

# Pax

## Fayette County

### West Virginia



Newspapers Articles

By Henry Meredith

In **1831** Fayette County was formed from Kanawha, Nicholas, Greenbrier and Logan Counties.

In **1851** a part of Fayette County in which the present site of Beckley was then included was cut off to form a part of Raleigh County then created.

In **1871** a small part was cut off to form a part of Summers County then created.

In **1907** Deepwater Railroad was consolidated with the Tidewater Railway of Virginia to form the Virginia Railway. Started at Deepwater and ran to Mullens, two years later to Princeton.

IN **1910** Kanawha, Glen Jean and Eastern Railway (K.G.J. & E.), a McKell enterprize, was extended from Mt. Hope to Pax.

### **The Pax Community in 1926**

The first settler at Pax was **William Humphrey** who came here from Monroe county about the year 1840. He bought a large tract (4,580 1/4 acres) of land from H.M. Dickenson, Special Commissioner on October 2, 1847, two land grants from the State of Virginia one in 1852 for 175 acres and one in 1856 for 205 acres, and built his log cabin at what is now known as the Burgess place.

He reared a large family of boys and girls and when they became of age he gave each a large farm. Jarrell, his son settled at what is now *Weirwood*, Lewis on the present site of *Pax*, Elijah and Dick settled up *Packs Branch*. One of the girls married a Davis and settled where the *Willis Branch* coal town is now located. One married a Burgess and fell heir to the home place located at *Ole Willis Branch*. They all raised large families and were hard working sturdy people. They cleared their lands, raised grain and cattle and the posterity of William Humphrey, constitute some of the leading citizens of this part of the county.

In **1903** the Paintsville Development Company was organized with P.M. Snyder of Mt. Hope as one of the principal promoters. They bought the Lewis Humphrey tract of land from the heirs and laid it off in town lots which were sold by them at public auction. These lots were bought by progressive business men who at once began the construction of residences and business houses.

The first name given to this place was Paintsville, in 1905 the name of the Post Office was changed to Pax. Pax is actually a misnomer as far as the community name go. From the latin for "Peace," the town is really a misspelling of "Pack." The town was supposed to have been named for Packs Branch, a nearby stream honoring Sam Pack. an early settler.

It was said in 1926 that Pax has the best school and best school facilities of any town of its size in the county. It has a large modern, well equipped eight room brick school building used for junior and senior high school and on the same lot a large six-room frame school building for the grades. The school is well patronized. There upper grades from surrounding schools attend here where they receive instruction from a thoroughly trained corps of teachers, this giving these children equal opportunities with those of the cities. Pax has three churches, a Methodist Episcopal south, a Christian Baptist, and a Baptist Church for the colored people located between Pax and Long Branch where the colored people from both town meets.

They have two dry goods stores, two grocery stores, four general stores, one general feed store, two barber shops, two hotels, one bank, depot, post office and garage, two doctor, J.W. and A.L. Hunter, one drug store, one picture show and the Oak Hill telephone exchange. The post office was established at Paintsville with J.T. Humphrey as first postmaster. The name was later changed to Pax and the following have been postmasters: J.F. McQueen and A.B. Canterbury the present incumbent.

Pax was incorporated in 1920 and the following have served as mayors: W.C. Ayers, H.E. Woolwine, and J.E. Williams. Pax has a population of about 600 people.

In 1923 a hard road was constructed from Mt. Hope to Pax and from here to the Raleigh county line. It also

extends to Long Branch, a distant of one mile.

Pax is also on the main line of the Virginian Railroad at the junction of the Kanawha Glen Jean and Eastern (K. G. J. & E.) Railway with the Virginian making Pax accessible either by rail or automobile. There is talk of the Virginian Railway establishing shops just above Pax, and with plenty of building territory and several mines that surround the town and with the prospect that sometime in the near future a hard road may be laid down Paint Creek from Harper to Charleston thus connecting up Beckley and Charleston. **Pax is destined to become a city.**

### **Coal Companies**

In **1912/13** Edward J. Berwind purchase tracts of land which is presently known as Weirwood from Elbert Humphrey, Jarrell Humphrey, Fannie Humphrey, Jannie Kidd and Henry Kidd. Weirwood consisted of a 380-foot mine shaft. At least half a million dollars were spent in making it one of the model mines of the state. There are seventy-five first class tenement houses, a \$10,000 store building, a post office, and the mine which is a shaft fitted up with the very latest and best mining machinery.

In 1915 the Humphrey/Boyd Branch school was transferred to Weirwood and named Herberton School.

In **1914** the Herberton Colliery purchase tracts of land from, J.S. Davis. In January, **1916** the post office at **Herberton** was changed to **Willis Branch**, and the postmaster was Mr Lewis Nemian. **Herbert Collieries Company**, Herberton, W. Va -- Eagle Seam The mining community consisted of a Company Store, 67 modern tenement houses, a post office, church and a colored school.

### **1923**

#### **Willis Branch Coal Company**

Alma coal seam

129 Men (40 pick & 35 machine)

53 Days worked

33,307 Tons output

W.H. O'Neal - Super

Wm Warner - Mine Foreman

#### **Long Branch Coal Company**

#2 Gas & Eagle coal beds 293 Men (25 pick & 100 machine)

164 Days worked

16,750 Tons output

C.R. Turner - Super

H.L. Hendrickson - Mine Foreman

#### **Packs Branch Coal Company**

Office in Pax

Eagle bed - Thickness of 4 feet

31 Men (3 pick & 8 machine)

180 Days worked

16,750 Tons output

A.J. O'Neal - Super

Frank Williams - Mine Foreman--

### **1941**

**Long Branch Coal Co** - Long Branch  
Co - Willis Branch

**Windle Coal & Lumber Co** - Near Pax

**Hill Anderson Coal**

**SCHOOL NAME OPEN-CLOSE**

Pack Branch 1921-1948      Lively 1925      Long Branch 1930      Long Branch (\*)  
 1959  
 Herberton 1915-1954      Herberton (\*) 1910-1914      Paintsville 1908-1914      Pax 1914-1999  
 Roseville unknown      Willis Branch 1930      Boyds Branch 1895-1915  
 Weirwood - 1876, Located near Paint Creek on land known as Jarrell's farm.      (\*) Colored

**July 18, 1923**

**School Trustee**

Pax School	Charles Rutledge
Packs Branch	Charles McCoy
Lively School	L.C. Lively
Herberton	M.F. Allenbaugh
Willis Branch	I.E. McNeilly
Plum Orchard	D.C. Pauley
Long Branch (colored)	Ed Bolen

**LIST OF TEACHERS  
 1916 THRU 1925**

**PAX**

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W.E O'Neal	E.G. Humphrey	Miss Cleona Morgan	Miss Ruth Bailey
Miss Nannie Davis	Miss Ruth Morgan	H.T. Stoval	C.F. Lowther
Gladys Odell	Hattie Duncan	Josie Humphrey	Helen Trasher
F.L. Carlisle	H.J. Ramsey	Elizabeth Carlisle	Evelyn Ward
Vallie Slaven	Madge Duncan	R.E. Delaney	Emily Atkinson
Emma Helper	Myrtle Lowery	Mrs. K.B. Champe	Edna Craft

