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Night Watchman Is Killed in Harlan Co

Harlan, Ky., April 2—Earl Jones, 54 year old night watchman of Mary-Helen Coal Corporation, died in Harlan hospital at 2 p.m. from bullet wounds in the head and chest after being shot down before a union picket line at Coalgood early Tuesday morning.

Bill Gibbs, Kenvir, alleged member of the picket line, is being held in the county jail.

Jones was shot down about 3 a.m., soon after United Mine Workers' pickets invaded the Coalgood camp in a successful effort to prevent the non-union miners from entering the mines. Gibbs was arrested at the mine drift-mouth by officers led by Sheriff Herbert C. Cawood.

Sheriff Cawood said Gibbs admitted firing on Jones as the latter walked up steps to the mine. Sheriff Cawood declared that a rifle and three pistols, one identified as belonging to Jones, were taken from Gibbs.

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DR. MOORE TO ATTEND STATE DENTAL MEETING

Dr. and Mrs. Lee Moore are leaving Sunday for Louisville where Dr. Moore will attend the State Dental Meeting. They will return on Wednesday night.

Mrs. Dora Back Dies At Carbon Glow, Ky.

After more than a year of suffering with internal cancer and complications, Mrs. Dora Back, wife of Carson Back, passed to her reward in Heaven March 17 at 9:50.

Dora was the daughter of James W. Caudill and Susie, former Caudill Branch residents. James now resides at Carr Creek where he works for the Carr Center school. Dora's mother preceded her in death several years ago.

Twenty-four years ago Dora was married to Carson Back, who had come to this county as a young man from Quick-sand. To this union was born ten children, two of which preceded the mother in death. Carson and Dora were never separated from each other in all these years with the exception of a few short periods due to employment of the husband away from home.

Many friends were very much worried over the attitude of the wife and mother toward the life after eternity, and only after it seemed that all hopes had vanished she said she was ready to go and gave the family council about taking care of the three smallest children. A great conciliation in a trying hour.

Besides a host of untiring friends Dora leaves the following relatives to mourn her passing:

E. Carson, her devoted husband; Edgar, located in Washington, D. C., U. S. Army; Estill; Mrs. Edna Bryant; Mollie; Thomas; Lulu; Sam; and Nellie, all home with their father; the father, James W.; Brothers: J. C., Alpharetta; Dave, Wiscol; Sisters: Mrs. Pauline Hampton, Ligget; Mrs. Bettie Caudill, Carbon Glow; Mrs. Margaret Adams, Jeremiah; Mrs. Ettie Caudill, Carbon Glow; Mrs. Lena Warren, Sibert, Ky. Edgar was called and arrived in time to see all the family together before final separation from his mother.

Dewey McKnight Announces for Justice Cumberland District

Mr. Dewey McKnight, of the Cumberland District No. 4, is announcing this week for Justice of the Peace on the Republican ticket, subject to the primary election to be held in August. Mr. McKnight is a farmer and truck driver of Partridge and is well known in his section of the county. Mr. McKnight states that he expects to see all of the voters in his district between now and the election and will appreciate any and all support in his race for Magistrate.

I. B. Ritchie Passes In Lexington Hospital

I. B. Ritchie, well known Letcher County business man passed away at the Good Samaritan Hospital on last Friday afternoon. Death was due to heart disease and complications. Mr. Ritchie had been in declining health for several years but had become only seriously ill for the past month or so.

In his early life the deceased married the former Miss Patricia Morgan of Leslie County and to this union were born two children, Jessie and Kathleen, who with the widow survive. Mr. Ritchie is also survived by three children by a former marriage. He was a member of the Baptist Church and also a member of the Masonic order.

The funeral was held in the Baptist Church on last Sunday, Rev. L. O. Griffith being in charge. Burial took place in the Mayking Cemetery. The Johnson Funeral Home had charge of the last rites.

