Pearl Webb Cemetery Newsletter

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History & Facts: By Jean Hedgepeth

Mr. John Laurence Burd

We would like to say thanks to all who have served in all wars to keep our freedom. As we begin to write about the WWI soldiers, I will begin with Mr. John Laurence Burd.

His mother was from a well-known family of this area. She was the daughter of Mr. John H. Sturgeon and a sister to Mr. John P. Sturgeon. He was the oldest child. His brother and sisters were Gains, Curtis, Leon, Mattie, Agnes, and Albert P.

They must have lived in Oklahoma for a period of time, because Leon was born there in 1902. But like so many families, they decided to come back home. Mr. John Laurence was a farmer before leaving to serve in WWI. He married Blennie Frances Devine, about 1916. Then on June 5, 1918, he signed up for the draft and was sent to Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indiana for training. This camp was northeast of Indianapolis. It was named after our 23rd President of the United States of America. The land for the camp was bought in 1903 and was closed in 1991.

Mr. Burd caught the flu in 1918 during the epidemic and never recovered. He died October 16, 1918. He was brought back to Hart County and buried in the Pearl Webb Cemetery. He and Mrs. Blennie never had any children, so when she was left to make a living for herself, she became a private nurse. She only had a 7th grade education, but learned much on her own. She reported that in 1939, she worked for \$33.00 a week. She would stay in a home until her patient was well.

During the 1937 flood, when people were brought to Hart County and stayed at Memorial School, she would line them up and give them shots. Many people remember Mrs. Blennie. She always drove a 1932 Ford car. You could hardly see her head above the steering wheel. Few of us knew Mr. Burd, but all in the Hardyville and Canmer communities remember Mrs. Blennie.



Mr. John Laurence Burd's Tombstone

Mr. Charles Barnett Bale

Mr. Charles Barnett Bale was born February 20, 1889 in Eve, KY and died April 12, 1965. He was the son of Henry and Margaret (Crump) Bale. He was married April 25, 1920 to Bernice McDonald. She was the daughter of Ben and Mary Margaret (Cann) McDonald.

Mr. Charles's mother was the owner of the Smith Hotel in Canmer. Mr. Charles and Bernice had eight children: Edna Earl, Dorthy Geraldine, Sarah Francis, Charles Jr., Margaret Cann, Sue Carroll, Nancy Sandidge, and William Donald.

Mr. Bale was a mechanic. When WWI started, he was drafted and sent to Fort Benning, Georgia for training. Since he was a good mechanic, he had to work on all the trucks, tanks, or wherever he was needed. Fort Benning was started in 1918 to provide basic training for the units that were serving in WWI. After he was discharged, he came back to his hometown of Canmer to live.



Left to right: Charles Bale, Margaret "Maggie" Smith (who ran the Smith Hotel at Canmer), Icyphine "Icy" Russell (who played organ at the Canmer Baptist Church), and her child Margaret Lucille Russell Staples. Icyphine died in the flu epidemic of 1918.



Mr. Charles Barnett Bale's Tombstone



Persons buried at Pearl Webb since the last newsletter:

William Burke (Bill) Blakey DOB: 12/16/1923 DOD: 12/14/2013

Gertrude "Gertie" Wright Goldsmith DOB: 2/2/1923 DOD: 2/14/2014

Betty L. McKinney Logsdon DOB: 3/21/1950 DOD: 3/1/2014

Chester Mires DOB: 5/5/1947 DOD: 3/13/2014

Ruby Bunnell Mires DOB: 5/13/1925 DOD: 3/30/2014

Lowell Wendell Mayhall DOB: 11/5/1931 DOD: 5/8/2014



Treasurer's Desk: By: Brenda Dudderar

Larry and Patty Jaggers have graciously offered to donate enough land to the cemetery to extend the short drive between the original cemetery and the small new addition. We hope to begin the road work after Memorial Day. This will alleviate people having to back out of the cemetery into highway 1854. Our thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Jaggers for their donation that will help to improve our cemetery.

We are not sure what the cost of extending this road will be. If you would like to donate to the road improvement of our cemetery, please note this, when you send a donation. I will keep an account of donations for this special project.

As always flowers are blown off of stones all over the cemetery. When the spring mowing season begins they are usually thrown away, as we have no idea where they belong. The few people who put their names on their flowers are easily placed back on the correct grave.

In the winter edition, I mentioned we had lost a faithful contributor in Mrs. Jenny Lysle Mayhall. You will notice in this newsletter that Mr. Mayhall has also passed away. Donations have been made on behalf of both of these generous people.

Jim and I have worked several days at the cemetery trimming trees and shrubs, filling graves, straightening stones, digging up buried stones and placing them on a rock foundation and spraying stray bushes and weeds. Peggy Sue and I went through the entire cemetery making lists of things that need to be done. The list is long and the workers are few. We have graves that need filling, stones that need gluing and many graves that need to be sewn. Teddy Dillard is coming to glue stones for us and Jean Hedgepeth is sowing graves. There are limbs in some of the large trees that need to be cut, but we are not equipped for such a large task. If you could help please let us know. The work done is all volunteer.

Thanks to everyone who donates to Pearl Webb Cemetery. Your donations continue to keep our cemetery beautiful for our loved ones resting there.

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Pearl Webb Cemetery's Dogwood Trees in Bloom: Photos by Jeanie Sullivan







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