**PACK BRANCH**

E.G. Humphrey	Mae Lafferty
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**WILLIS BRANCH**

Melinda West	Anne West	Nellie Wriston	Herbert Humphrey
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**LIVELY**

Tim Blake	Vera Night	J.W. Lively
Martha Wingrove	W.L. Grinn	Hazel Lively

**HERBERTON**

A.C. Baumgartner	Opal Grigsby	Mabel Wickline	Virginian Delaney
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**BOYD BRANCH**

Martha Wingrove

**WILLIS BRANCH (colored)**

Lorena Wood

**LONG BRANCH (colored)**

Miss Ray Bowles W.W. Banks Ray Higginbotham  
Hazel Mosely Mary Henike

**PLUM ORCHARD**

Miss Mary Elewick Miss Lena Nutter Theodore James

**HONOR ROLL - - January 1917**

**Pax**

**First Grade**

Athalene Cook	Ruby O'Neal	Sebert Trail	Sam Ogden
Burt McNeely			

**Second Grade**

Opal Blake	Kate Sledd	Hurbert Bennett	Dallas Ogden
Donald Wilson			

**Third Grade**

Willie Quigley	Guy Williams	Cecil Wilson	Carrie Thompson
Lillian McNeely	Ruth Kennedy		

**Fourth Grade**

Ola Kincaid	Opal McNeely	Fern Cadle	Bertha Horch
Myrtle Nelson	Victoria Thompson	Gladys Davis	Nellie Humphrey

Everette Humphrey

Raymond Kelly

Johnnie Humphrey

**Fifth & Sixth Grade**

Russell Akers

Clemma Akers

Ethel Warren

Wilbur O'Neal

Evelyn Canterbury

John Quigley

Laura Cyrus

Clyde Short

Clairie Davis

**Seventh and Eighth Grade**

Fren Davis

Stella Kincaid

**Awarded Elementary School Diploma**

Five pupils at Lively School successfully passed the examination for Elementary School Diploma. They were:  
Oran Lively-Bernice Lively-Troy Williams-Bond Ellision-Dallae Tyree

**March 7, 1923**

Pax - Mt. Hope Road Bond

Election official for Special election to be held on April 7, 1923 Bond issue of 400,000 dollars for the construction of roads.

<b>Willis Branch</b>	Commissioners - J.S. Davis, M.F. Allanbaugh, Bryant Kidd
	Clerks - N.H. Bolton, W.E. Davis
<b>Pax</b>	Commissioners - Cal Aliff, J.S. Slusner, John Janney
	Clerks - H.B. Davis, Howard Mahan
<b>Lively</b>	Commissioners - C.M. Lively, E.B. Keffer, J.S. Lively
	Clerks - L.C. Lively, W.E Lively

Beginning at a point where is known as the Pax road intersects with the hard surfaced road to Giles, Fayette and Kanawha Turnpike near the store of the Sugar Creek Coal & Coke Co in the town of Mt. Hope and following road to the town of Pax and following road to the Raleigh County line and then beginning at a concrete culvert near Pax running a distance of one mile by way of Long Branch. The first section of road be built nine feet wide and 2 1/2 foot stone shoulders on each side. Mt. Hope to pax to Raleigh county line and one mile to Long Branch, (eight miles).

12,000 cu. yds @ \$.90	\$10,800
Drain structures	\$9,600
7,500 cu. yds base stone @ \$4.00	\$30,000
42,000 cu. yds surface course @ \$.90	\$38,025
4,000 cu. yrs stone shoulders @ \$4.00	\$16,000
105,000 gallon oil @ \$.18	\$18,900
Engineering and contingencies	\$6,675
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$130,000</b>

Note: Fayette Tribune dated **May 17, 1917** - Class "A" Road - The Giles, Fayette and Kanawha Turnpike from Raleigh county line via Mount Hope, Glen Jean, Scarbro, Oak Hill, Fayetteville and Beckwith to Kanawha Falls, 30 miles.

**April 11, 1923**

Both Road Bond Issues Carry by Big Vote in Fayetteville - Quinnmont Districts

Precincts	For	Against
Pax	507	0
Willis Branch	60	0
Lively	87	0

**July 11, 1923**

**One Road Contracted  
Other Projects Wait**

The bid on the Pax - Mt. Hope road of \$256,000 was rejected as too high and new bid will be taken at once.

That the bid received on the road known as -- o.1, MT. Hope to Pax be and is hereby rejected. That the said road be re- advertised with the following changes. That the road be divided into three sections.

First - Sugar Creek store to top of mountain.

Second - Top of mountain to concrete bridge on Paint Creek near Pax.

Third - From Raleigh county line to one mile below Paint Creek bridge.

That bids be received for native stone or slag with limestone top, oil and Bermuda asphalt, eight inch native stone shoulders.

**August 15, 1923**

**Road Contracts Let For  
Pax and Gatewood Roads**

The two section of road from Mt. Hope to Pax were awarded to the Fidelity Construction Company of Mt. Hope.

**April 25, 1923**

**Raleigh may Join Fayette  
in New Paved Road**

The result of the bond issue in Fayette county for the building of a hard surface road from Pax to Long Branch has resulted in activity on the part of Town District citizens near Cirtsville to seek to encourage a bond issue for the building of a hard surface road from the county line 1/2 mile below Cirtsville to Cirtsville hence to Maynor and Sweenyburg and then to Harper.

**July 9, 1924**

**Pax News Notes**

The J.M. Randish Company, road contractors, are pushing the work on our hard road, which will extend from

the Raleigh county line, a point nearly two miles above Pax, down Paint Creek to a point about half mile below the Long Branch Coal Company store.

**September 17, 1924**

### **First Asphalt**

The first asphalt on the Randish contract on the Pax road was poured Wednesday at the Pack Branch culvert. The road will be open to travel in about 30 days.

**June 3, 1925**

### **For Pax Road and Crossing**

Pax and Long Branch citizens were here Monday before the county court to press the matter of establishing a permanent railroad crossing on the Willis Branch road. Another matter was to urge the completion of 200 yards of uncompleted paving on a fill near Pax.

**June 24, 1925**

### **Improving Pax Road**

The Fidelity Construction Co. of Mt. Hope, of which J.K. McGrath is head, has had a force of men on the Mt. Hope - Pax road for several weeks smoothing down the shoulders, and filling the worn places which has improved it greatly. An extremely bad place at the concrete bridge at Pax has been surfaced which eliminates the worst place on the road.