Mr. Ritchie was rated as one of our finest citizens. He was always liberal and forward looking, being ready and willing at all times to help those in need who were worthy. He will be greatly missed among the Whitesburg citizens.

We extend sincere sympathies to the widow and the bereaved family and relatives.

E. W. Combs, 79, Dies At Jackson

Mr. E. W. Combs, 79 years of age, died March 23, 1941 at Jackson, Kentucky. He was the son of the late Henry and Mollie Grigsby Combs, Clayhole, Ky., a brother of the late Alfred Combs of Lexington, Sewell Combs of Richmond, Wm. Combs of Bardstown, and B. M. Combs of Jackson, Ky. He is survived by his wife, Armina Barnett Combs, his sister, Angeline B. Young, of Anco, Ky., and his children: Astor Combs, Lebanon, Ky.; Ersie Kilbourn, Clayhole, Ky.; Marie Bishop, Lambric, Ky.; Mollie Whitaker Dixon, Letcher, Ky.; Winnie Jett, Letcher, Ky.; Henry Combs, Lambric, Ky.; Elixabeth C. Wilson and Amanda Nicely, of Dayton, Ohio. He and Mrs. Combs were married 54 years. For the past few years he had made his home with his son, Henry, at Lambric, Ky. He was the father of thirteen children, thirty-nine grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. He was a member of the Baptist Church for 48 years. Uncle Ed, as he was called by all who knew him, in passing has brought sadness to many many friends in Letcher County, as well as in other counties in Kentucky. To Mrs. Combs and other members of the family, we offer our very deepest sympathies in this time of grief and sorrow.

SHELLIE LEQUIRE IS CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF OF LETCHER CO.



I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Letcher County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary, Aug. 2, 1941. All my friends know that I am a working man like most men in Letcher County, having worked in the coal mines for twelve years and am now employed by the Baker Maytag Company of Neon.

I am not going to make the people a lot of wild promises, and won't say that if elected I'll make you the best Sheriff you ever had; however, I do solemnly promise from the bottom of my heart, that if elected there won't be any fee grabbing officers in Letcher County, and that all law enforcement will be upright citizens, and that I'll do my best to make you a Sheriff you'll be proud you voted for.

I remain sincerely yours,

SHELLIE LEQUIRE

Neon, Ky.

Martin Burklow

Martin Burklow, the twenty-seven year old son of policeman Tom Burklow, died in the Fleming Hospital Monday after a lingering illness of about eighteen months.

He is survived by his wife, Gladys Hudgins Burklow, his parents, two children, and several other relatives.

The past summer Martin spent several months in the Sanatorium at Asheville, N. C., returning home for a few months, then spending the last six weeks of his life in the Fleming Hospital.

He was well known and loved by his many acquaintances in the upper end of the county where most of his life was spent. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at the Baptist church at Fleming. Reverends L. O. Griffith, J. S. Bell, and Isadore Childers officiating.

An obituary will follow in next week's paper.

Dr. P. E. Sloan To Be Away Temporarily

Dr. P. E. Sloan announces the temporary closing of his dental office in Whitesburg. He received a call from the War Department for active duty. He wants to thank his patients for their past patronage, and has left word that he will re-open his office as soon as he is discharged from service.

Huge Gathering At Jenkins Ball Park

Miners from all sections of Southeastern Kentucky gathered at the Jenkins Ball Park for a big celebration of Labor on Tuesday, April 1st. The inclemency of the weather spoiled what would have been an otherwise gala occasion, but despite intermittent showers a number of speakers were heard and a part of the program was carried out successfully. Loud speakers were placed at several points and a number of soft drink stands were placed on the grounds to serve the public.

The crowd was one of the largest ever seen on the park but no disorderly conduct prevailed and peace and quiet seemed to be the order of the day. The highways were well patrolled by a number of State Policemen stationed for that purpose.

Mr. Milton Hall was master of ceremonies and did an excellent job, considering the foul weather.

