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## NORMAL SCHOOL PASSES HOUSE

### Amendment Adopted Providing for Commission to Settle Location.

The Kentucky House has passed Senator Harris' bill to establish two more State Normal schools, one in the eastern and one in the western part of the State.

The bill passed the Senate some time ago. The House amended it and the bill will go back to the Senate. The most important amendment was that providing for the appointment of a commission to decide upon the location of the two schools. The Speaker of the House is to appoint five and the Lieutenant Governor three. This would take the decision out of the hands of the State Board of Education.

It is believed the Senate will accept the amendment as Senator Harris is reported to have agreed to it. The amendment resulted from a report that a certain county already had a promise of the location.

Louisia will be in the fight for the Eastern Normal. This is an ideal school town and the world will know it before the contest ends.

## McKenzie Life Sentence Affirmed

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 17.—The Court of Appeals today affirmed the life sentence of Clayton McKenzie, Johnson county alleged moonshiner, convicted of implication in the murder of Prohibition Agent John Reynolds and James Melvin, Marshal of Paintsville, in a gun battle near Slate, Johnson county, in which McKenzie and Samuel Fitzpatrick, deputy marshal, were wounded.

The officers raided a still near McKenzie's home August 26, 1921, and pursuing the men came upon Albert Dye and Ed Stambaugh, afterward jointly indicted with McKenzie, had taken refuge. The fight took place in front of the house. Dye escaped and a reward of \$750 has been offered for his arrest.

## Mrs. Flanery's Bill for Road Morehead to Louisa

Frankfort, Ky.—A bill introduced in the House Wednesday by Mrs. Mary Elliott Flanery, representative of Boyd county, would add project 32 1/2 to the state highway system, the project to be known as "The John M. Elliott Trail."

The project is from Morehead in Rowan county to Louisa by way of Sandy Hook, which will connect the Mayo Trail with the Midland Trail.

## GOVERNOR REVOKES \$150 HALL REWARD

Frankfort, Ky.—Governor Morrow has revoked the \$150 reward offered for the arrest and conviction of Geo. Hall who is charged in Floyd county with the murder of Richard Moseley which took place on Christmas day. The reward was offered February 3 and Hall was arrested and lodged in jail before the reward was issued.

## LUTHER L. LYCAN P. M. AT FORT GAY

Washington.—The name of Luther L. Lycan has been sent to the senate for confirmation for postmaster at Fort Gay, W. Va.

The postoffice department recently announced March 11 as the date for holding competitive examinations for postmasters at Barboursville, \$1600; Chattanooga, \$1000, and Wolf Summit, \$1000.

## JAILER HOOD OPERATED UPON

Jailer Lon Hood, of Catlettsburg, was operated upon at a hospital in Ashland Friday for the removal of bullets and shattered bones and tissues sustained some weeks ago when a prisoner shot him in an attempt to break jail. Mr. Hood's condition is not serious now and his recovery is expected soon.

The operation was a most painful one, a handful of broken bone and tissue having been removed from the face. I had hoped that an operation would be unnecessary and that the face would heal without it, but on Thursday the face became swollen and doctors advised the operation, which was deemed imperative and immediate.

## CONTRACT AWARDED FOR MEMORIAL AT WAYNE

The county court in session Tuesday awarded a contract for the erection of a Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, as provided in an act of the late legislature which passed a bill to authorize the laying of a 5 percent levy for this purpose. The contract for the local monument is \$12,000. The names of all Wayne county men who lost their lives in the world war will be inscribed on the monument. The monument will be placed on the court house square. The contract specifies that work will begin on this April 5th.—Wayne News.

## BURNED TO DEATH.

Georgia, 8 year old daughter of Mrs. George Hatten, of Prichard, W. Va., died in a hospital in Huntington Friday from burns caused by her clothing catching fire in front of an open grate.

## BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Miss Emma Belle Berry entertained about twenty-five of her young friends last Saturday evening from seven to ten o'clock. The occasion was in celebration of her thirteenth birthday. Hearts and valentines were used as decorations throughout the home, and games and music were enjoyed during the evening. Ice cream and cake was served.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Morton R. Adams, 19, to Alma Lee Burton, 18, of Adams.  
W. H. Kemper, 48, of Irad, to Lura DeLora Carter, 24, of Adams.  
John King, 3, to Martha Thompson, 30, of Torchlight.  
Richard Adams, 29, to Osie Bradley, 19, of Busseyville.  
Dewey Hazlett, 21, to Pearl Virgie Stewart, 20, of Prichard, W. Va.

## DEATH OF MONT RILEY.

Mont Riley died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Jno. W. Runyon, at Toler, Pike county, Sunday night, where he had lived a number of years. He was 80 years of age. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Runyon, and Mrs. Jns. Wellman, of Fort Gay, W. Va.

## MARRIED AT IRONTON.

Ed Caperton and Miss Mamie Riley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Riley of this place, eloped to Ironton, Ohio, and were married last Monday.

## DEATH COMES TO MRS. C. F. STEWART

Mrs. Cynthia F. Stewart passed away Monday night, February 20th, at her home in Louisa. Her death came almost without warning. Apparently, she had been feeling better than usual during the day and up to a short time before the final summons came. About 9:30 p. m. she made the first complaint of a change for the worse and said she would go to bed. Her daughter, Mrs. A. M. Campbell, and niece, Mrs. Nora Sullivan, were with her and gave immediate assistance. A little later Mrs. Stewart said she realized that the end was near; and without the slightest struggle her spirit passed out of the tired body and winged its way to the eternal home which awaits the faithful.

Mrs. Stewart had reached her 82nd year, having been born on December 21, 1840. For three or four years she had been in feeble health, but able to go around most all the time. Last fall she visited relatives in Huntington, Ashland and Catlettsburg.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. A. M. Campbell, of Huntington, and two sons, Mr. J. W. M. Stewart, of Ashland, and Mr. F. L. Stewart, of Louisa. The latter was with his mother when she died. The other son was in New York City and arrived here Wednesday morning accompanied by his wife. Also, there are two grandchildren, Charles Campbell and Martha Mayo Stewart.

Mrs. Stewart was a scion of one of the leading pioneer families of the Big Sandy valley. Her father was Lewis Mayo, prominent as an educator and as an earnest Christian leader in the early history of eastern Kentucky. Mrs. Stewart was the widow of Judge James E. Stewart, a native of Lawrence county. After their marriage they located for a while at Paints ville, later removing to Louisa, where they became leaders in the community. Judge Stewart successfully practiced law here throughout his life. He was elected Judge of the Criminal Court in the judicial district then composed of several counties, and served with distinction. His fearless handling of an outlaw organization known as the "Regulators" brought to him the commendation of the law-abiding citizenship of the State.

The youngest of ten children, Mrs. Stewart also was the last of her father's family to pass into eternity. Here was a long and active life, devoted to the welfare of her family and friends, and of the community in general. The influence of her pious example and sacrificial life will live long in this valley. She was a great lover of flowers and her home was always surrounded by most beautifully kept beds of great variety. It seemed most appropriate that friends should send such a profusion of lovely flowers as they did upon the occasion of her death.

Mrs. Stewart was a woman of strong intellect, great energy and fine character. She was a devout Christian, and a loyal member of the Methodist Church South. Her last years were made happy by the devoted attention of her family, who provided everything possible for her comfort.

The funeral took place at 10:30 a. m. Thursday at the residence and the interment in Pine Hill cemetery followed. The body lies beside that of her beloved companion and of her eldest son, who died just after having graduated from a law school. Another son, Warren, died in early childhood.

