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## SID HATFIELD AND ED CHAMBERS SHOT TO DEATH AT WELCH

### Prominent Figures in Outlawry of Mingo County Killed by Felts Detectives.

Sid Hatfield, age 26 leader in the mine war at Matewan, W. Va., and Ed Chambers, his pal, were killed at Welch, McDowell-co., W. Va. last Monday morning.

C. E. Lively, George Pennoe and Wm. Salter are held under \$10,000 bonds, charged with the killing. They are all Baldwin-Felts detectives. Salter is a son of Harvey Salter of Lawrence-co., Ky., and has been in the service of this detective agency nine years. He was formerly a deputy sheriff of this county.

Hatfield, Chambers and 17 others from Mingo were taken to Welch on a charge of shooting up the town of Mingo. The two men were starting up the steps of the court house when the shooting began. The following account from the Williamson News appears to be about the best yet published.

Hatfield and Chambers, accompanied by their wives, had started up the steps leading from the street to the court house entrance. The two men were in the center of this group of four, their wives being at the ends. Behind them, and near the first step from the street, were from six to twelve of their friends from Matewan and vicinity. At the top of the staircase stood C. E. Lively and several other men.

Just what significant motions of hands and of lips, what glances of hate, may have preceded the shooting will never be learned fully and accurately. Pistols were brought into play like a flash. Reports indicated that Lively's brace of guns were the first in the fray. He had one in either hand and fired both pistols in rapid succession. Hatfield drew at least one of his pistols, possibly both. It is believed that he shot one of them five times before he fell dead riddled with bullets. Chambers went down about the same time. Although as many as 19 shots are supposed to have been fired, it was all over in 10 seconds.

Mrs. Sid Hatfield is said to have thrown up both hands as soon as the shooting started and asked that her life be spared. Mrs. Ed Chambers, it is declared, stood motionless. When the firing ceased, she walked hurriedly up the steps, carrying a parasol. She stopped in front of Lively, who had not moved one step since the gun battle started, looked him squarely in the eyes and said, "You" (using an epithet) "have murdered my husband." Lively, who had reloaded his pistols or was reloading them, returned her gaze and coolly remarked, in substance, "I beat him on the draw and shot him."

After Lively reloaded his pistols, he placed one in his pocket and kept the other in his hand ready for action, and stood motionless and silent, except for his remark to Mrs. Chambers. Near him were several men, most of whom, it is said, had pistols in plain view.

At the bottom of the steps were the friends of Hatfield and Chambers. They had crouched down when the shooting began. Some of them, it is said, drew guns but did no shooting. State police and other officers soon reached the scene and aided in preventing a renewal of hostilities.

It is believed that someone besides Lively and Hatfield took part in the battle. Friends of Chambers declare he was unarmed while others say a pistol dropped out of his pocket when he fell with eight bullet wounds in his head and body.

Word comes from Welch that out of 18 or perhaps 19 shots fired at Hatfield and Chambers, 18 took effect. Moreover, nearly everyone of the 18 inflicted a wound that would have probably proved fatal. Stranger still, according to a message from the scene of the trouble, the wounds of the two men were very much alike. Each, it is asserted, was shot twice in the head and above the eyes, once in the neck, and the other bullets took effect in the breast.

A Smith & Wesson "Squeezer" with a 2-inch barrel, was found on or near Hatfield. It is believed that he fired five times. Five bullet marks were found in the wall of the building just behind where Lively was standing. All had gone over his head, by a narrow margin, evidently.

Sid Hatfield married Mayor Testerman's wife two weeks after he was killed in the Matewan tragedy in May, 1920. Eight Baldwin-Felts men were killed at that time, also, one of them being a Felts.

**Burial of Emory Dean.**  
The body of Private Emory Dean, who was killed in action in France May 28, 1918, arrived at Fort Gay, W. Va., and the burial took place a few days ago. He was a member of Company F, 24th Infantry. The burial was in Greenbrier cemetery. He was a brother of Mrs. A. N. Osborn, of Fort Gay.

