd county. She was a daughter of B. F. Carter, of Twin Branch, this county, and the body was brought to Louisa Saturday. The Snyder undertaking establishment took the body and the family to the Carter home where the burial occurred Monday. The husband and three small children survive.

Mexico's Oil Wells Said to be Declining Rapidly

Washington, June 14.—Responding to a request by resolution for a report dealing especially with declining production and its causes, Mr. Hughes transmitted a letter from secretary Fall declaring that interior department information was not of the authoritative nature requisite to the formulation of a report to congress to the public on a question so critical as that of the prospective output of oil in Mexico.

Although the state department was unable to inform the house regarding the number of wells which had gone dry, Rear Admiral Benson, as chairman of the shipping board, forwarded a report by J. A. Phelan, a board expert, declaring that in the forty square mile producing area, 62 of the 104 wells had ceased to produce and that salt water was rapidly filling those now in operation. Mr. Phelan stated that "not a new oil structure" had been discovered in Mexico since 1916, "and the proven territory is in fact going into salt water."

Oil Wells Drained.

"It is generally reported that some of the important fields that swelled Mexico's output in 1920," Secretary Fall wrote, "are being rapidly drained of their oil, although reports differ widely regarding the extent of the depletion. Mexico contains oil reserves that have been conservatively estimated by this department at 4,500,000,000 barrels, but the present issue relates to Mexico's ability to maintain her production from this reserve at the rate established in 1920 in response to market demand."

Mr. Phelan reported that "the most serious factor in the Mexican situation is that British-owned companies, the largest producers and sellers, control some of the best developed territory, and that they were 'corresponding to the Mexican political demands to the detriment of Americans.'"

"That the proven oil fields of Mexico within a reasonable period is certain to go into salt water is a demonstrated fact," he added, "and this may come sooner than expected."

Referring to the decline in price of Mexican crude petroleum at United Kingdom ports, Mr. Phelan said oil was being offered in the fields at 25 cent a barrel and that this was due to the activity of competing companies to drain the proven fields.

"New strikes are being inserted into the pool which only contain a certain amount of oil," he said, "and the day of total depletion may come at any minute."

GRIFFITH CREEK

Uncle Flary Sammons is on the sick list this week.

Willie (Bunk) Craig has bought a new car.

Little Pauline Beck has about recovered from pneumonia.

Morton Adams of Adams was a Sunday visitor here.

James Canterbury and Ben Cook spent Sunday at Elotes.

A family reunion will be held at Sam McHenry's home this week where his mother and brothers of Portsmouth, Ohio, Beaver creek, Detroit, and other points will pay him a two days visit.

Robt. Walker, Jr., and John Waller went to Dunlow to work Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Preece were shopping in Louisa Monday.

Bunk Craig and Wayne Sammons motored to Yatesville and spent the day Sunday.

McClellan Sammons has ordered a new car.

A revival is being conducted at Cherryville by Rev. York and others. Rev. M. A. Hay preached Monday evening. Much interest is being shown. The dry weather has cut early potatoes a bit. Frequent and shallow irrigation will help corn to hold out for some time yet against drought.

FREIGHT RATES ON ROAD MATERIAL REDUCED

Frankfort, June 13.—A cut of about 25 per cent in the rates on road material has been announced by the Louisville & Nashville, following a conference of Chairman H. Green Garrett, of the State Highway Commission, and Highway Engineer Joe S. Boggs, with A. H. Smith, Third Vice President. Mr. Boggs figures a saving to the State of about \$50,000 annually.

Cities and counties may take advantage of the reduction and it is retroactive to January 1, 1921.

BOY DROWNED AT CEREDO.

After a three-hour search companions of Ulysses, the 8 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Noe of South Ceredo, found the body of the boy after he was drowned in Twelvepole creek a short distance from his home.

The lad, in company with playmates, was playing in the creek near the old log boom, where the floor of the creek is known to be treacherous. He was missed at about 5:30 in the afternoon, and a search begun.

Funeral arrangements will not be announced until the arrival of the lad's father, who is an employee of the Malloy Coal Company, Millery, W. Va. The lad is one of a family of six children.

HAS APPENDICITIS.

D. J. Thompson, a good citizen living at Jattie, this county, was taken to Huntington this week, suffering from appendicitis. It was thought an operation would be necessary.

MARTIN COUNTY TO THE FRONT

BOND ISSUE VOTED FOR ROADS BY VERY LARGE MAJORITY.

Martin county voted a \$150,000.00 bond issue last Saturday. The money is to be used for building good roads.

Good for Martin county! She has stepped right up alongside all the other Big Sandy counties in the march of progress. And with rich natural resources she will be able to keep pace with her neighbors. This step marks the most important movement ever inaugurated by the citizens of that county.

The bond proposition received the endorsement of 75 per cent of the voters, which shows that road building is backed by the people. We congratulate them all.

Magoffin Also Awakens.

And now comes the good news of Magoffin county's vote on a bond issue for good roads. The amount is \$125,000 and the vote is favorable by 2302 to 792.

Magoffin is rich in oil and must have roads.

Another Outbreak in Mingo; Three Men Shot

Williamson, W. Va., June 14.—One man was killed, two seriously wounded and 47 residents of the Lick creek colony of idle miners near Williamson, are held in the county jail as the result of the fight late today at Lick creek between authorities and the colonists, according to state police headquarters.

Alex Bredlove, said to have lived at the colony, is dead, while State Trooper James A. Bowles was wounded in the shoulder and Martin Justice, in charge of the colony, received wounds in the cheek and leg. Justice was brought in tonight by citizen state police.