**July 22, 1915**

### **Official Directory Justices of the Peace**

J.E. Williams

**April 15, 1915**

### **Bad Fire at Pax**



**Incendiary Blaze a Pax Destroys Main Business Block of the Town Four Stores and P.O. Burned Out**

The main business block of Pax was destroyed by fire last Saturday night. The Post Office, McQueen's store, Smith hardware store, a Butcher Shop and Pool Room. The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin.

The blaze was discovered about 2 a.m. and seems to have started from under the pool room where great quantity

of lumber was stored. It was impossible to save anything from the buildings. All the mail in the Post Office was burned.

The loss was upwards of \$2,000 with some insurance but not enough to cover the damage. The buildings were owned by Smith and McQueen.

**April 29, 1915**

### **New Bank of Pax**

Efforts Being Made To Organize State Bank in New Coal Field

The wonderful development of the coal field about Pax has induced a number of wide awake citizens of the section to become interested in the organization of a new bank to be located at Pax. T.J. Nelson, of Roanoke, is now at work on the organization, and the bank which will be a state institution, is expected to be ready for business within a few weeks. It will have a capitol of 25,000 dollars.

Interested with Mr. Nelson in the project are the following well known sub-stantial citizens: J.H. McQueen, Otis Lively, W.P. Painter and others. The bank will be a great convenience to the business interests of that community.--

**May 15, 1915**

### **Fishing License After May 27**

The county clerk has had several requests for fishing license the past few days. The new fish and game law does not go into effect until May 27 and consequently no license is required until that date. Under the new law every fisherman must get a license which is issued free to residence of the state.

**July 29, 1915**

### **Bank Of Pax Opens Oct. 1**



The new Bank of Pax is now organized and expects to begin business about the first of October. J.H. McQueen is president & J.C. Tyree will be the cashier. The bank will have quarters in the new brick business district block now being built by Mr. McQueen.

**December 2, 1915**

### **Another Fire at Pax**

#### ***Two Store Building - Two Dwelling - Burn Mysteriously - Early Saturday Morning***

The little town of Pax had another mysteriously fire early Saturday morning. Two stores and two dwellings were burned.

The fire seemed to start from a two story building formerly occupied by T.J. Humphreys store. No goods were in the building, but eight or nine pianos owned by Dr. Hatfield were stored in the building. The fire was discovered about 4 o'clock.

A building occupied by Samuel and Polan, Clothing Store was destroyed and two small dwelling houses. One was occupied by Samuel and Polan and the other was a boarding house.

Most of the property destroyed was insured, but the amount of insurance and loss could not be ascertained.

This is about the third fire at Pax, all of unknown origin.-

**December 9, 1915**

### **Pax Diphtheria Victim**

One death from Diphtheria resulted at Pax Sunday. During the past few weeks 18 cases have been reported in that section. The victims are all small children less that 6 years old. The school were discontinued for a while, but as none of the school children have been ill the schools have been resumed again.

**December 22, 1915**

### **Mrs. Williams in Hospital**

Mrs. J.E. Williams, of Pax, was operated on in the Beckley Hospital a few days ago, and a kidney removed. She is recovering slowly.

**February 3, 1916**

### **Want Column**

FOR SALE - House and lots at Pax, on the Virginian railway. Terms easy. For further information call or write H.S. Lively, Pax, W.Va.

**August 1916**

### **Abused Negro Lad**

#### ***Pax Colored Man Accused of Maltreating Orphan Boy He Was Raising***

Scott Johnson, colored, of Pax, took a 15-year-old boy he had taken from an orphans' home before Squire Williams and asked that he be sent to the industrial school because he was incorrigible. The case was referred to Judge Lee, of the juvenile court. The boy claims Johnson whipped him very severely, and exhibited marks of violence that seem to substantiate his story. The boy is being looked after by a Fayetteville colored family. Johnson may be indicted for his cruelty to the lad.

**January 13, 1916**

## **Jim Allen Shot by Ed Boland Following Christmas Day Boozing**

Too much liquor was responsible for a murder at Long Branch on Christmas day. The parties to the affair were colored miner and the killing of one of them followed a day of drunken rows. The dead man was Jim Allen, a quiet sort of negro who worked at Long Branch. His slayer Cleve Boland, of Red Star, who was on a visit to his brother Ed, at Long Branch. The men had partied early in the day. Allen and Ed Boland had a fight in which he was cut about the head by Allen. As Allen was passing the Boland's house about dark Cleve shot him from the porch. Two bullets entered the back of the head and one in the shoulder. He lived about an hour. Boland made his escape and has not yet been apprehended. Another negro, known as Slim, employed on the railroad at Long Branch was stabbed in the stomach Christmas night. It is not known positive who did the cutting, but an investigation made by Prosecuting Attorney Summerfield leads him to suspect Bert West. It is said the negro hit West with a rock. The negro's wound was considered very dangerous and he was hurried to a Princeton hospital.

**June 1916**

### **New Precinct**

***Pax Precinct No. 7***--Formerly Paint Creek. (Voting Place, White Schoolhouse). BEGINNING at the top of Packs Mountain, about 1 3/4 miles north of the railroad tunnel between Sugar Creek and Packs Branch, thence leaving said Packs Mountain, and with the ridge between Packs Branch and Plum Orchard Creek, and the ridge between Packs Branch and Horse Creek to a point on ridge above Advent Church, thence a straight line in a northerly direction across Paint Creek to said Advent Church, thence up the dividing ridge between Town Creek and Long Branch to the left of Owen Lively's house to the county line in a southerly direction to the top of the ridge between Coal River, Paint Creek and Willis Branch, thence with the dividing ridge to the head of a branch emptying into Paint Creek above Pax Station, and with said branch to Paint Creek, (crossing the Virginian railway and paint Creek, 500 feet east of the Pax depot) thence up the dividing ridge between Knob Branch and Packs Branch to the county line on top of Packs Mountain: thence with Packs Mountain crossing over the tunnel of Kanawha Glen Jean and Eastern Railroad to the beginning.

***Willis Branch Precinct No. 31***--New Precinct. (Voting Place, Humphreys School House). BEGINNING where the county line leaves the main divide between Paint Creek and Coal River: thence with the county line to the top of Packs Mountain near the railroad tunnel between Sugar Creek and Packs Branch; thence with the top of the ridge between Packs Branch and Maple Fork, and the top of the ridge between Packs Branch and Knob Branch, (Crossing the Virginian Railway and Pain Creek five hundred feet east of Pax depot) to the mouth of a small branch emptying into Paint Creek; thence up said branch to the ridge between Willis Branch and paint Creek; thence with said ridge to the beginning.

***Lively Precinct. No. 32***--New Precinct. (Voting Place. Lively School House). BEGINNING at the top of Packs Mountain on the county line near the railroad tunnel between Sugar Creek and Packs Branch; thence with said mountain to the ridge between Packs Mountain Branch and Plum Orchard Creek; thence with said ridge, and the ridge between packs Branch and Horse Creek to the mountain ridge above Advent Church; thence a straight line in a northerly direction across Paint Creek to said Advent Church, thence up the dividing ridge between Town Creek and Long Branch to the left of Owen Lively's house to the county line, thence with the county line to the district line crossing Paint Creek (one and one-half above the mouth of Mossy to the ridge between Mossy and Paint Creek thence with said ridge to the between Plum Orchard Creek and Dun Loop Creek, thence with the latter to the beginning.