New Opening Hour At Kentucky Theatre

The management of the Kentucky Theatre announces a new opening hour for the evening shows, to be effective from this date until further notice. Mr. Thomas says that matinees will not be affected by any changes until school closes for the summer vacation. Evening shows will begin at 6:15, which is an hour later than they have been opening.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kiser Passes In Lynch

Mrs. Elizabeth Chandler Fleming Kiser, daughter of Lee and Buena Buchanan Chandler, was born in Bakersville, N. C., May 30, 1886 and passed away at the Lynch Hospital Monday morning at 7:50 April 1st, age 54 years, 10 months and 1 day.

For a number of years, Mrs. Kiser lived at Jenkins, Ky., where she was well known and loved by a legion of friends. She leaves to survive her departure her father, Mr. Lee Chandler of Kingsport, Tennessee; one daughter, Mrs. C. L. Copley of Lynch, Ky.; two sons: Lloyd Fleming and Martin W. Kiser, both of Jenkins, Ky.; one sister, Mrs. W. H. Stone, Kingsport, Tenn.; and one brother, W. D. Chandler of Fleming, Ky.

Funeral services were held at the Baptist Church, Dunham, Ky. Wednesday afternoon where an extremely large number of friends gathered.

Ministers in attendance at the ceremony were: Rev. Dingus, Rev. Beeler and Rev. Price. Pall bearers included: Roscoe Miller, Floyd Hall, Charlie Gamble, Hugh Ellis, Norman Gamble and Arthur Childers.

Funeral offerings were many. Burial in Dunham Cemetery. Johnson Funeral Home was in charge of last rites.

5 Deaths Are Result Of Harlan Coal Strike

As we go to press violence has again focused the news spotlight on Harlan County with five men reported slain and six others wounded. All the deaths were due to the strike which became effective April 1st.

Mrs. Mallie Blair Dies At Blackey

On March 15 Mrs. Mallie Blair passed to the Great Beyond at her home in Blackey. Mallie was the daughter of the late Elijah and Sarah Adams of Jeremiah, and has many relatives and friends left to Lower Rockhouse.

Several years ago, while very young, Mallie was married to Emmett Adams. The wedding did not prove to be a happy one and after some years Mallie again married, this time to Steve Blair, son of Hiram and Jane Blair of Blair Branch on Rockhouse.

Unfortunate circumstances separated her from her last husband in the fall of 1934 when he was taken by the force of the law. Since that time Mallie has had a hard time keeping her little flock together, Tandy Richard, the only son by the first marriage was given a comfortable home by her mother until her death when he was taken in with the rest of the children at Blackey.

During the several months suffering, the people were good to help in as many ways as possible and after the death of Mallie the relatives have taken the children to care for and rear to manhood. Tandy Richard Adams has returned to the old home place where he will reside with his uncle, Orville Adams. The brothers of Steve Blair made arrangements to care for his children. Mrs. Lina Amburgey is caring for Vinson and Murphie while Edmond Blair is caring for Lawton.

Commodore Craft Asks for Office of Justice of the Peace

Thornton, Ky. March 23, 1941.

After having been urged by some of my good friends, both Republicans and Democrat, to seek the nomination for Justice of the Peace in this district, No. 7, I have decided to ask for it, subject to the action of the Republican party at its August primary. I hope to visit the home of every voter and talk with them before the election. Your support will certainly be appreciated by me.

Your friend,
COMMODORE CRAFT.

Robert Bruce Hall

The funeral services of Robert Bruce Hall of McRoberts was conducted at the McRoberts church house by Rev. Robert Regan, pastor of the Missionary Baptist Church, and Rev. Porter Brewer, associate pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church, on Saturday afternoon, March 22, 1941, at one-thirty. Interment was made at Fleming. During the service the minister in charge read the following:

OBITUARY
Robert Bruce Hall was born in Soddy, Tenn., May 6, 1876. He died in the Jenkins, Ky. hospital of bronchial pneumonia March 19, 1941 at the age of sixty-four years, ten months and thirteen days.