**New Postmaster in Charge.**  
Ira W. See took charge of the Louisa postoffice last Monday under the appointment of Acting Postmaster made recently. Fred Dixon is assisting the new office force. Mr. See's assistants are his wife and sister, Miss Garnett.

## Longer School Terms in Rural Districts Urged

Frankfort, Ky.—Longer terms than six months should be provided for rural children, says Dr. George Colvin, state superintendent of public instruction, in a communication addressed to all county school superintendents.

"I believe that the rural child is entitled to the same length of term as is provided for city children," he says. "We must see to it that every school in Kentucky is actually taught for at least six months. Attendance at institute will not count as time taught. We must constantly emphasize the fact that schools exist for the children, and for the children alone. No salary should be paid to any teacher in Kentucky for any month unless the records show that the teacher has actually taught twenty days as required by law."

## Sunday School Convention at Olivette, August 7th

Next Sunday is the date for the Sunday School Convention to be held at Olivette in the district composed of East Fork, Dry Fork and Catt. As the president of that district I want you to do our best. Our schools are in good working order and I earnestly request that each Sunday school be represented.

Superintendents, be sure to come. Secretaries, be there with your reports. We want to know the number of pupils enrolled in the district, number of teachers and the influence the school is having in the community and in the church. Let each school send some one who will say something for the school. V. B. SHORTRIDGE, President.

## Car Turned Over.

Sheriffs Wm. Taylor and J. H. Woods had narrow escape in an automobile accident Thursday at Wm. Ekers, seven miles from Louisa. The car skidded and turned over, but they escaped without injury. The car was considerably damaged.

## AUNT POLLY VINSON CLAIMED BY DEATH

**Widely Known Woman Succumbs Early Sunday at Home Near Huntington.**

Out of a quiet sleep such as which she had prayed might attend her dying hours, Mrs. Mary Damon Vinson, widow of S. S. Vinson, and known throughout half a dozen counties in West Virginia and Kentucky as "Aunt Polly," passed into eternity early Sunday morning, aged 85 years, six months and 25 days old.

Surrounding her bedside in the closing hours were her daughters, Mrs. James A. Hughes and Mrs. Donald Clark, her sons, Z. Taylor Vinson and Dr. Lindsey T. Vinson, and their sons and daughter.

Mrs. Vinson was born near the present site of Dunlow, in Wayne county, January 5, 1836. Her father, Squire Samuel Damon, who came to Wayne county from beyond the mountains, being in truth a pioneer, lived to the age of 94.

She was married to Samuel Sperry Vinson on September 21, 1854. Mr. Vinson who died seventeen years ago, was prominent in business and politics and a leader in community life.

The Vinsons lived in Wayne county until the outbreak of the war between the states. Then Mr. Vinson enlisted in the Confederate army to follow the fortunes of the South until he laid down his arms with Lee. Mrs. Vinson remained in Wayne during the war period, but on her husband's return they went together to live on Vinson creek in Lawrence county, Ky., and later at Louisa.

After a few years they returned to West Virginia and took up their residence on the present site of Camden Park. A quarter of a century ago they moved into the present Vinson home, itself a picturesque and stately reminder of the days before the civil war.

Mrs. Vinson and her husband were baptized together into the Christian church, more than half a century ago. From that time forth she was an earnest church worker, known far and wide for her zeal and devotion. To the ministry her home was ever open and many of the stalwarts who carried the gospel to the mountains found food and shelter there.

Nor was her hospitality limited to the clergy, for it was a rule of her life that none entered her portals to leave it unrefreshed by food and drink. And she continued to adhere to this rule to the end, though the changing of times and seasons made such hospitality unusual.

She leaves one brother, M. D. Damon, of Huntington, and two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Bromley, of St. Louis, and Mrs. Winfield Vinson of near Louisa, Ky.