**January 6, 1916**

### **Pax Fire Loss Insurance**

On the list of fire losses from November reported by the state fire marshal, the loss by the blaze at Pax is stated as follows: J.T. Humphrey store, value \$1,000 with insurance \$1,500. Simon Cohen, two dwelling, valued at

4800 each with \$700 insurance and store valued at \$3,00 with \$1,000 insurance. The cause of fire given as unknown.

**January 13, 1916**

#### **Item from Pax**

Mrs. J. E. Williams is home from Beckley hospital. She is convalescing very slowly. Clarence Dickinson has resigned his position in the Weirwood store to go to Beckley. Mrs. Robt. Hunter is quite ill. Henry West went to Fayetteville Monday on business

**February 3, 1916**

#### **O'Neal Case Continued**

The appeal case of K. M. O'Neal set for hearing at this term of court, will be continued. The question of the right of appeal under the circumstance was raised and has not been processed upon by the court. O'Neal was fined in justice court for not sending his children to school.

**February 24, 1916**

#### **Hoss Creek Henry's Problem**

Here's a question propounded by H. S. Lively, of Paint Creek, for Tribune reader to solve:

Suppose a man and his wife are first cousins and both re-marry, and each he has 3 sons and she 3 daughters by the second marriage. His three sons and her 3 daughters marry each other. What kin will be the children of these 3 sons and 3 daughters to each other.

**April 20, 1916**

#### **Free School Diplomas**

Many Pupils Pass Examinations admitting them to the High School

Pax----Walter Buckland and Vernie Martin

**May 11, 1916**

#### **Kingston Look-Out Station**

A contract has been let to A. B. Rawn for the construction of a fire look-out tower at Kingston. The new station will be 10 by 10 feet at the base and 20 feet high. Two stories will be utilized, one for a living room and the other as a watch station. The second story room will be equipped with field glasses, telephone and maps.

**April 14, 1916**

#### **Shipments of Coal from Virginian Mines for the Year 1915**

Long Branch 113,111 tons  
Herberton 33,526 tons

**January 11, 1917**

#### **Change Post Office Name**

The names of several Paint Creek postoffices may be changed. It is proposed to change Wacoma to Livingston and Tomsburg to Whittaker. Mucklow has already been renamed Gallagher.

***THE BIGGEST FISH ARE CAUGHT WITH HOOK AND LYIN'***

**January 18, 1917**

**Long Branch Coal Company**

The Long Branch Coal Company, of which Lattelle Graney is general superintendent, has increase its capital stock from \$50,00 to \$150,00. The operation is one of the largest and most prosperous on the Virginian Railway. Improvement and increase tonnage are contemplated

**January 18, 1917**

**Dick Humphrey Dying**

Dick Humphrey, of Pax is over 96 years old, is reported to be very ill with death expected any day. He was born on paint Creek and is the last of William Humphrey family.

**May 3, 1917**

**Conscription Registrars**

The following are the registrars in various voting precincts in the county whose duty it will be to list all men in their precincts liable for military service.

Willis Branch - Buren Davis,  
Lively - E.T. Wingrove, Long Branch - J. Wm. Lively,

**February 15, 1917**

**Boys Fined for Smoking**

The Cigarette cases of several boys about Pax were disposed of by Squire Allen, Monday, in a session of court at Pax. Four boys were fined a dollar each for smoking.

**March 1, 1917**

**Corn Cob Maple Syrup**

Soak nice clean corn cobs for twelve hours. Then boil them in the same water for two hours. Strain off the liquid. To each cup of this liquid add one cup of granulated sugar, and boil fifteen minutes. This makes a light brown syrup, hard to distinguish from real maple.

**September 6, 1917**

**Mrs. J.E. Williams Dead**

Mrs. Irene Williams, wife of 'Squire J.E. Williams, of Pax, died August 27, after a long illness. Deceased was 31 years old. Her Maiden name was Thompson. She was a member of the Christian Baptist Church and most estimable woman. Burial was in the Lively Cemetery near Long Branch

**September 6, 1917**

**Postmaster Wanted**

Civil Service examination have been requested for the selection of postmasters at Long Branch and Hawks Nest.

**September 6, 1917**

### **Luck to the Soldier Boys**

Editor Tribune: Just a few lines from Hoss Creek Henry S. Lively. My baby boy, Walker, the only boy now living with me and my son, Jeff, have been drawn for the soldiers training camp. I have just a few words to say to them and all the other soldier boys.

If you have a fight, for God's sake, don't shoot to hear your gun crack. Take good aim and do your best to get our enemies for they will get you if they can. Go in with a hurrah to win and let us have good news from you. My best wishes go with all of the soldier boys. I hope they will all come back home victorious.

H.S. Lively

**October 11, 1917**

### **Will of Rose E. Payne**

The will of Rosa E. Payne, of Willis Branch, has been probated in the county clerk's office. All real estate is bequeathed to testator's two daughters Olie Lafferty and Maggie Light to be shared equally. To Geo. Payne Hamilton is bequeathed \$100 and other personal property is to be divided between two daughters above named and Reed Payne. Olie Lafferty is named executrix. The will is dated Sept. 21st.

**December 20, 1917**

### **Want Column**

Taken Up - Dark brown medium size mule with bank shoes on. No marks. Has been at my place since November 21st.

C.C. Lively Long Branch

**December 20, 1917**

### **Pax Man Enlists**

Walker E. O'Neal, of Pax, has entered the Quartermasters Corps at Huntington as a volunteer.

**January 10 1918**

### **Not the Runt Any More**

H.S. Lively, of Paint Creek, was in town Monday and reports a brief period of great gladness when his youngest son, Walker, was home for the holidays season on a furlough. The young soldier now weighs up in the same 173 pounds notch as his father and brother, Jeff. He has gained 27 pounds since going for a soldier and is a new man physically.

**January 17, 1918**

### **Arrested**

Rufus Williams, of Pax, was arrested by Sab Fields with four pints. Magistrate Malcolm convicted him. The arrest was reported to the state prohibition commissioner by his field deputies operating in the state.

**January 24, 1918**

## Changes in train schedule

K G J & E schedule will be changed next Sunday, January 27th. West bound train No. 7 will leave Pax at 12:50 pm and arrive at Glen Jean 1:30 pm.

**January 31, 1918**

### Left 320 Descendants

Mrs. Robinson Williams, age 78, who died at Pax, January 16, was the mother of 22 children, 19 of whom, with her husband, aged 81, survive. 17 children attended the funeral. Mrs. Williams had 148 grand children and 152 great grand children. She had been married 62 yrs. Her oldest child is 61 and the youngest 28.