Rev. James D. Bell, pastor of the M. E. Church South, assisted by Rev. H. B. Hewlett, conducted the funeral. No more beautiful and fitting tribute could have been paid to the sainted woman than that uttered by her pastor, Rev. H. B. Hewlett in the prayer, and the music was under the direction of Mrs. G. R. Vinson.

The pall bearers were: Active: H. A. Borders, J. J. Emerick, James Sowards, Hamilton Stewart, Jack Fox and R. A. Bickel. Honorary: Mrs. F. T. D. Wallace, Mrs. Hannah Lackey, Mrs. Frankie Rowe, Mrs. G. W. Castle, Mrs. Lida Lackey and Mrs. P. H. Vaughan.

## TWO MORE SENT TO PENITENTIARY

### Large Number of Indictments Reported by Lawrence Grand Jury.

In Circuit Court since our last report two felony convictions have been made. Charles Rickman of Catalpa was sent to prison for two years for breaking into a box car. Johnny Jarrell got three years for stealing a pistol from John Justice. This is his second term.

The grand jury returned 250 indictments. Most of the offenses are for liquor violations.

The civil docket is now being tried. The case of the Union Gas & Oil company against Parish Sparks was argued Wednesday.

## WAYNE COUNTY WOMAN DIES, AGED 94 YEARS

Mrs. Francis Watts, widow of the late Burwell Watts, Sr., died at the home of her son, P. H. Watts, near Genoa, on Sunday night. Mrs. Watts was one of the oldest persons in Wayne county, having reached the ripe old age of 94 years. Death was due to the complications of old age.

The deceased is survived by the following children: P. H. Watts, Taylor Watts, Dennis Watts, Francis Chapman, Tennie C. Maynard, Marlon Watts and Georgia Ferguson. All of the children live in Wayne county with the exception of Mrs. Chapman, who lives in Huntington. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the home of P. H. Watts where the deceased made her home and burial was made in the Dennis Watts cemetery, near Genoa.—Wayne News.

## Contest Case Settled in Favor of Curnutte

The contest case of H. W. Williams against D. M. Curnutte, involving the office of Tax Commissioner of Lawrence county, has been settled and Mr. Williams has withdrawn his suit. This leaves only the contest for Circuit Clerk, which will be settled by the Court of Appeals.

## HOW WOULD FORT GAY DO FOR COUNTY SEAT?

We have been wondering why Fort Gay doesn't get into the fight for the court house site. The moving fever seems to be raging in Wayne county and there is no good reason why Fort Gay should keep out of the scramble.

## REV. D. H. REID DIES.

Rev. D. Reid, of Casta Meest, Cal., and a former pastor of the M. E. Church, South, at this place, died last Tuesday. He is survived by the widow and five children, Paul, Malcolm, Ruth, and Margaret; his mother, Mrs. Mary Reid, of Huntington; a sister, Faudie Reid, and one brother, Carrol Reid.

## M. H. JOHNS DIES AT AGE OF 84

Mr. Martin H. Johns, aged 84 years, died last Saturday afternoon at one o'clock at his home on Madison street in Louisa after a few days illness with pneumonia. He took sick on Tuesday night with a chill and was never conscious afterwards.

He was one of the oldest citizens of Louisa and had spent the greater part of his life here. Until retiring a few years ago he was a prominent business man, giving most of his attention to the timber business. He was remarkably well preserved for one of his age and was on the streets only a few days before his death, in his usual health.

Mr. John's first marriage was to Miss Goble, who died, leaving two daughters. They are Mrs. Ella Hays of Louisa, and Mrs. C. B. Peters of Ashland. Of the second marriage, which was to Miss Sallie Vinson, whose death occurred a number of years ago, one daughter, Mrs. Annis J. Ahlers, of Quincy, Florida, survives.

Other surviving members of the family are his widow, one son, M. L. Johns, and a daughter, Miss Dora Johns. Also a number of grand-children and great-grandchildren. A daughter, Mrs. McDowell, died a few years ago.

