

Usually, when I see as many as two Republicans gathered and no Democrats around, I give them a wide berth. But, head down, shivering in my boots the other day when caught in one of these sudden March weather-changes, I ran smack into Brad Boyd and Wilson Stepp lying in ambush for me at a street corner. I braced myself for the blow, but still flinched when the Boyd chirped: "Another Democrat lookin' for a fur coat."

Along with his check for renewal of his subscription, Mr. Paul C. Linkous, of Wheelwright, sends us a letter which touches on some right pertinent matters.

For one thing, he wants to know why Wheelwright—which he loyally calls "the best town in Floyd county"—doesn't have a correspondent so that community's news will appear in Floyd county's best newspaper. (We inserted the superlative before the word, "newspaper," fearing no contradiction since we are the one and only paper in the county.) This matter of a correspondent at Wheelwright concerns us, and should concern the community. Certainly the Floyd county picture is incomplete without news from Wheelwright.

Then he moves on to the next paragraph to chide us for mentioning that one Bill Smith, colored, slayer of another negro, is referred to in The Times as Bill Smith, of Wheelwright, when, as a matter of plain fact, the aforesaid Bill Smith is from Weeksburg. And we stand, chidden.

After that, he attempts to horn-swoggle me into a round or so of golf I have an idea this fellow Linkous has heard of that curve I shoot with a golf club, since in the very next breath he suggests I come up and see some of Wheelwright's baseball games. If I could get as much stuff on a baseball as I once could put on a golf ball, and doubtless still could—I'm gifted that way, you know—I'd be out there on the mound for Wheelwright till some big league scout got a glimpse of me.

Then he hits the Achilles heel. Says he: "You can't catch any fish, anyhow, and you may as well come up and watch a game or play some golf. You don't need a license and you will take home as many fish without 'skeeter' bites or wet britches."

By gosh, just for that, No-Strike Allen will catch a fish, one of these days, and off for Wheelwright he'll go to show one Paul Linkous his catch, regardless of the condition it's in by the time he gets there!

COUNCIL HAS NO CONTROL

Over City Utilities System, Is Decision; Burchett Asks Action

The Prestonsburg City Council learned at its meeting Monday night that it has no power to control the make-up or actions of the city's water and gas commission.

This information was gained from a reading of the ordinance which created the commission when the two utilities were purchased by the city and financed by a bond issue.

The question rose in Council when Cottrell Burchett, a former employe of the Prestonsburg Gas & Water System, sought to file with the Council charges against the Commission and Dick Davis, superintendent of the system. Burchett has contended he was dismissed from the system's payroll without cause.

The ordinance provides that the Council may not replace members of the Commission and that the Commission has the power to employ and discharge workers.

Mr. Burchett said this week he

Court House Happenings

SUITS FILED
Capitol Lumber Co., vs. Big Sandy Realty Co., etc.; Joe Hobson, atty. Universal C.I.T. Corp. vs. Melvina Johnson; Joe Hobson, atty. The McKinjinn Supply Co. vs. Charles M. McCoy, d/b/a; Joe Hobson, atty. The Wilson Paint Co. vs. B. M. Thompson, d/b/a; Joe Hobson, atty. Ida May Hall vs. C. & O. Railway Co.; Edward L. Allen, atty. James Elliott vs. Patricia Elliott; Burnis Martin, atty. Elder Wright vs. Charles McCoy; Burnis Martin, atty.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
Donald Warrens, 20, and Betty Lou Warrens, 15, both of Hunter; married at West Prestonsburg, March 16, by the Rev. G. R. Fannin. James Yates, 26, Iagon, and Bessie Salsbury, 27, Hunter; mar-

Granted for Hospital, Word Received Here; Loan Is Questioned

Telegrams received Wednesday afternoon by The Times and county officials from Congressman Carl D. Perkins and Senators Clements and Underwood announced that the Communities Facilities Service, Housing and Home Finance Agency, has approved an advance loan of \$36,000 for planning in connection with the Floyd County War Memorial Hospital.

Officials were not certain they knew what the loan is intended for, since they have asked no loan in such an amount. Several weeks ago, they learned there would be no loan made as an advance to get work started before the materials shortage becomes more critical.

