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MAYOR'S WIFE DIED THURSDAY

MRS. E. C. CONNER SUCCEUMBS AT HER HOME AFTER ILLNESS OF SEVERAL YEARS

Mrs. Annie Conner, wife of Mayor E. C. Conner, died at her home Thursday evening after an illness of several years, confined to her bed for the last six weeks. Bright's disease with complications was the cause.

As a wife, mother, neighbor and friend, Mrs. Conner became endeared to all Colville residents during the 22 years she had lived here, and her death will be sincerely mourned.

She was born in Hillville, Armstrong county, Pa., March 13, 1873, the daughter of Henry and Sarah Jane McClure. She lived at Hillville until 13 years of age, when the family moved to Millerstown. On June 28, 1894, she was united in marriage with Ellis C. Conner. They resided at Horton City, Pa., for five years, and in 1900 came to Colville, but soon moved to Orin where they resided for several years.

Returning to Colville, Mr. Conner engaged in the sawmill business, which he and his sons still operate.

Besides the husband, Mrs. Conner leaves two sons and a daughter. Harold Conner, who has been married several years; Albert Conner, graduate of the Colville high school in 1920, and an overseas veteran; Alyce Conner, graduate of the Colville high school in 1922. Mrs. Conner also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Emma McCullough of Millerstown, Pa., and Mrs. Laura Van Doren of Colville; a half sister, Mrs. Jennie Stoughton of Petrolia, Pa.; her step-mother lives at Millerstown.

Mrs. Conner was a member of the Rebekahs, Royal Neighbors, Women of Woodcraft, Knights and Ladies of Security, Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion. She was a member of the Congregational church, and was a charter member of the H. G. L. club. She was one of the most active workers in the Red Cross and women's war activities.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at the undertaking parlors, with burial at Highland.

Five Colville Boys Attend Training Camp

George Stoltz, Frank Huggins, Paul Hofstetter, Charles Wilbur and Milton McCauley left Tuesday morning for Camp Lewis, where they will spend a month in the citizen training camp.

The boys, along with several others, signed an application blank over two months ago, when two officers from Fort Wright visited the Colville high school and explained the advantages of the camp. While in camp they will learn something of common army tactics, and will get some rifle drill. They will have a regular routine to follow each day, being allowed a certain amount of time each afternoon for recreation. This time will be spent in playing games and swimming.

All railroad fare and traveling expenses will be refunded by the government at the camp. The boys were vaccinated for typhoid and smallpox by Drs. Goetter and Ridpath before leaving.

Premium List Issued by Livestock Association

The premium list for the ninth annual show of the Stevens County Livestock and Fair Association was printed and assembled at the Examiner. The 56-page book contains a list of all the premiums offered by the association this year, along with special offers. The Old Dominion Creamery offers \$30 in special prizes to be divided among cows producing the most butterfat. Another special is made by the association. It is a prize of \$10 to be divided \$5, \$3, and \$2 for the three best pigs, from the butcher's standpoint, raised by a boy or girl under 18 years old. Everything is being done to make the fair this fall the "biggest and best ever."

The premium lists will be placed in the various banks of the county, and in many stores, and can also be obtained by writing to the secretary in Colville.

A pleasant birthday surprise was arranged for Emery Tremblay by his mother Tuesday evening. Dinner was served in the evening, Mr. and Mrs. W. Lon Johnson and daughters Doris and Evelyn joining the party.

Has Too Many Wives According to Prosecutor

Prosecuting Attorney Osee W. Noble presented a petition in the superior court Monday asking that Mrs. Ida McCaslin, alleged third wife of Frank M. McCaslin, alleged bigamist, be required to produce a bond of \$1000 to be forfeited in case she fails to appear as a witness in the case of the state of Washington vs. Frank M. McCaslin, which will be heard at the jury session of the court this fall. It is opposed by Mrs. McCaslin's attorney, L. B. Donley, who claimed that the amount was excessive, and that it would be necessary for her to remain in jail here until fall, as she would not be able to raise the bond. Judge D. H. Carey has taken the matter under advisement, and the amount of bond will be set this afternoon. In the meantime Mrs. McCaslin is in the custody of the sheriff, who was instructed not to place her in jail unless she attempted to escape.