Mrs. Johns was a member of the Masonic fraternity, being one of the oldest in the lodge at this place.

Funeral services were held at the home on Monday afternoon, conducted by Rev. H. B. Hewlett. Rev. J. D. Bell also took part in the services. A large number of friends of the venerable citizen and his family attended. The burial was under the auspices of the Masonic lodge and took place in Pine Hill cemetery.

Mr. Johns was a man of influence and popularity. He was Sheriff of Lawrence county many years ago and made a good official.

## METHODIST WOMEN POSTPONE DINNER ONE WEEK

On account of the death and funeral of Mrs. Cynthia Stewart, the ladies of the M. E. Church, South, have postponed for one week the dinner that was to have been served Friday evening of this week in the basement of the church.

## LOUISA GIRL IS ARTIST.

We announced a few weeks ago that a former Louisa girl, now Mrs. Imogene Porter Lanke, of New York City, had designed the cover for the March number of the Designer. She had been informed that the cover would be used on that number, but instead of March it will be the April number which is published in March. The signature is Gene Lanke.

## OIL FIELD NEWS.

Creel Bros. have started drilling another oil well on the Point opposite Louisa. Mr. Nelson is having it done. Another good well has been drilled in on the James H. Skaggs farm in the upper Blaine territory. A well drilled recently on Little Blaine on the farm of Davis Martin proved to be a small gasser and has been plugged and abandoned.

## MISS BURTON GRADUATED.

Miss Maude Burton has returned from Huntington, W. Va. While there she received her diploma as a professional nurse having completed the course in Keasler-Hatfield hospital at that place. She is at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. E. Queen.

## NEW CAVALRY OFFICERS.

C. F. See, Jr., has been elected captain of the cavalry troop at this place. Jas. E. Kiser was elected first lieutenant and Wm. R. Bartram, second lieutenant.

## L. T. EVERETT KILLED BY TRAIN

Judge Laban T. Everett, 61, for many years a prominent attorney of Boyd county, was instantly killed when struck by a freight train at a crossing in Catlettsburg last Sunday evening about 9:15 o'clock.

There were no eye witnesses to the accident. Returning to "Beechmoor," the home of James A. Patton, during a driving rain, it is believed the umbrella that Colonel Everett carried cut the approach of the fast freight from his view. The rain and wind, it is believed, prevented him from hearing the locomotive.

Judge Everett's body was thrown about thirty feet, one arm and a leg were broken and his face and side severely bruised.

Judge Everett was born in Guyandotte, W. Va. When thirteen years old he went to Catlettsburg to live with the family of his uncle, Col. Laban T. Moore, in whose office he began the study of law. He was admitted to the bar in 1879. He was appointed master commissioner under Circuit Judge Kinner. About 1900 he was appointed county judge by Governor Beckham to fill the two years of the unexpired term of Judge S. W. Hager, who resigned his office to take over the office of State treasurer.

Mr. Everett was probably as well known in Masonry circles as any man in the State of Kentucky. He was at one time Master of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, and has held several other offices in this order since. He was a member of the El Hasa Temple of Ashland, Knights Templar and Elks.

The funeral was on Wednesday afternoon and was one of the largest ever held in Catlettsburg. The Masonic and other fraternal organizations took part. There is seldom seen such a large and beautiful floral tribute. Interment took place in the Ashland cemetery.

## Bill Provides for Road Louisa to Sandy Hook

Representative R. C. Moore has introduced a bill in the Legislature providing for a State aid road from Louisa to Sandy Hook, Elliott county. This is one of the most meritorious projects that could be proposed. The road would traverse an important territory that has no railroad service. It would go via Blaine and other good points. We hope Mr. Moore will be able to get it through.

## ATTENDED FUNERAL.

Those from out of town who attended the funeral of Mrs. Cynthia Stewart were as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Campbell and son Charles, and R. A. Bickel, of Huntington.