It is held most likely that the advance of \$36,000 is to get the entire planning project for the hospital under way.

County Judge Henry Stumbo indicated, however, he would oppose spending this sum or any amount until it becomes certain that the federal government's \$800,000 share of the proposed hospital will be appropriated. "We could spend this and be left owing the government \$36,000 and still get no hospital," he remarked.

If the hospital-building plan approved under the Hill-Burton act is not abandoned, and if Kentucky receives its appropriation this year, it is held almost certain Floyd county will receive federal funds, July 1, in the ratio of \$2 to \$1 for the \$400,000 bond issue voted last November by Floyd county.

LICENSE LAW HERE ASSAILED

By Appeal from Fines Of Company Solicitors Working Sans License

The city ordinance in effect here requiring a license for solicitors is under fire as the result of an appeal filed in the circuit court from a verdict of the Prestonsburg police court.

The appeal seeks to void the \$100 fines imposed last Jan. 19 on three employes of the Olen Mills Studio upon their failure to pay the license fee.

The demurrer filed by J. D. Harkins at the time of the trial of the three solicitors, Ed Lights, Walker Cordell and M. G. Noblett, was entered in the record.

This demurred, which was overruled by Police Judge R. W. Feiler, claims the warrants for the three men were issued under an ordinance which is void, illegal and discriminatory, contrary to public policy and to decisions of both the U. S. Supreme Court and the Kentucky Court of Appeals.

The Olen Mills Company, Mr. Harkins said, is an out-of-state firm which completes photographic work at its main studio outside Kentucky and used the U. S. mails in sending photographs to customers.

COAL SLUMP HITS COUNTY

400 Men Unemployed As One Mine Closes, Two Lay Off Workers

The coal slump hit Floyd county this week with such force that upwards of 400 mine employes are out of work, it was learned here.

Biggest unemployment bloc resulted from the closing of the Utilities Elkhorn Coal Company mines at Martin where 250 were employed. This mine hopes to resume work within 30 days.

The Princess Elkhorn Coal Company has cut off approximately 60 employes, and the Elk Horn Coal Corporation at Wayland has between 75 and 100 men out of work, it was said.

Lack of orders for coal was given as the reason for the slow-down in production.

"Buyers are becoming more and more finicky," said one coal company official. "They demand clean coal, and then gripe because when we ship them this washed coal they pay freight on the water left on the coal when it's dumped into the cars."

Both the Big Sandy and Hazard fields have shown a sharp decrease in comparison with the West Virginia fields so far this year. Since the first of the year and through the week ending March 3, the Big Sandy field produced 2.52 per cent of the nation's total, whereas a year ago it had produced 3.76 per cent. The Hazard field decreased from 2.27 per cent in 1950 and 1.45 per cent this year so far.

THURSDAY

MELVIN MAN KILLED, HALL IS ARRESTED

Henry Dies Instantly, Younce Seriously Hurt By Hit-and-Run Driver

Warren G. Hall, 25-year-old Virgie man, was held Wednesday by County Judge Henry Stumbo to action of the grand jury under \$4,000 bond after he had waived examining trial in the hit-run death of one Melvin man and the serious injury of another, early Monday night.

Instantly killed when struck by an automobile while walking along the highway, near the base of Abner mountain, was Orville Henry, 25, a miner employed by the Clear Branch Mining Company. His companion, William Younce, also was struck and is in a Huntington, W. Va., hospital with a broken leg.

Hall was jailed here by Deputy Sheriff Willie Johnson and Deputy Constable Cain Blackburn. He denied guilt in the tragedy.

Hall's auto wrecked, a short distance from the scene of Henry's death, and so he became suspect. Deputy Sheriff Johnson said Hall claimed he wrecked his car in attempting to dodge Younce, who was on the highway, attempting to flag him. Younce already had been injured, he continued. He said he did not see Henry at that time.

The deputy sheriff added that the wrecked auto was removed during the night, presumably on orders of State Police, and that he had no opportunity to examine it to determine if it had struck the men.

Henry's head was crushed and his legs broken. The officers quoted Younce as saying he did not know the identity of the driver of the death-car.