## Buffet Car on Big Sandy.

The C. & O. has attached a dining car to trains 88 and 89. The service started Monday. It is said the patronage so far has been satisfactory. The transfer on account of the wreck Wednesday detained the car on the upper end of the road until Thursday. It will be out on the regular run Friday.

## Waitress, Murder Suspect, Is Freed

Pikeville, Ky., July 30.—Miss Marie Fagan, waitress at a restaurant here, who yesterday was arrested under suspicion that she is Maude Moore, wanted in Knoxville, Tenn., for murder, was released today by order of Judge Vanover on a writ of habeas corpus.

At the hearing it transpired that Sheriff Coleman arrested the woman without any authority other than a copy of reward and that she had been placed in jail without authority.

A telegram from the chief of police at Knoxville, announcing that bondsmen would come here to identify the woman, was received by the sheriff.

Miss Fagan refused to reveal the place of her former home.

Maude Moore, alias Maude Wright, alias Billie Hunter, shot and killed Roy D. Harts, an automobile salesman, September 8, 1919, in Knoxville.

Knoxville, Tenn., July 30.—Officers here are hopeful that one of two women held as suspects will prove to be Maude Moore, a fugitive from justice. Besides the woman arrested at Pikeville, Ky., another was arrested at Charleston, W. Va., yesterday. Both, however, were released on writs of habeas corpus.

## 4 Are Arrested for Slaying Dry Raider

Jackson, Ky., July 30.—Breathitt county authorities have been informed that four of the six men charged with the killing from ambush of Green Watkins, member of a moonshining raiding party, near the border of Breathitt and Knott counties a week ago have been captured.

The men are L. C. Clemons, Bud Combs, Nathan Clemons and a son of L. C. Clemons. They were arrested by deputy sheriffs of Knott county and were placed in the jail at Hindman.

Officers left here for Hindman. It is not known whether the case belongs to this county or Knott county, as it has not been established whether the killing took place in Breathitt or Knott.

## Miss Farley Hit By Auto.

Miss Mildred Farley, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Farley, of Holden and a young lady companion, were painfully, but not seriously hurt at Holden on Sunday when they were the victims of a peculiar auto accident.

A car driven by Joe Simon, a foreigner while attempting to pass between two others on the wide road, swerved against the machine on the edge of the road and forced it over the bank and upon the girls who were walking out to one side. Simon was later arrested and convicted of the charge of driving a car while intoxicated, and was fined \$50 and sentenced to four months in jail.—Logan Democrat.

## Investigate That Old "Town Clique" Fable

The NEWS has been requested several times by people living in the country and also by people residing in Louisa to give some facts about the "town clique" talk that is being circulated in the country by one or more candidates. We will therefore state a few facts for the people to think about and investigate.

Louisa is a country town. 90 per cent of its people are from the country. 92 per cent of its merchants, doctors, lawyers, dentists and teachers are men who have moved in here from the country. Many are leaders and they are nearly all good citizens. So far as forming a "clique" is concerned it is a ridiculous story. There is no reason for such a thing. There is no Board of Trade group. Several efforts of this kind have failed.

Any man who goes out through the country telling that "town clique" story is trying to fool the people and stir up a prejudice that should not exist. It is an insult to the intelligence of the country people. Any man or woman who has been inclined to believe this story is invited to visit the town and investigate for themselves. You all have some friends or acquaintances here who will tell you the truth and show you how you are being imposed upon.

It is time the people were set right on this matter.

## Foot Amputated.

Ceredo, W. Va.—About 12:00 o'clock Friday night fire of an unknown origin completely destroyed the home of Raymond Pardue in South Ceredo. Mr. and Mrs. Pardue tried to make their escape through the door, but were forced back by the flames, and finally managed to get out through the window. The grocery store near by, owned by Ed Harrington caught fire from the Pardue dwelling, and it also was destroyed. When Mr. Harrington discovered it, he fired two shots for an alarm to the neighbors to call the fire department. He set the gun in a corner and Miss Ellen Ward of Iverson, W. Va., who was staying at the Harrington home, was standing in the door. Some one accidentally knocked the gun over, causing it to go off and Miss Ward was shot in the right ankle. She was taken immediately to the Guthrie hospital in Huntington where her foot was amputated Saturday morning. Both houses were destroyed.