The fight started after Major Tom Davis, commanding Mingo county under the proclamation of martial law, had returned to Lick creek with reinforcements of citizen state troopers to arrest about two score of the idle miners, after his forces under Sheriff Pinson and Captain J. H. Brockus of the state police had been fired on in the vicinity earlier in the day.

Major Davis divided his forces in approaching Lick creek and Trooper Bowles in charge of a party of citizen state police, encountered several men near the colony. Orders from Bowles to throw up their hands brought shots, it was said, resulting in Bredlove's death by the state police and in the wounding of Bowles.

Major Davis said last night that he would go to Lick creek today to make arrests in connection with the shooting there yesterday where a motor party was fired on. His forces were routed early today, the reports stated, and he returned to Williamson to call on the citizen state police. Reinforced, he succeeded in reaching Lick creek and taking into custody about forty men.

ONE KILLED, 5 INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENTS

One person was killed and five injured in automobile accidents in Cabell county Sunday.

The dead—Mrs. W. C. Robertson, Charleston, W. Va.

The injured—J. F. Huffman, Charleston, W. Va.; Ernest C. Pledger, Huntington, W. Va.; J. W. Cox, Russell, Ky.; Dr. Wright, Russell, Ky.; Carl A. Gehbart, Union Ridge.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Ruby E. and Lloyd E. children of W. C. Smith of Charleston, W. Va., were burned to death this morning when the Smith home was destroyed by fire.

DEATH OF BURNS FINNEY OCCURS AT BURNAUGH

Burns Finney died at 7:15 Tuesday evening of this week of typhoid fever. His condition was good until he developed heavy hemorrhages of the bowels on Monday evening which proved such a shock to his system just as the fever was abating that his heart could not withstand the attack. He was a prominent young farmer of Boyd county near Burnaugh station. He was 27 years of age and a grandson of the late well known Mac Finney and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Finney of Catlettsburg. He was married in 1916 to Miss Pearl D. Coaption of Buchanan, and a former Lawrence county teacher, and leaves the following children: Harold, age 4, Edward, 2, and Ruth-Frances, 3 months.

The funeral in charge of Kilgore & Collier was held at Kavanagh chapel Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock.

Much sympathy is felt for the young wife in her bereavement and for the Finney family who are among the best citizens of that section.

Lawrence Circuit Court Still Grinding Away

The grand jury returned 125 true bills, including 142 persons.

This court is "pleen" on liquor cases. Shorty Dial was fined \$200 and given 90 days in jail for transporting liquor into the county. He has appealed the case. \$60 and 25 days in jail for giving another a drink of liquor was established earlier in the court as the price.

G. J. Carter won his case against John Spangolis and other Italians, involving a purchase of oil lands on Two Mile.

The Union Gas & Oil Company won the fight for oil lease on two acres of land belonging to James Skaggs. The Ohio Fuel Company had taken a lease on it, contending that it was not included in the boundary covered by the Union lease.

The case of Nibert Damon was continued until next court.

Frank Bradley was acquitted of the charge of perjury.

OLIVE HILL MAN KILLED IN LOGAN, W. VA.

Willis Hall, 28 years old, was shot and killed; Hird Heger, one of his pals, was wounded, and William Williams is being searched for in the Logan hills as the sequel to a raid on an alleged moonshiner's nest in an abandoned coal mine near Sharples, on Spruce fork of Coal River.

COLLINS NEW DRY CHIEF.

Sam Collins, Whitesburg, has been appointed as director of Federal Prohibition for the State of Kentucky, succeeding Paul M. Williams, with headquarters at Lexington.

Huntington Postmaster Resigns.

J. H. Long has resigned as postmaster at Huntington, effective June 30.

YATESVILLE

The ice cream supper at this place was quite a success.

Rev. W. O. Besty of Louisville is holding a revival at this place which is being largely attended.

Miss Frankie Holbrook spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Denver Holbrook.

Miss Onena Austin of Potter spent Sunday here with her cousin, Miss Gypsy Blankenship.

Misses Nava and Bear Casey visited Miss Grace Crank Saturday.

Miss Rosa Bradley was visiting her sister, Mrs. Denver Holbrook, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Blankenship were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Rupp Saturday.

We are having a fine Sunday school at this place now.

Rev. Kincaid will preach here Sunday morning and Sunday night. BLOSSOMS.

MARTIAL LAW IN MINGO IS ENDED

Charleston, June 14.—Scores of prisoners in the jails of Mingo and McDowell county must be released as the effect of a decision rendered today by the supreme court of appeals in which it is held that martial law cannot be enforced by state troops.

"Martial law," said the opinion, rendered verbally by Judge Poffenbarger, "is an incident to military occupation and cannot be enforced except by military forces."

In a dissenting opinion Judge W. N. Miller held that the governor may use his power to enforce the law, adding that it had not been denied that a state of war existed in Mingo county.

West Virginia has no national guard and Governor Morgan's proclamation of martial law has been enforced by state police and by Major Tom Davis, acting adjutant-general, who was sent to Mingo as the governor's personal representative.

J. W. YOUNG FOR SHERIFF.

Webbville, Ky., June 11.—The people in this part of the county were pleased to see the announcement of Jim Walter Young for Sheriff. He has a great many friends in both parties. The county could not get a better man for this important office. He has had experience, he is honest, and he is a solid business man. Elect him and he will do his duty in every way and the county will be proud of him. (Advertisement) A VOTER.