The victim is survived by his widow, Mrs. Hazel Maynard Henry, two children and three step-children. He was a son of the late John Henry and was a native of the Melvin section.

Burial was made at Melvin.

WIDOW WINS DAMAGE SUIT

Jury Awards \$15,000 In Death of Goodman; Power Firm To Appeal

Trial of the damage suit of Mrs. Garnett McGuire Goodman against the Kentucky & West Virginia Power Company in the death by electrocution last year on Bull Creek of her husband, Dowe Goodman, ended Wednesday afternoon in a \$15,000 verdict for the plaintiff.

Testimony for the plaintiff claimed the company had permitted bushes to grow up under its power line which carried 44,000 volts of electricity, and that the line was too low.

The defense contended the bush which Goodman cut was 10 feet up the hill from the power line, and that Goodman fell it onto the line, then was attempting to push the bush free when electrocuted.

Only one person, it developed, actually saw the tragedy. This was Mrs. Wesley Campbell, who, hearing a crackling noise, ran onto her porch to see Goodman holding the bush, with flames darting around him.

The verdict will be appealed, it was said.

The plaintiff's attorneys were A. B. Combs, Kilmer Combs and W. W. Burchett. Defense counsel were Howard & Combs, Prestonsburg, and Baird & Hayes, Pikeville.

Plain-Song Chanters Are Invited To Attend National Music Festival

The Plain-Song Chanters and their director, Mrs. Edith Fitzpatrick James, have again been invited to attend the annual National Folk Festival to be held in Kiel Auditorium Opera House, St. Louis, Mo. Mrs. James said this week that they will not be able to attend because of a lack of funds.

The Plain-Song Chanters have become widely known as singers of early music forms dating back to Gregorian chants. The group has attended this and other festivals of national interest.

Two Floyd Soldiers Listed As Wounded

Two Floyd countians have been listed by the Defense Department within the past week as wounded in the Korean fighting. They are: Pfc. Kenneth E. Yates, husband of Mrs. Eula Yates, Iagon, and Pfc. Ellis Holbrook, son of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Holbrook, Wheelwright.

Among 57 bodies of soldiers returned to the United States last week was that of Cpl. Lloyd Dalton, whose next-of-kin is Mrs. Myrtle Dalton, Kodak, Ky.

37 NOTIFIED FOR SERVICE

Inductees To Leave Here, April 3; New Quotas May Be Low

Thirty-seven Floyd county draft registrants will leave here April 3 for induction into the armed forces, it was said Wednesday by Draft Board 25.

The Draft Board released the names of 43 for induction at that time, but among these are six college students whose induction will be postponed till at least the end of the present school term.

The full April induction and pre-induction quotas will probably be learned here next week, it was said. Draft officials expect calls for the month to be lower than those of preceding months, this resulting from the large number of volunteer enlistments.

Names and addresses of those notified for induction April 3 follow:

Barkley Jennings Sturgill, Prestonsburg, now of Lexington, Va.; Robert Lee Burchett, Auxier, now of Pikeville; Herbert Weddington, Emma; Alan Stevens Wrightson, Wayland, now of Louisville; Edward Collins, Wheelwright; Edd Whitt, Water Gap; Haller Evans, Craynor; Carlos Little, Wheelwright; James Andrew May, Prestonsburg; Edward Kidd, Harold; Henry Ralph Slusher, Martin; Paulie Osborne, Lancer, now of Dony; Frank Patton, Langley; Ralph Archer Leslie, Emma; Edward E. Leslie, Weeksburg; Butler Hall, Jr., Martin; John Columbus Skeens, Martin; Hershel Stricklett, Melvin; Ross Washington Lewis, Drift, now of Ivel; William L. Stumbo, McDowell; Lloyd George Riley, Amba; Adrian Lafferty, Prestonsburg.

Clyde Bradley, Dema; Edward Rice, Betsy Layne; Bert Leon Morgan, Wayland; Melvin Cletic Hunt, Minnie, now of Detroit; Delzie Tackett, Melvin; Arnold E. Tackett, Teaberry; Alford Lackey, Weeksburg, now of La Center, Ky.; Frank Bryant, Hi Hat; Charles Calhoun, Water Gap; Clyde Prater, Estell; William May, Bonanza; Joe Wheeler Miller, West Prestonsburg; Charles D. Hall, Prestonsburg; Carl Edward Hunt, Lancer; Denver Stone, Lackey; Wilford Boyd, Dana; Andy Elliott, Eastern; Virgil Allen Conn, Printer; Billy Don Childers, Garrett; Paul Newton Martin, Allen; Cottrell Meadows, Sloan.