**February 7, 1918**

### Pistol License

**W.E. Davis-Special Officer-Pax**

**June 13, 1918**

### Town Creek still was a Good One

The operation of a very complete Moonshine Still under the direction of a skilled and experienced distiller was broken up the past week. Federal and County officers confiscated the outfit of Joe C. Crouse on Town Creek not far from Long Branch. The raid was unaccompanied by any of the spectacular features usually reported in such seizures.

Crouse pleaded guilty to a charge of making liquor before Squire Ballard who sentenced him to serve 60 days in jail and pay \$200 fine. He gave bond for his appearance to serve sentence and was allowed to go home a few days to work his crop.

**October 17, 1918**

### ASTHMA REMEDY POTASHAFRAS

*If you are troubled with Asthmas, Try it First  
bottle guaranteed. If you are not benefited,  
your money will be cheerfully returned  
Price \$1.50. Mail orders given Special Attention.  
We are also as near you as your phone.  
We control this territory*

**HUNTER DRUG STORE PAX, W.VA**

**May 9, 1918**

### Primary Registrars

Officials Named to List Voters for the coming August Primary

**Pax -** Kim O'Neal J.E. Williams  
**Willis Branch -** J.W. Lafferty Albert O'Neal  
**Lively -** E.T. Wingrove L.C. Lively

**April 18, 1918**  
**War Saving Stamps - Sales in County Reached \$115,000**  
**Pax One Hundred Dollars (\$100)**

<b>War Saving Stamps Buyers</b>		
Henry Hunter	Floyd Spencer	W. D. Nugen
J.N. Cyrus	Ossipe Tribe Red Men	Mrs R.E. Amrick
J.H. McQueen	Waltman T. Grose	R.E. Amrick
Charles Tyree	J.E. Beckelheimer	K of P Lodge
J.E. Williams	Frank Simms	Homer Hunter
L.B. Bailey	Nettie Nugen	

**March 21, 1918**

**Paint Creek Road Boss**

An interesting contest for the appointment of road supervisor in the Paint Creek section has developed. There are a number of candidates for the job of supervisors. A meeting was held Saturday attended by about 50 of the leading citizens of the that section and an organization formed to be known as the paint Creek Good Roads Association. The three Coal Companies there have pledged \$50 a month extra pay for the road superintendent. The claims of the various applicants for the position were submitted to a committee of five who made a report of the county court Monday asking for the appointment of Squire J.E. Williams, of Pax. The court refused to grant the prayer of the petitioners and named H.S. Lively and E.T. Wingrove as supervisors.

**August 1, 1918**

**Johnson Found Not Guilty**

In the Lewis Johnson murder case from Pax the jury found a verdict of not guilty. On the first vote there were 9 of the jurors for 1st degree murder. Johnson who is a colored store keeper, killed a colored man who came into his place of business and acted in a disorderly manner.

**August 14, 1919**

**Seven Killed at Weirwood**

*Seven Miner Killed by Mysterious Explosion in One of Paint Creek Mines*

An explosion in the Weirwood shaft mine of the Bernwind-White company, one mile below Pax, on Paint Creek, Wednesday night August 6, 1919, resulted in death of seven miners. The cause of the explosion is unknown as the seven victims of the disaster were the only ones working in that section of the mine. A pocket of gas was probably encountered and set off some unknown manner.

The explosion was confined to one of the east side entries and was local in area covered. All the men in the entry were killed. Other at work in other parts of the mine were unaware of the explosion. The first bodies brought out of the mine were hoisted about 9 p.m. and no difficulty was experienced in recovering all bodies within a few hours. The victim were badly burned. The force of the explosion was not great.

The dead men were: Chas. Buckland, who leaves a wife and nine children; Henry Painter, married; Leroy Lowery, colored; Mike Pittner, two men named Jones (Ben & Willie) and an Italian, whose name was not learned (Angelo Rugger).

The Weirwood mine is one of the best equipped and most carefully supervised operations on the Virginian Railway. The shaft is 340 feet deep. Gas is liberated freely but every precaution possible is exercised to prevent accident.

**January 2, 1919**

**Died in Camp**

Jas. W. Coleman, of Graydon and Lacy Stover, of Pax, Died in U.S. Army Camp

**January 19, 1919**

<b>October 1918 Coal Shipment on Virginian Railway</b>
Willis Branch Coal Company 13,458 tons K G J & E RR via Pax 32,657 tons Long Branch Coal Company 20,516 tons Plum Eagle Coal Company, Plum Orchard 64 tons New River Pocahontas Con. Co., Weirwood 2,880 tons

**January 16, 1919**

**Drug Store Merger**

Dr. R.L. Hunter has bought out the Pax Drug Company and consolidated the two stores which will hereafter be known as the Hunter Drug Store. The new store will be one of the largest and most up to date drug stores in the county under the efficient management of Dr. Hunter.

**January 30, 1919**

**Notice Pax, W.Va**

**January 7, 1919**

**To Whom It May Concern,**

This is to certify that we have this date sold to the Hunter Drug Store, Robert L. Hunter, manager and owner. The Pax Drug Company store and hereby sign, set over and convey to the said interest and holdings in the said Pax Drug Company store and the said Pax Drug Company this date cease doing business.

Anyone owing debts to the said Pax Drug Company are hereby requested to pay such indebtedness to P.H. Kelly, treasurer, at Thurmond, W.Va. and any debts the said Pax Drug Company owes should be presented to the said P.H. Kelly, treasurer, Thurmond, West Va.

Given under our hand and seals, this January 7, 1919

Pax Drug Company

By P.H. Kelly, Treasurer.

**February 6, 1919**

**Fayetteville**

Mr. J.W. Rogers has sold his farm to Jas. Wriston, of Long Branch and contemplates moving to Indiana. The sale price of Rogers' farm was \$4,500 for 61 acres.

**February 6, 1919**

**Notice**

At a meeting of the majority of the stockholders of the Long Branch Development Company a corporation, held at Long Branch, December 26, 1918, it was voted to dissolve the incorporation and Alfred L. Hunter was appointed trustee in charge of the business.

Alfred L. Hunter, Trustee

January 4, 1919 Pax, WVa.

**January 9, 1919**

**School Trouble at Pax**

*Charges have been preferred against Prof Grose, principal of the Pax schools and patrons are demanding his resignation.*

A.A. Hedrick, district superintendent, was called to Pax this week and a public meeting, attended by patrons and pupils was held at the school house at which his resignation was demanded. The use of abrasive language, the teaching of Republican politics and unusual decorum otherwise is charged.

At the public meeting Attorney F.N. Bacon, of Fayetteville, appeared in behalf of Prof. Grose and we understand that both Mr. Bacon and Mr. Hedrick advised his resignation but that he stated that the board had hired him to teach the school and that he would not resign.

So thoroughly aroused are the patrons of the school that it is probable the board will take some action, two of the other teachers may be asked to tender their resignations.