## Pike County Man Shot.

James Daniels, age 36, is in a Blue-field hospital suffering from a shot fired from ambush near O'Keefe. His condition is serious.

## LOUISA GRADED AND HIGH SCHOOLS TO OPEN SEPT. 12

### Buildings Being Put into Condition for Use by the Schools.

The new Board of Education for Louisa graded school district, composed of Dr. C. E. Walters, W. H. Adams, W. W. See and A. M. Hughes, is meeting frequently and getting ready for the public school and high school work.

The teachers for this year's common schools were hired by the predecessors of this board.

The date for the opening of this year's term of the Louisa Graded schools and the Louisa High School is September 12. Following are the teachers in the public school: Gus Osborn, Mrs. Nora T. Berry, Miss Maude Smith, Mrs. W. M. Byington and Mrs. E. W. Kirk.

### County and City High School.

The high schools for Lawrence county and for the city of Louisa are to be combined. Two teachers are now being sought through the State Superintendent of Education. The date of opening is September 12 same as the graded schools.

The Masonic Hall, first floor, is to be used for high school. A partition will divide it into two rooms and the necessary equipment will be provided. The Masons generously offered free use of this building for high school and thus solved a serious problem. This group has always stood for education. Immediately after the Civil war this lodge established in that same building the Masonic Academy and brought Dr. G. W. Wrote here to conduct it. Many people afterward prominent, were educated there in the higher branches. Then for 20 years more the building was used for the public school.

The graded school building is being cleaned up, the walls tinted, and needed repairs made.

The board announces that it will keep in close personal touch with the school, direct its policies and look out for sanitation, etc.

## Visited in Tennessee.

Miss Dixie Byington has returned from a visit to relatives at Knoxville and Byington, Tennessee. The following is from a Morristown paper:

Mrs. Stanley McAfee entertained a limited number of friends at her home Second North street West, Saturday evening, complimentary to her house guests Miss Dixie Byington of Louisa, Kentucky, and Mrs. Lella Chitum and Mr. Earl Byington of Knoxville.

Five Hundred and Root were the diversions of the evening, and following the games an elaborate salad and cold course was served on the card table. For this occasion the floral arrangement throughout the reception rooms was of Queen Anne's lace and potted plants.

## NOTICE TO FARMERS

A schedule of farms on which the poultry culling demonstrations for Lawrence county farmers and their wives will be conducted August 12 by County Agent G. C. Baker in co-operation with the Extension Division of the College of Agriculture was announced today by Mr. Baker. The schedule is as follows:

Friday, August 12, 8 o'clock p. m. at L. E. Pigg's farm, Busseyville road; at 10 o'clock a. m. at Dr. Scott Hays farm near Charley; at 1 o'clock p. m. Green Bays farm, Georges creek road; at 3 o'clock p. m. Jeff Balls farm near Mattie; at 5 o'clock p. m. Green Balls farm near Mattie.

Farmers in the vicinity of the various farms will meet there at their own expense. Circulars will also be distributed outlining in detail the difference between the hen that is a heavy producer of eggs and the one that lays from now until spring.

**CORDELL.**  
The farmers of this community were interestingly entertained Tuesday night of this week at a meeting held by County Agent G. C. Baker in which he showed several pictures along with a demonstrated lecture on club work in the county and on soils. The principal points stressed by Mr. Baker were club work, its advantages for the boys and girls, the club work to be held at Burnham August 22-24, and the importance of teaching our boys and girls some practical farming in our public schools; the use and value of feeding tanks to our growing hogs especially with pasture or corn making a balanced ration. Also, the use of more cover crops in the community.