Mrs. Everette Sowards and John Sowards of Pikeville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Emerick, Mrs. Lou Vaughan and Mrs. Jennie Rotte of Catlettsburg.

Mrs. Joe Davidson of Prestonsburg, H. A. Borders, of Paintsville, J. C. B. Auxier, of East Point.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Fox and little son, of Oliver, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. M. Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Stewart of Ashland.

Mrs. J. F. Hatten, of Buchanan.

## MOVED TO FT. GAY.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shuff have moved to Ft. Gay, where Mr. Shuff will engage in farming. They made their home on Fifth avenue in Williamson, W. Va., for several years. Dr. B. J. Farrell and E. C. Montgomery bought the Shuff property at that place.

## WAYNE ELECTION.

A special election on the county seat removal question in Wayne county, W. Va., has been called to be held on April 25th.

## Woman Made Road Supervisor at 76



Mrs. Margaret Finley, aged 76, is very happy in her new job as road commissioner or road supervisor of Rahn township in Pennsylvania. She has been named to succeed her son, who died recently.

## Roy Adkins Shoots Self Through Lung

Roy Adkins, 38, farmer, shot himself through the left lung Monday morning and was rushed to the King's Daughters' hospital in Ashland, where a report says that he is resting well. Adkins is married and has two children. He resides on the Geiger farm near Cannonsburg. No reason is given for the shooting.

## ISAAC RICHMOND DIES AT PRESTONSBURG, KY.

Isaac Richmond died at his home in Prestonsburg yesterday, after an illness of long standing. He was one of the prominent business men of his city, a successful merchant, an active churchman, and a good citizen from every standpoint. He was about 70 years old.

## DIED OF PNEUMONIA.

Mr. J. R. McMahon, of the McMahon Diehl Co., of Huntington, W. Va., died in a hospital in Brooklyn, N. Y., a few days ago. He had gone to New York on business and while there contracted pneumonia from which he died after a few days illness. He was 46 years of age.

## DR. W. B. McCURE.

We are sorry to learn that Dr. W. B. McCure, of Lexington, is not making very satisfactory recovery from the injury to his hand which we reported last week. It was caused by a cat biting him on the hand.

## REV. BUD SMITH BURIED AT FAIRMONT

Funeral services over the remains of the Rev. H. M. Smith, venerable minister of the Western Virginia conference of the M. E. Church South, were held at Montgomery, W. Va., Wednesday of last week. The body was taken to Fairmont where it was laid to rest.

The Rev. H. M. Smith, widely known as "Bud," was one of the most picturesque and interesting figures in Southern Methodism.

Born in Wayne county, W. Va., near Louisa, Ky., more than seventy years ago, he went to Ashland as a young man and entered commercial life. He became a commercial traveler, selling shoes on the road. His striking personality and keen wit made him famous as a salesman, but at the age of 38 he laid aside his business ambitions and entered the ministry.

In the ministry as in the business world he was an evangel of good cheer. In his daily walks he never wore the traditional garb of the clergy, but attired himself stylishly, holding to gay colors even to his superannate days.

Starting though he did when past middle life he achieved a notable career in the ministry. He occupied many charges in the Western Virginia conference. For a time he served as presiding elder of Huntington district. Later he was conference secretary of education in charge of the financial affairs of Morris Harvey College. He was a famous money raising preacher and his services were in demand for church dedications, at many of which he preached. His last active work was at Montgomery where he completed a pastorage of four years before accepting the superannate relation at the hands of the conference.

His death terminated an illness which had lasted over a period of months.

Mr. Smith was twice elected as a general conference delegate.

The Rev. H. N. Clay, presiding elder of Huntington district, conducted the funeral service.

## NEW HOTEL PROPRIETOR.

O. E. Pelfrey is the new manager of the Louisa Inn, having taken charge a few days ago. He came to Louisa from Olive Hill.