**1919 Thru 1920  
Notice for Pistol License**

Lewis Davis	Farmer
W.E. Davis	Farmer
F.V. Worley	Contractor
Oscar Spencer	Watchman
J.E. Vickers	Switchman
W.G. Ayres	Mayor
Henry F. West	Justice of Peace
William Hostien	Mine Foreman
A.L. Hunter	Doctor
Walter Lively	Farmer

**February 13, 1919**

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**\* NOT DUE TO SEX ALONE \***

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*Fayetteville Women Have  
Learned the Cause of Many  
Mysterious Pains and Aches*

Many women have come to know that sex isn't the reason for all back aches, dizzy, headaches and urinary disorders. Men have these troubles, too, and often they come from kidney weakness. To live simply, eat sparingly, take better care of one's self and to use Doan's Kidney Pills, is bound to help bad kidneys get better. There is no other remedy so well recommended by Fayetteville people. Read this case:

Mrs. A.S. Dempsey says: "I was hardly able to get up and down, my back was in such terrible shape. First I was weak and sore and there was this awful aching...My kidneys were inactive. I had nervous spells and dizziness which I knew was caused by kidney disorder. I had heard and read about Doan's Kidney Pills, so I tried them. The first box gave me so much relief I continued using them until I was entirely cured."

Price 60 cents, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy...get Doan's Kidney Pills...the same that Mrs. Dempsey had. Foster Milburn Co., Mfgs., Buffalo, N.Y.

**February 27, 1919**

**A Suggestion**

On the last Sunday in March the clocks throughout the country will be turned forward one hour.

In order to become accustomed to this new time it is suggested that everybody begin at once to start the days routine a few minutes earlier each morning.

By this gradual change it will be much easier to be on time when the time pieces are jumped up an hour on March 30.

**February 27, 1919**

**Born**

To Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. O'Neal, of Willis Branch, a daughter.

**March 6, 1919**

**Bankrupt**

Holley Bros. of Pax, have been forced into bankruptcy. They took over the general merchandise business of L.P. Berry.

**March 13, 1919**

**Pax Post Office Robbed**

The Post Office at Pax, was robbed Monday night and about \$1,000 in stamps and cash were stolen. The office was in McQueen's store and Mr. McQueen is the postmaster.

**March 20, 1919**

**Gets \$1,400 from Pax P.O.**

The robbery of the Pax Post Office last week continues to remain a mystery. About \$1,400 in cash, stamps, and bonds was stolen.

**April 3, 1919**

**Bass and Salmon**

Bass and Salmon are being caught in the New River and Greenbrier River. At Hinton Jim Burger got two salmon weighing over 5 pounds.

**April 3, 1919**

**Three Damages Suits**

Ada Kincaid vs. J.H. McQueen, damages, \$15,000  
Amy Huffman vs. J.H. McQueen, damages, \$15,000  
T. Grose vs. Chas. Davis, damages, \$15,000

**April 3, 1919**

**Mrs. Jacob Lively Quiet Ill**

Mrs. Jacob Lively, of Paint Creek, is quite seriously ill with a complication of troubles. Children were summoned to her bedside this week. C.M. and O.E. Lively were in Fayetteville Monday and reported her condition slightly improved that day. Mrs. Lively's little granddaughter is also quite ill and the father, Henry Canterbury, recently returned from France and is in some camp in this country awaiting discharge.

**April 10, 1919**

**Corn Juice Found in Home  
of Will Foster at Pax**

One of the raids was at Pax, where the warm liquor was found in the home of Will Foster. He was brought to jail but released on \$1,000 bond. His outfit was not found.

**May 6, 1919**

**County Court Orders**

G.W. Lively appointed road supt. to succeed G.S. Lively, resigned.

**May 6, 1919**

**News of Coal Mines**

The Willis Branch Coal Company which have been idle since the first of the year expect to resume operations soon. Long Branch was working about half time.

May 22, 1919

**Howard Mahan at Pax**

Howard Mahan, formerly engaged in the merchandise business at Belva, has bought out the business and property of the bankrupt Holley Bros., at Pax, and will take possession June 1. Mr. Mahan is a progressive

enterprising business man and will give the people of that section first class up to date trading place.

**May 22, 1919**

***Jacob Lively Retires***

A very desirable storehouse on the Virginia Railway, near Long Branch is offered for sale by Jacob Lively, who since the death of his wife, has decided to retire from business. He will make his home with his children.

**May 29, 1919**

***Pax Liquor Seized  
Raid on Lafferty Mule Stable  
Yields Quantity of Good Moonshine***

Deputy Marshall Rutherford made a raid at Pax Saturday and Stacy Lafferty 18, was arrested. Oat Lafferty his father escaped.

Rutherford uncovered the barrel of whiskey in a stall occupied by a mule. He noticed that the dirt floor had a suspiciously fresh appearance right over where the mule was standing. He led the animal out and started digging and the first stroke of the mattock found the barrel. The other receptacle were also found after a great deal of search and ingenious deduction. The still was located about 300 yards from the rear of the Lafferty house.

The raiding party got their information from a soldier who said he had been purchasing liquor from Lafferty. The soldier accompanied one of the raiders to the premises with a suit case and nine empty pint bottles all of which were filled readily upon request in the presence of the officer.

**June 26, 1919**

***Killed by Cars***

Deek S. Waddell car greaser for the Long Branch Coal Company was instantly killed Monday evening when he was struck by a run away train of empty coal cars near the tipple. Both legs were cut off, his hip crushed and he was injured internally.

The deceased was a native of Virginia and was 40 years old. A wife and six children survive. He was an excellent man and an earnest christian. Burial in the Lively cemetery by the Moose and UMW.

**July 3, 1919**

***Pax Slander Case***

***Damage Suits by Teacher Against McQueen and Davis Growing Out of School Trouble***

A case of considerable intense is on trial in circuit court. It is a case for damages for slander and the plaintiff is Ada B. Kincaid, a Pax teacher, who sues J.H. McQueen, a merchant there. The litigation is the outgrowth of some talk about the teachers in the Pax school. There are three suits of a similar character. Amy Huffman, also a teacher, has a suit against Mr. McQueen and W.T. Grose, principal of the school is suing Chas. Davis.

The affair was thrashed out before the board of education last October and Mr. Grose was exonerated of charges of improper conduct. The talk that forms the basis for the action now in court originated about this time. The suit is being bitterly contested for plaintiff and Osenton and Lee, attorney for the defense. There are more than 50 witnesses in attendance. The trial started Wednesday morning.

**July 10, 1919**

***Thrown Out of Court***

***Jury Directed to Render  
Verdict For Defendant in  
Pax Slander Case***

The \$10,000 damage suit of Amy Huffman a Pax school teach against J.H. McQueen merchant of Pax, for slander, which occupied the first part of the week of the court term, came to a sudden close, after the plaintiff's witnesses had been examined by Judge Eary, who after considering the matter decided that the plaintiffs had no case, and directed the jury to find a verdict for the defense. The other case of the same character was continued to the next term of court.