A large crowd attended the meeting and they were moved to much enthusiasm following which we hope to see the farmers lead out and do some of the things talked about at this meeting. We very cordially invite our county agent to return when possible. BLUE EYES.

## 213 Babes Welcomed in Year by Champion Stork

Dr. G. N. Waldeck of West Huntington holds the record for reporting the highest number of births to the clerk of Cabell county court for the year ending July 1.

Dr. Waldeck during the past fiscal year has played the stork for 213 births in Huntington and the majority of the cases reported are of babies born in the west end of the city.

It is but natural to assume that West Huntington holds the record for births during the past year and that race suicide in that section is at a minimum, to say the least.

Commensurate with the number of births Dr. Waldeck reported only eighteen deaths for the entire year. It shows that West Huntington is a fairly healthy place to live in.—Herald Dispatch.

## Junior Club Camp Instructors Wanted.

Lexington, Ky., Aug. 5.—Instructors and the manager for the Junior agricultural club camp which will be held at Burnham August 22-26, for club members in Boyd, Lawrence and Martin counties were announced today by C. W. Buckler, state leader of Junior agricultural club work from the College of Agriculture. J. M. Felner, assistant state leader of club work, will be camp manager, according to the announcement.

Additional instructors were announced as follows:

Four-H development, W. W. Hall of the State Y. M. C. A.; nature study, Pearl Morgan of the College of Agriculture; home club plans, W. M. Fultz; health and first aid, Drs. R. D. Higgins and A. W. Bromley of the State Board of Health, E. M. Prewitt of the College of Agriculture; home economics, J. O. Barkman of the College of Agriculture.

Vesper services which will be held each day during the camp will be in charge of Rev. Powell, Rev. Reems, Rev. Scott and Rev. Miller, according to the announcement. County Agents L. M. Amburgey and G. C. Baker will assist in conducting the camp.

## CATE TOLLIVER KILLED BY FRALEY

### Morehead Man Convicted in Lawrence Circuit Court of Murder.

Morehead, Ky., Aug. 1.—Beside the bodies of his father, Finn Tolliver, and his five brothers, Bud, Jay, Wiley, Lee and Cal, all of whom were shot to death in the Martin-Tolliver feud, that of Tate Tolliver, who died in a Lexington hospital Friday of wounds inflicted in a duel with Alfred Fraley, Town Marshal of Morehead, was buried Sunday.

His mother and a sister, Mrs. Charles Proctor, Morehead, are the last of the Tollivers.

## Big Sandy Girl Wins Honors in Florida

Mr. Phillip S. Fannin of St. Petersburg, Florida, was in Louisa Monday. He moved to Florida seven years ago and he and his family are delighted with their location. His youngest daughter, Miss Gladys, graduated from high school there, taking the honors in a class of 49. She was valedictorian in the graduation exercises. She will finish her education at Randolph-Macon College, Lynchburg, Va. No matter where you take a real Big Sandy boy or girl they carry off the honors. Once more, all together—"Big Sandy Against the World!"

## Camp Meeting at Bethel Camp Grounds

The annual camp meeting at Bethel camp grounds, four miles south of Louisa, will, this year, open on Tuesday, August 16th and continue up to include August 23. The services will be in charge of Rev. W. E. Harrison of Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky.

Mr. Luther Pigg, largely responsible for the building and dedication of the camp grounds to religious worship, wishes it understood that these meetings are interdenominational and that all are invited who wish to enjoy a religious service out in the forests—out in "God's great big out-of-doors."

## City Council.

The city council met in regular session Tuesday night with the following present: Mayor Snyder, Dr. T. D. Burgess, H. E. Evans, G. R. Lewis, W. E. Queen, City Clerk R. L. Vinson, City Attorney R. C. McClure.

The improvement committee was directed to advertise for bids on several parcels of street paving, each parcel to be a separate project, and bids to be taken separately. Also, to contract with G. W. Castle on street intersection on Lock avenue and Perry and Main streets.

A communication from the State Board of Health was read concerning the water supply, and the city clerk was directed to order containers in which to send samples of water to be tested.