The prosecution in the case affirms that Mrs. Ida McCaslin is a material witness in the case and that it is imperative that she appear in court at the time of the trial. Frank McCaslin was placed under arrest last week, charged with bigamy and adultery. It is alleged that he is at present married to three wives, and previous to the time of the arrest was living with a fourth woman who was a former wife, but from whom he was granted a divorce in the Stevens county superior court about 3 years ago.

Strong Installs Radio for His Customers
Earl J. Strong is installing a radio outfit in his store this week. He has an aerial strung on the top of the building, which is connected in the back room of his store to a double amplifying receiver. The radiophone will amplify messages received so that they may be heard throughout the entire store. Mr. Strong intends to "tune in" on the Chronicle program every evening, thus obtaining for his patrons a very enjoyable program, and at the same time making use of one of the greatest discoveries of modern science. The set which he is installing is capable of picking up messages as far off as San Francisco and Denver. It is the first radiophone installed in a Stevens county business house and used for the benefit of patrons.

Great Northern Traffic and Passenger Notes

A shortage of cars and the cut in the train service on this branch has greatly reduced the traffic into and out of Colville. The car shortage will probably continue as long as the strike is on, so little relief is anticipated by the local office. Passenger trains have been arriving late due to the strike and the extra time required at each station to handle the express on one train, which was formerly carried by two trains.

The Crown Willamette Paper company shipped five cars of dolomite this week. C. R. Corl shipped two cars of lumber this week. Two cars of lumber have been shipped by J. H. Loucks. W. G. Hartwell shipped a car of poles from Colville this week. The Keller Hardware company received a car of cement Saturday. The cement is being used for the construction of the Old Dominion creamery. The Standard Oil company received a car of gasoline Saturday. TopNoch Flour mills unloaded a mixed car of feed Monday. The Leader Department store received a car of flour Monday. The City Transfer distributed a car of sugar Wednesday to local merchants. The TopNoch Flour mills shipped a load of flour to the Community Store, Impach, Ferry county, Tuesday.

SCHEDULE OF THE COMING EVENTS

July 31-Aug 5.—Spokane merchants convention.
Aug. 12—Primary filings close.
Sep. 4—Labor day.
Sept. 12—Primary Election.
Sept. 23—Autumn begins.
Sept. 27, 28, 29—Stevens County Livestock Show and Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Milberg, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Scherette left in the Milberg car Saturday afternoon for a two weeks trip to the coast. They will attend the merchants convention in Seattle.

Delinquent Poll Tax Collected by Sheriff

County Treasurer Sarilda McKeown has turned over to Sheriff W. H. Graham the names of 5631 Stevens county residents who have not yet paid their 1922 poll tax of \$5 per head.

The sheriff has sent out 5,000 postal card notices to these delinquents, and will proceed to make collection. It has been found that some people believed the poll tax was only to be collected for the one year of 1921. This may have resulted from the excuse given by some politicians that the poll tax was to pay for the soldier bonus.

Some other residents have stated that they thought the law had been killed. This may have come from the fact that an initiative law is proposed for the fall election to kill the poll tax law.

Delinquents who have real estate will have the poll tax certified against their real estate, and will pay 15% interest on the delinquency the same as personal property delinquency.

Candidates File For the Primary

Several Contests Loom in the Political Circle of Stevens County

The following candidates have filed for the primary election to be held September 12:

DEMOCRATS
Representative—Al Weatherman, Addy.
Sheriff—D. F. Ham, Colville; C. A. Ledgerwood, Colville.
Commissioner Dist. 2.—E. G. Kohlstedt, Colville; P. H. Graham, Boundary.

REPUBLICANS
State Senator—W. Lon Johnson, Colville.
Representative—Herman F. Josef-sky, Harvey; V. A. Verei, Boyds; J. M. Glasgow, Hunters.

Prosecuting attorney—Thomas I. Oakshot, Colville.
Auditor—Dorothy Dexter, Colville; D. H. Ulrich, Colville.
Treasurer—J. G. Snoddy, Colville; W. L. Biggar, Rice.

Clerk—Emery Tremblay, Colville.
Sheriff—John R. Hunter, Colville; Ludwig P. Johnsen, Colville; George W. Bryant, Rice.
Engineer—T. M. Offutt, Colville; Harry C. Henry, Chewelah.

Commissioner Dist. 1.—Joe Hud-speh, Fruitland.
Commissioner Dist. 2.—J. S. Lane, Boyds.
Assessor—Chester R. Wiley, Colville.