## 34 KILLED WHEN AIRSHIP FALLS

### Explosion of Large Dirigible at Norfolk Kills Several Officers.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 21.—Thirty-four men were killed, eight were injured seriously and three were unharmed or only slightly bruised when the giant army airship, Roma, with her crew and a number of civilians, totaling 45 in all aboard, plunged today from a thousand feet or more in the air to the ground at the Hampton Roads naval base, at 2 p. m.

She was making a trial flight with a new battery of liberty motors. They were installed to replace Italian engines bought with her in Italy, but which have not proved satisfactory. Installation was completed at Langley Field two weeks ago.

Staff Sergeant James Milton Holmes, 21, of Ashland, was one of the number killed. He was a nephew of Mrs. J. B. Bartram.

## DR. GEORGE W. McCURE.

The following refers to George William McCure. It was handed us for publication, but the name of the paper from which it was clipped was not given. George is a senior in the University of Cincinnati:

George Wm. McCure, while a Kentuckian by birth, is an Ohioan by choice. He was born Aug. 23, 1896, at Louisa, and while that is nothing of which to be particularly proud, still George was the pride of the town.

After a few comparatively uneventful years, the McCure family decided to migrate, so in 1903 they moved to Ohio and established a home in Delaware. The excellent qualities of the water from the mineral springs in and around that town are probably partly responsible for George's stature and present good health.

Having learned all that the Delaware High Schools had to offer him, he entered Ohio Wesleyan University in 1916, and attended that institution until the summer of 1918, which was spent at Ohio State University. George was not a Methodist and could not be induced to enter the ministry there, but he was a good student and because of this, his name appears upon the chapter rolls of the Booster Club and the Crescent and Scimitar, a local Sophomore honorary fraternity. The Chi Phi fraternity always has an ardent exponent in George, and he can tell you best about all his affiliations with that organization.

In the fall of 1918 George entered the University of Cincinnati, in the Medical College and was the president of his class that year. The school work at that time was not so heavy but that George could find time for some outside work. Some of the jobs he had during the Junior and Sophomore years were, Assistant in the Anatomy department, laboratory technician for the Contagious Hospital, and work in dissecting for Dr. Caldwell in the Surgical Anatomy department.

Life in a fraternity house became distasteful to McCure in 1921, so on Sept. 1, Miss Pauline Patton, of Delaware, Ohio, agreed to help him find a home of his own. They live at present on Elland Circle.

George has secured an appointment for internship at the Good Samaritan Hospital in this city, and he expects to enjoy his work there during the next year. Nu Sigma Mu claims him as a member.

## IN MEMORY OF OUR FATHER, B. F. CARTER

Our dear father departed this life January 19, 1922. He had been sick five weeks and bore his illness patiently. He was sorry to leave us. He realized that we would be left homeless without father, mother or brother. His story was pitiful to listen at when his friends visited him, explaining his condition. A few days before he died he said all he could think of now was to make it even his home. He prayed for the Lord to spare him just a few more years with us, but the dear Lord had a home on high for him. He had lived a christian life from boyhood. He is sleeping the peaceful sleep beside the one he loved most dearly, our dear mother who died 14 years ago the 9th day of May 1921. His suffering is now over. He said just a few moments before he died he wanted us all to meet him in heaven. We can proudly say we have a dear father and mother in heaven, three little brothers and three sisters. Of course we have a great desire to make heaven our home. There are more than half of the family there waiting. His vacant chair can never be filled. Oh, how we miss him.

He was laid to rest in the family graveyard. Dear father's funeral will be preached in the summer some time. Will report later just when.

## HIS DAUGHTER.

## SUPPLY STORE MOVING.

The Continental Supply Company will move its stock of all well supplies from the Snyder building near the C. & O. freight depot to the F. H. Yates building on Main street formerly occupied by the Eldorado theater.

## K. N. C. RALLY.

The Kentucky Normal College held a rally on Washington's birthday. A program was rendered at the college building in the evening. Representative Wallen who was to be one of the speakers could not be here.