Mr. Hall grew up in different places in his native state; and there he married Miss Vica Harmon of Virginia. This union was blessed with six children: three boys and three girls. One of the girls died when she was about two years old; and a son, Bruce, died at the age of forty-two at Fleming, Ky., August 7, 1938. Mr. Hall's wife died in McRoberts, Ky., March 2, 1930.

In the summer of 1930 he married Mrs. Alwilda (Gibson) Johnson, who passed away the next year, leaving no child from this union.

On July 3, 1933 Mr. Hall was joined in wedlock to Mrs. Julia (Newman) Greer. This union was blessed with three daughters.

He had lived in McRoberts, with the exception of some periods in Virginia and Fleming, since about 1914. His work was usually that of a repair man.

During a meeting conducted by Rev. Ben Powers at the Free Will Baptist Church in McRoberts in the spring of 1939 he made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour. He was bright and happy in his testimony for Christ and never wavered in his assurance of salvation.

He was a man of many fine qualities; especially was he a devoted husband and father, affectionate and true in his family. He was also a good neighbor and friend.

Mr. Hall leaves to mourn his loss his widow, Mrs. Julia Hall and their three little daughters: Bobby Jean, six years of age; Willas Dean, four years old; and Deloris Ann, two years old; and from his first marriage two sons: Galen and Aaron, both of McRoberts; and two daughters: Vera, now Mrs. Ed Carver of Wayland, Ky., and Grace, now Mrs. Moses Adams of Hemphill, Ky.; and his step-children, to whom he was a loving father: Ruth, Ralph, Raymond, and Junior Greer; besides many other relatives and friends.

Dr. Tom Jennings, Former Letcher Man, Killed In Car Wreck

Many were heard to lament and speak generally of the tragedy of the fine life of Dr. Jennings being taken so suddenly in a car wreck near his home at Clinton, Tenn. on Tuesday.

For many years he and his fine family were residents of our county and he was the doctor for the Elkhorn Jellico Coal Co., and the Whitesburg Coal Co., his children going to school in the city schools and Stuart Robinson School at Blackey. Dr. Jennings and his family made many friends during their stay here who are all deeply grieved at his untimely death.

According to information he was critically injured when his car over turned several times while he was making a call and it was so badly damaged that it took some time to extricate his body from the car. He was rushed to Clinton for first aid treatment but was later taken to St. Marys Hospital in Knoxville where he passed away Tuesday afternoon without regaining consciousness.

Dr. Jennings was a Captain in the Medical Corps during World War I and was a brother of Congressman Jennings from the Knoxville District. He is survived by his wife, one son, Tom Jr., who is married and resides in the city of Knoxville; and three daughters; his brother C. Jennings, who is congressman, as well as many other near relatives and hundreds of close friends.

We never had the privilege of knowing Dr. Jennings but according to some of Letcher County's most influential citizens he was a man one would be proud to number among their friends as he was a very civic minded man and always took an active part in all things good for the community and was a member of the Presbyterian Church, of which he took an active and helpful part.

Dr. Jennings received his education at Vanderbilt and was a graduate of the College of Medicine at Nashville. Many from Letcher will attend his funeral and burial it is thought at this time.

Mrs. Lee McClure of this city is a niece of Dr. Jennings.

H. Y. Brown, Smoot, Will Be Candidate for Justice of the Peace

TO THE VOTERS OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT NO. 3:

I have decided to announce myself a candidate for Justice of the Peace in our district, subject to the action of the Republican party, August 2, 1941. Most of the people in our district know me, and the ones who know me best know that I will not promise the people things I can not do.

I was a candidate for Member of the County Board of Education and served as your board member for four years. When I made that race, all I promised you was that if I was elected, I would do the best I could. I am going to promise you in my race for Magistrate, if I am elected to serve you as your Magistrate for the next four years, that I will do the best I can, as I did before. As your board member I got for our Magisterial district two new school houses built, and four new additions to school houses. Every school house in the district got some (Continued on back page)