**July 10, 1919**

***Walter McNiely Dead***

Walter McNiely died at his home in Pax Saturday morning, June 21. He was the son of the Rev. F. McNiely and had been a resident of Pax practically all his life. He suffered from an attack of influenza several months ago.

**August 21, 1919**

***Gas Shortage***

Fayetteville mail carrier was unable to make his regular trip Tuesday on account of the gas shortage.

**August 28, 1919**

***Incorporated***

The Pax United Mercantile Company, of Pax; authorized to do general mercantile business; capital stock \$25,000. Incorporators are N. Alexander and C.S. Humphrey, of Pax; A.R. Hendrickson, Ben McKay, Ed. Bowling and Herbert Marshall of Long Branch, and E. Dosier of Pax.

**September 11, 1919**

***Pastors Assigned***

Several Changes in Charges Made by Conference of M.E. Church South

The following assignment of ministry, was made at the N.E. Church at Long Branch, C.T. Barton.

**September 25, 1919**

***New Virginian Trains***

A new time card went into effect on the Virginian Sunday when a new train was placed in service. The new train is No. 5 west bound and due at Pax at 11:40 a.m.. Going east the train is No. 6 due at Pax at 4:00 p.m.. Other trains are due at Pax No. 4 at 12:52 and No. 3 west at 3:53 p.m.. Slight changes have been made which connects with the Virginian at Pax. The complete new official schedule of the K.G.J. & E. is published elsewhere in the Tribune and will be a good thing to cut out and save.

**September 25, 1919**

***Dr. Jones Resigns***

Leaves Board of Education to Become Inspector--Henry F. West, of Pax, Chosen Board Member

In order that he might better serve the public and the cause of education Dr. E.E. Jones, of Mt. Hope, has resigned as member of the board of education in Fayetteville district and has been chosen as medical inspector and a general health officer for the schools of the district. Henry F. West, of Pax, has been named to Dr. Jones'

successor on the board.

**October 9, 1919**

*Disturbed Church*

Herbert Brown, a Long Branch miner was apprehended Monday on a C & O train by Prosecuting Attorney McClung as he was trying to get away after disturbing church meeting of Rev. Barlow. He was taken to Montgomery before Squire Hastings for a hearing.

**October 9, 1919**

*Tracy Lafferty*

The Pax community was much shocked by the news of the death of Tracy Lafferty, son of Oat Lafferty. Tracy was always kind to those who came in contact with him. His death cast a gloom over the entire community. He leaves a father, mother, 4 brothers and 2 sisters. Much sympathy is extended the family, especially to the bereaved mother who was so devoted to her son. **A FRIEND**

**October 16, 1919**

*New Schedule on K.G.J. & E.*

A change in the time card on the K.G.J. & E. Railway went into effect Sunday. Train No. 9 from Tamroy to Glen Jean is annulled and train No. 8 runs from Mt. Hope to Glen Jean leaving Mt. Hope at 1:14 p.m.. Train No. 8 from Tamroy to Sugar Creek is taken off and train No. 4 leaves Sugar Creek at 1:06 a.m. being 10 minutes earlier than old time. The new schedule makes better connections with the Virginian at Pax.

**November 6, 1919**

**New Home for Pax Bank. The Pax Bank is erecting a new home, constructed of stone and will be 30 x 60 feet and costing \$25,00**



**December 25, 1919**

***Old Miner Dead***

Wade Kirby, aged 87, the oldest miner at Long Branch was found dead at his working place in the mine Tuesday. Death was due to heart trouble.

January 30, 1919

***Jurors Called for Feb. 17***

Pax - Irvin Davis

**February 6, 1919**

***The School Law Section 72***

Every person having under his control a child between the age of eight to fifteen years shall cause such child to attend some free school for a period of twenty-four weeks yearly, beginning with the school term.

For every neglect of such duty the person offending shall be guilty of a mis-demeanor, and shall upon conviction thereof, before any justice, who is authorized to try and determine such cases, be fined two dollars for each subsequent offense, etc.

An offense as understood herein shall consist in failure of such person for two days in any week to cause such child to attend school -- except in case of sickness or death in pupils family.

**February 13, 1919**

**Compensation Awards**

W.W. Petry, an employe of the Willis Branch Coal Company as a timber man lost the vision of his left eye from a injury caused by a piece of flying steel from a wedge. He is 33 yrs old and married and will received \$8 a week for 90 weeks.

**February 27, 1919**

***Casualty List***

Ed.L. Wadenville, Willis Branch, wounded.

**March 6, 1919**

***Out of Mt. Hope Jail***

Two prisoners in the Mt. Hope town jail made good their escape last Thursday night. They were Chas. Wilson of Long Branch, charged with larceny and Abner Vernon, for carrying a pistol.

**March 6, 1919**

**Circuit Court Jurors  
For the April Term  
Petit Jurors**

Robt. Rutledge, Willis Branch A.D. McClung, Willis Branch

**March 13, 1919**

### *Pax Items*

D.S. McQueen left for Charleston Sunday, after a few days visit with his brother J.H. McQueen.

Mrs. R.L. Hunter is on the sick list.

Born to Mr. & Mrs. J.C. Tyree on March 15, a boy.

Mrs. D.L. Hunter was shopping in Mt. Hope last Wednesday.

James E. Humphrey has returned from overseas. After spending some time in the trenches, he was shell shock and gassed.

Mrs. E.G. Canterbury is able to be out again after two weeks illness with the flu. Mrs.

G.E. Hunter of Mt. Hope was visiting Mrs. R.L. Hunter.

**March 20, 1919**

### *Want Column*

For Sale - Two houses and lots, 1 to 2 miles of Weirwood and Long Branch mines.

Fred Davis, Pax, WVa.

**April 10, 1919**

### *For \$10,000 Verdict McDonald of Long Branch*

In the trial of the past week the case of May MacDonald Vs. Long Branch Coal Company, attracted most attention. A verdict of \$10,000 was given plaintiff by the jury. The suit was for damages for personal injury. The plaintiff, a child of 9 years old at the time of the accident had her arm cut off by a coal train operated by the Long Branch Coal Company.

**January 22, 1920**

### *Incorporate Town of Pax*

Papers are being prepared with a view to the incorporation of the Town of Pax. This is fast becoming an important center and the population increasing rapidly.

**January 22, 1920**

### *Compensation Awards*

Lee Raves, Pax, 105 weeks at \$8: he was in the employ of the New River and Pocahontas Consolidation Coal Co. (Weirwood), when he broke his back in a slate fall.

### **Attempt Suicide**

Vivian Hash, Former Pax Man, Has Arm Amputated in Atlanta Prison

Vivian L. Hash, federal prisoner from West Virginia at the Atlanta penitentiary, attempted suicide a few days ago by severing an artery in his right arm. When discovered in his cell he had nearly bled to death, and a complication, which followed necessitated the amputation of the arm.