The street lights were ordered to be repaired and kept in good condition.

## Marriage Licenses.

Charley Blaggs, 23, to Rosie Estep, 18, of Lowmansville. Dr. T. D. Burgess, H. E. Evans, G. R. Lewis, W. E. Queen, City Clerk R. L. Vinson, City Attorney R. C. McClure.

## Pike Man Quits Race.

Dick Scott, of McVeigh, Pike county, has withdrawn from the race for the Republican nomination for Sheriff of Pike county. He is a brother of A. J. Scott, State Tax Commissioner. This leaves John M. Johnson, K. F. Keathley, and Luther Damon to fight it out.

## State's Coal in 1920 Was Valued at \$159,457,380

Frankfort, Ky., July 29.—Figures of estimate obtained from the Kentucky Geological Survey place the value of the 1920 production of coal in Kentucky at \$159,457,380, which is based on the production of 31,530,442 tons, and that of 1919 only 46,805 tons, less while the 1920 production shows an increase of 7,897,408 tons over the year before.

In the State there were in 1920 thirty of the 120 counties listed as coal producers. Of these, Harlan was the largest producer with a total production of 5,267,433 tons. Pike county was second with a production of 5,090,653 tons. Muhlenberg was the third with a production of 4,220,489 tons and Letcher fourth with a production of 3,423,184 tons. Perry was fifth.

According to Dr. Willard R. Jilison, director and State Geologist, the reason for the large tonnage in South-eastern Kentucky, in Harlan, Pike, Letcher and Perry counties, is to be found in the high quality of the coals produced in these sections.

Coals of this section of the Eastern coal field average high in heat units, low in ash and extremely low in sulphur. Many of the most workable coals of this part of the Eastern coal field are analyzed less than eight-tenths of one per cent sulphur and are therefore extremely desirable for various steaming, domestic and by-product purposes.

In Dr. Jilison's opinion, within the next decade it will be possible, if railroad short lines and spurs can be obtained, to open up vast areas of virgin coal lands now untouched in this section of Kentucky.

## State Examiner Criticizes Pike County Officials

Frankfort, Ky., July 27.—A total of \$3,969.49 was collected from Pike county officials by Henry E. James, State Inspector and Examiner, according to his reports to Governor Edwin P. Morrow to-day. The report also said the examiner put a stop to the alleged practice of releasing prisoners from the Pike county jail on order of some official other than the Governor.

W. B. Taylor, Circuit Clerk of the county, paid \$2,771.09 in funds due the county. His records were in bad shape, the examiner said. Since June, 1920, no entries had been made in the public fund book.

Mr. James reports he found the records of the jailer, "crude and incomplete." It found in many cases where a prisoner was charged with a misdemeanor, tried and given a fine and jail sentence, that he would serve a few days on his jail sentence and some one, usually the Circuit Clerk or Circuit Judge, would go over to the jailer and tell him to release him, which he would do," the report adds.

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## At Christian Church.

An all day meeting is announced for the members of the Christian church in Louisa for next Sunday. Following the morning sermon there will be a basket dinner. In the afternoon a preaching service will be held.

Union services held at this church last Sunday evening were well attended. Members and pastors of all the other churches were present. The sermon was delivered by Dr. C. F. Anderson, pastor of the Baptist church.

## A Hot Race in Pike County.

An unusual race has arisen in Pike county, where M. M. Coleman and Rev. N. T. Hopkins are fighting for the Republican nomination for Representative. The minister states he didn't wish to oppose his friend in the primary election, but entered the race at the solicitation of Governor Morrow, thru a mutual friend, whom he names, Governor Morrow, however, has written a letter to Mr. Coleman stating that he is taking no part in the choosing of candidates for the Legislature and that he didn't ask Rev. Mr. Hopkins to run or even express a desire to that effect.

## Train Wreck.

There was a train wreck Wednesday that caused passenger trains 88 and 89 to transfer.