Floyd Countian Wins \$25,000 Slander Suit In Knott Circuit Court

Trial of the \$25,000 slander suit filed against Miles Gibson, of Eastern, this county, by Dan Gibson, of Knott county, ended last week in a verdict for the defendant, it was announced here this week by Joe Hobson, Prestonsburg attorney, who with Clark Pratt, of Hindman, represented the defendant.

The trial was held at Hindman last Thursday. Plaintiff alleged that the Floyd county man accused him of stealing his tools and claimed the tools were his own.

Defense testimony contended that the tools claimed by Miles Gibson were found under the floor of the Dan Gibson home.

Girls Will Sell Lilies To Help Crippled Children

Girl Scouts will sell lilies on Prestonsburg streets Saturday as their contribution to the drive for funds for the Kentucky Society for Crippled Children, but the fund campaign itself will not begin till April, Mrs. A. H. Mandt, county chairman for the drive, said last week.

The fund-raising campaign is being postponed till next month out of defense to the current drive for Red Cross funds, Mrs. Mandt explained.

Father of Soldier Saved By Blood Enlists Donors

UMWA Offers Help In Blood Program; 100 Here Volunteer

Dewey Mitchell, father of 19-year-old Howard Mitchell, the Ligon soldier who was wounded October 9 in the fighting in Korea, has enlisted a blood donor for each pint of blood given his son in an Army hospital in those hours when young Mitchell's life hung in the balance.

The youthful soldier received seven pints of blood, but the grateful father isn't stopping with the seven blood donor cards he has sent in to the American Red Cross Chapter here. He hopes to enlist still others.

He quoted his son as saying, "When I regained consciousness, they were giving me transfusions. No doubt, those seven pints of blood saved my life."

The elder Mitchell also quoted his son as saying he will be glad to help the Red Cross blood program in any way he can. Howard Mitchell is home now after having been flown to an Army hospital in the United States, Dec. 5. It was through the assistance of the Red Cross that Mr. Mitchell was enabled to visit his son

Edward Lands Dies At Manton, Mar. 15; Succumbs To Cancer

Edward Lands, 69 years old, retired farmer-miner, died last Thursday at the home at Manton of his daughter, Mrs. Ted Meadows. He was a victim of cancer.

Mr. Lands was a native of Ohio and was a son of the late Bill and Sophia Lands. He was a member of the Church of Christ. Survivors are four sons and five daughters, Gene Lands, New York, Clarence Lands, Muncie, Ind., Edgar Lands, Cleveland, O., Mrs. Ted Meadows, Manton, Mrs. Esther Corey, Cleveland, O., Mrs. Sophia Sammons, of Martin, Misses Mae and Loraine Lands, both of New York. One sister, Mrs. Blanch Hampton, Desplaines, O., also survives.

Funeral rites were conducted Saturday from the Meadows residence at Manton, the Rev. James Lyons officiating. Burial in the May cemetery at Alpharetta was under direction of the Hall Bros. Funeral Home.

15,000 CHURCHES IN SOUTH TO LAUNCH SIMULTANEOUS REVIVALS, SUNDAY; MOST CHURCHES PLAN SPECIAL EASTER RITES

One of the most farflung religious revivals to be initiated in this country will begin Easter Sunday, with 15,000 Baptist churches east of the Mississippi river and south of the Mason-Dixon line beginning simultaneous revivals.

In this country three of the six Missionary Baptist Churches—Prestonsburg, Garrett and Allen—are joining in the simultaneous revival. The other three—Betsy Layne, Martin and Wheelwright—are not, because evangelists are not available. Over the several counties of Enter-

'Operation Survival' Ordeal Costs Connors 25 Pounds in 10 Days

Operation Survival, the army may have called it, this experiment the army made last month in the sub-zero cold of an Alaskan wilderness, with 12 soldiers, one of whom was R. L. Connors, of Wayland, as the "guinea pigs."