Alfalfa Tour Held for Farmers at Chewelah

County Agent H. J. Plumb and Prof. Leonard Hegnauer of the State College held an alfalfa demonstration Thursday in the Chewelah country. Following was the program for the day:

Assemble John Streeter farm 8 a. m. Subject, Varieties.
Assemble Hardy Tarble farm, state road, 9:30 a. m. Subject, New Seeding and Weed Eradication.

Assemble Joe Oppenheimer tract, adjacent Guess' spur, 10:30 a. m.
Assemble W. E. Estey farm, 11:30 a. m., basket lunch.
Assemble Otto Kempe farm, 1:15 p. m. Subject, New Seeding.

Assemble John Ehorn farm, due west of Chewelah, 2:30 p. m. Subject, Different Ages of Alfalfa Seeding and Nurse Crop.
Assemble J. W. Neely farm, adjacent to Chewelah, 3:30 p. m. Subject, Superphosphate and Muriate of Potash on Peaty Soils, for Growing Alfalfa.

Town Voters Register or Miss Their Vote

Little time for registration remains for those who hope to participate in the September primaries. Under the law the registration books close twenty days before the primaries on Sept. 12th, and none but a registered voter can express a choice of candidates. The books will reopen Sept. 13th, but close again twenty days before the general election on Nov. 7. Electors residing in incorporated cities and towns must register this year. In country districts registration is good for four years, so any voter who has registered since January, 1920, and who still resides in the same precinct is qualified to vote.

SHOT IN BACK MAY BE FATAL

C. T. SOMMERLOTT IN SERIOUS CONDITION AS RESULT OF ATTEMPT TO KILL

C. T. Sommerlott, a sawmill owner living beyond the Red school house near Mill creek, was shot through the back early Wednesday morning, the bullet entering from the back and passing through a lung and the upper lobe of the liver, and then through a two by six timber which Mr. Sommerlott was carrying at the time of the shooting. William Fossberg, upon whom suspicion was placed, was caught near the Hall bridge just beyond Palmer siding before noon on the day of the shooting. He admitted the crime, saying that Mr. Sommerlott owed him some money, which he wouldn't pay, and that he intended to "get" Sommerlott before he became so feeble that he couldn't. Fossberg is being held in the county jail. The charges which will be placed against him depend largely upon whether or not Mr. Sommerlott recovers. In case he recovers the charge will very likely be assault in the first degree; if death results, first degree murder will be the charge.

It is not known whether or not the victim will recover, but the doctors in charge believe that his chance for recovery is good. At the time of the shooting he was not expected to live for any length of time, but his unusually hardy constitution has brought him through the most critical period. Although he was shot through the back with a 30-30 bullet at short range, the bullet passing through both a lung and the liver, he has not been unconscious at any time.

The motive for the shooting is rather unusual. Fossberg claims that Sommerlott owes him some money in the form of a note for about \$450, and that he has refused to pay it. Fossberg brought action against Sommerlott some time ago to recover the amount of the note. When it came up in court it was shown that the note would not be due until next summer. L. B. Donley defended Sommerlott in the action, and Fossberg has threatened to "get" Donley, too. After he was in the custody of the sheriff he said that his only regret was that he had not waited until he had the chance at Donley at the same time. Glen Sommerlott, son of the injured man, says that Mr. Sommerlott does not owe Fossberg more than \$200. The Sommerlotts and Fossberg have been rather closely connected in a business way for some time. One year they leased the place on which Sommerlott now lives for \$200 cash, each to share half. The season was dry, and the crops were so poor that nothing was made on the deal. This may have been the beginning of later financial complications. Since that time he has worked for the Sommerlotts on numerous occasions, and at dinner there a few days before the shooting. At that time he seemed in the best of spirits and when he left apparently carried no grudge. Nothing had transpired up to the time of the shooting to warn Sommerlott that anything was wrong.

Events leading up to the shooting were soon traced by the sheriff's office, and suspicion placed on Fossberg immediately. Deputy Sheriff Ledgerwood had taken the prisoners in the county jail to breakfast Monday morning. While they were eating in the City cafe, Fossberg went by carrying a gun. The waitress said, "I wonder if he is going to kill someone," in a joking way and they all laughed and forget it at the time.

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