This is the Floyd countian's story as he told it recently in a letter addressed to his father, T. B. Connors, of Estill, and Mr. and Mrs. Noah Howard of Wayland.

On Feb. 8, our company sent 163 of us to the base hospital for medical examination. After they got through examining us, the doctor called off twelve names, and mine was in the twelve. He told us to follow him down the hall to his office. After we were in his office, he smiled real nice and said, "Boys, I have great news for you, because you twelve have just volunteered to go on a 10-day Arctic food survival test."

seemed almost impossible, because we had worked a little too hard pitching out tents and in doing this had used up most of our body energy. The cold, night air was penetrating right through our clothes and skin, with the help of a 67-mile-per-hour wind. The tent offered very little shelter, since it was built wrong with no insulation. All through the night we helped each other some by rubbing each other's legs and backs, so the blood would circulate more freely.

In every one's life he imagines some days seem longer than others, but truthfully speaking that night of Feb. 10 seemed longer than the whole 20 days I have spent here on earth. We all made it until the next morning, and after we received our rations we took our good, easy time and improved our tents by putting about a foot of snow on top of them. We also put about

in the hospital, soon after his return to this country.

This week Bert T. Combs, chairman of the Red Cross blood program in this county, announced that a strong ally in the work to provide blood for members of the country's armed forces and civilians has been found in the United Mine Workers of America. The District 30 UMWA office at Pikeville has assumed the work of co-sponsorship of the blood program in this county, and Noble Hobbs, formerly of Wayland, has been assigned to aid the Red Cross.

Mrs. A. H. Mandt, chairman of the Donors committee, announced that the Allen-Martin Woman's Club has volunteered to make a house-to-house canvass to enlist blood donors.

In Prestonsburg approximately 100 persons have signed cards, signifying their willingness to give a pint of blood when the mobile unit comes here, April 4. Approximately 160 donors, however, will be required to assure the full quota of blood for that first visit of the unit to the county, Mrs. Mandt said, urging all who have cards to enlist donors at once and return the cards at once to Floyd Chapter, American Red Cross, in Prestonsburg.

MRS. ALLEN DIES MONDAY

Wife of Floyd Physician Succumbs at Age of 60; Funeral Held Wednesday

An illness of six months resulted in the death at 5:30 p.m., Monday, at her Maytown home of Mrs. Bertha May Allen, 60 years old, wife of Dr. J. H. Allen, prominent Floyd county physician.

Although her condition had been critical for some time, her passing came as a shock to friends and relatives over the section. Born Feb. 3, 1891, Mrs. Allen was a daughter of George A. May, of Langley, and the late Rhoda Allen May. In early womanhood she was a teacher. She had been a member of the Maytown Methodist Church 45 years, before her illness took a leading part in church work and was known by every acquaintance as one of the county's best women.

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On the Milk Run

This is the story of the wrecked wreckers. Two of 'em. At Banner Wednesday morning, the Daniels Dairy truck was hit by a local freight train at the railway crossing and knocked over a culvert into Prater Creek. Nobody was seriously hurt, and a wrecker was called to rescue the truck.

Wrecker No. 1 couldn't budge the truck. A second wrecker was called, and it hitched onto the first wrecker, to combine the power of both.

Wednesday afternoon, both wreckers were over the culvert, along with the milk truck.

Late in the afternoon, wrecker operators were pondering the advisability of risking another wrecker on the job.

BOARD MAY AWAIT SUIT

Before Negotiating Agreement on Rate To Be Paid Sheriff

It was noted here this week after Assistant Attorney General Owen W. Keller had said sheriffs and school boards can agree on the amount sheriffs can deduct as expenses for collecting school taxes, that an agreement has not been reached between Sheriff A. B. Meade and the Floyd County Board of Education.

County Superintendent Palmer L. Hall said Sheriff Meade has indicated he will not ask the 4 per cent maximum allowed by law but that he cannot collect the taxes for 1 per cent, the rate allowed the sheriff of Madison county by the Court of Appeals.

The County Board of Education has delayed making a definite attempt to reach an agreement with the Sheriff, since the Sheriffs' Association has indicated it will file suit to clarify the Appellate Court's position in the matter. The Board probably will await that clarification before making an attempt to reach a definite figure.

An agreement between a school board and a sheriff would not be legally binding, Assistant Attorney General Keller said in an opinion given County Attorney Roger A. Byron, of Bath county. It would, however, he said, serve as a working basis "and as such should be agreeable to everyone concerned."

The law allows a sheriff to retain 4 per cent of the total school tax he collects. But in two tests of that law the Court of Appeals has held that a sheriff is entitled to keep only enough of the school levy to offset his actual expenses. Retaining school money in excess of actual costs of collection is an unlawful diversion of school taxes, the Court held.

Keller said the 4-per-cent law has not been voided. He explained that in some counties sheriffs might be entitled to the full 4 per cent. Sheriffs and school boards can agree on the amount to be paid, thus avoiding lawsuits to determine what each sheriff is entitled to keep, Keller said.

Mrs. Polly Allen will arrive home Friday from Lindwood College, St. Charles, Missouri.

OPS EXTENDS TIME TO FILE PRICE CHARTS

New Date Is April 30; Regulation Does Not Hit Grocery Stores

Troublesome as Floyd county retailers found the paper work attendant on the imposition of governmental price controls on certain items of trade, they found one encouraging note in the news this week.

The time for filing pricing charts has been extended from March 29 till April 30. These pricing charts must be mailed to the District Office of Price Stabilization, 307 So. Fifth street, Louisville, Ky.

A further clarification of the work cut out for retailers relieves certain businesses of the necessity of filing pricing charts. OPS Regulation No. 7 calling for pricing lists applies only to retailers who sell drygoods, clothing, household textiles, rugs and furniture. It does not apply to grocery stores, it was emphasized here this week.

Marshall Davidson, Prestonsburg attorney, who last week distributed the first meagre supply of pamphlets outlining the work, received another supply Wednesday and announced that copies may be procured at these places:

Floyd Circuit Clerk's Office, First National Bank and Bank Josephine, Prestonsburg; First Guaranty Bank, Martin; Raymond Turner's Store, Drift; Elk Horn Coal Company Store, Wayland; Mosey Johnson's Store, Garrett; Inland Steel Company Store, Wheelwright; E. W. Conn Store, Harold; Sandy Valley Hardware Company, Allen.

NO INTENTION OF NEGLIGENCE

Of Abbott Highway; Officials Declare; Materials Ordered

Commenting on claims of a group of Abbott citizens that they had neglected the Cliff-Abbott Creek road, County Judge Henry Stumbo and Magistrate J. E. Harris this week said there was no intention on their part to pass up any opportunity to improve that route along with other roads in the county wherever possible.

"Anyway, I'm glad to see the people on this road are interested in their community," added Judge Stumbo.

He cited figures supplied by the Rural Highway Department, on which the county depends for rural road needs, showing the amount of materials applied to the Cliff-Abbott road during the last two years. For the year 1949-50 there was a total of 1,485 tons of slag applied. During the year 1950-51, 300 tons of creek gravel, 1,499.51 tons of crushed sandstone and 115 tons of crushed slag or a total of 1,914.51 tons have been placed on the road.

"I have asked for more gravel for this road and have been promised more for next month," Judge Stumbo said. "Along with materials for other roads, a requisition for 1,100 tons of gravel has been issued for Abbott Creek." He added that a crew of men with an inloader is now working to correct the bad curve on the Abbott highway, opposite the home of Judge E. P. Hill.

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Cancer Crusade Quota Set At \$1,090 for Floyd Co.; Drive To Begin April 1

Floyd county's quota for the 1951 Cancer Crusade has been set at \$1,090, it was announced here last week by Miss Mary Elizabeth Powers who will be in active charge of the drive. Outside Prestonsburg, Woman's Clubs will lead the drive, and for each community workers have been named or are being sought, Miss Powers said. The drive will begin April 1.

Mrs. Winnie F. Johns, Prestonsburg, is general chairman for the American Cancer Society in this county.

"The fight to control cancer cannot remain static," Miss Powers said in announcing plans for the drive. "The program must be constantly strengthened from year to year and this means an ever-increasing need for research and the educational and service programs."

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