Owing to his condition as a result of the operation, and added distress from being a drug addict, Hash has petition for executive clemency.

Hash was convicted of a postal offense at the June term of the United States court and sentenced to serve five years at Atlanta.

Using the mails to defraud was the charge of which Hash was convicted. Using letter heads of a fictions Ajax

Poca Coal Co. and Ajax Poca Coal and Coke Co., with a Pax date line, Hash bought produce, for which he never paid.

**February 5, 1920**

***Pax School Closed - No Coal***

The schools at Pax have been closed because no coal could be obtained to heat the school building. All the mines near there are closed on account of a strike. There is much flu in that section and many families in which there is sickness are having difficulty in securing fuel.

**February 5, 1920**

***Much Flu at Pax***

It is unofficially reported there are over a hundred cases of flu about Pax. Much pneumonia is also reported. So far no death have resulted.

**February 12, 1920**

**Susie Tyree**

Susie Tyree, daughter of Granville Tyree and wife of Chas. Tyree died at her home at Willis Branch February 4th. She was 34 years old. Death was due to a complication of ailments. Deceased had been a member of the Baptist church for four years. The funeral was held by Rev. Legg, Friday, burial being in the family cemetery.

**February 19, 1920**

***Two Die at Pax***

Two deaths from pneumonia are reported at Pax. Jack Stover and a Mr. Humphrey were the victims.

**February 24, 1921**

**Big Paint Creek Still**

It is reported that a big Still is in operation on Paint Creek making about a barrel of mountain dew every day. The product find a ready sale and has been contribution cause to the disorder at Willis Branch.

**August 18, 1921**

**Pistol Toters Given  
8 Months and \$50 Fine**

Eight months in jail and \$50 fine was the sentence meted out to half a dozen pistol toters convicted in circuit court. Several were appealed cases and in every instance Judge Eary increased the sentence of the justice.

Henry Flat Williams, of Willis Branch was given his sentence

Saturday. Ashley Williams who entered a plea of guilty as let off with six months and \$50.

**July 14, 1921**

**Killed by Motor  
Long Branch Miner**

Estill Allen, a Long Branch miner was run over by a motor in the mine Thursday (July 9th) and received injuries from which he died half an hour later. He was 24 years old. His parents reside at Pax.

**July 28, 1921**

**Lively Damage Suit**

The term of circuit court this week has been taken up in the hearing of a damage suit brought by "Bud" Lively against the Virginia Railway for personal injuries sustained when an auto he was driving was struck by a train at a road crossing near Pax. About 50 witnesses are in attendance.

**January 5, 1922**

**Boy Hunter Shot**

Eldridge Craddock a boy while out hunting near his home at Pax slipped off a log, the hammer of his gun striking a rock and causing the load to be discharged. The shot stuck the boy leg causing an ugly wound which is being treated at the Coal Valley hospital.

**February 9, 1922**

**Red Cross Relief Work  
Weirwood**

The relief committee in charge is composed of Dr. W.E. Bruce, chairman, the mine superintendent and the president of the local. Mrs. W.E. Bruce is in charge of the local auxiliary service. At the present the relief is being distributed to 25 families. The food is being purchased directly from the company store at cost prices. The clothing is shipped from Chapter headquarters in Scarbro.

**February 23, 1922**

**Notice**

Notice is hereby given I will not be responsible for any debts my son Paul Lively Shall make.  
/s/W.L. Lively Long Branch

**February 23, 1933**

**Want Column**

For Sale - North Carolina Blue game stags, also eggs for setting \$2.50 for 15.  
French Davis Pax, West Va

**March 9, 1922**

**Jacob Lively Very Ill**

Jacob Lively, well known resident of Long Branch, is seriously ill at the Oak Hill Hospital with Bright's disease. But slight hopes are entertained for his recovery.

**February 28, 1922**

**Another Mysterious  
Fire at Pax**

Pax had another mysterious fire Tuesday morning when a house recently vacated and belonging to Bob Lafferty was burned. The fire occurred about 5 o'clock in the morning. Bloodhounds were used in an effort to follow up some suspicious tracks. It is believed the house was set on fire. Mr. Lafferty had \$400 insurance. He was attending court at Fayetteville at the time of the fire.

**March 2, 1922**

**Rev. McNeely Dead**

Rev. McNeely, well known Baptist at Pax for about 15 years, died of paralysis Thursday February 23. He had been ill several weeks. He was about 65 years old and a native of Boone county. A wife and several children survive.

**March 9, 1922**

**Jeff Tyree May Run**

Jeff Tyree and friends from Pax were in town Wednesday feeling out the pulse of Republican politicians relative to the prospective candidacy of Mr. Tyree for member of the county court, which the party has never had a representative on the court and Mr. Tyree is being urged to make the race. Popular and a first class man, he would make a formidable candidate.

**March 16, 1922**

**Jacob Lively Dead  
A Paint Creek Pioneer**

Jacob Lively, one of the oldest and most prominent resident of the Paint Creek section, died Wednesday, March 8, at the Oak Hill hospital. Death was due to Bright's disease and other complications.

Mr. Lively lacked just a few days of being 72 years old. He was a merchant at Lively for many years and was one of the most honorable and upright citizens of the county. He is survived by his wife, 5 children, 2 brothers and 4 sisters.

Funeral services were held Sunday March 12, burial being at the family cemetery at Lively. Scriptural service was conducted by Ed Rogers and burial was under the auspices of the Mechanics order.

**March 23, 1922**

**Jacob Lively Will  
Give \$1 to Two Sons**

The will of the late Jacob Lively, of Paint Creek, filed for probate in the county clerk's office, is quite lengthy and distributes estate in minute detail. It is dated June 7, 1920, and witnessed by E.E. Morris, L.M. Hickman and W.H. Boone. Two codicils are added bearing dates of September 17, 1920, and March 9, 1921. L.S. Tully and E.T. Wingrove were named testator as executors and they have qualified under \$5,000 bond.

The will disposes of the estate in the following manner:

"I bequeath to my beloved wife Kate E. Lively, 15 Shares of New River Co. pref. stock. Also the household and kitchen furniture of which I may be possessed at the time of my demise.

"I bequeath to Zelotes A. Lively, Cleavy T. Lively Coleman, Norma O. Lively Wikle and my grandchild Daphne Canterbury, daughter of Sallie F. Lively Canterbury, deceased, all of my property, real, personal and mixed except as here in after provided.

"My son, C.M. Lively, on February 13, 1909, made his note payable to me in the sum of \$755.96 and on December 2, 1910, his note payable to me for \$115.17 but said notes are subject to certain credits endorsed thereon and I direct that these notes be collected by my executors, but if all the other legatees are willing C.M. Lively may be released from the payment of interest on the notes but if they do not then it is my desire only 3 percent interest be charged.

"I direct my executors to partition all the surface land Zelotes Lively, Clevy Coleman, Norma Wikle, and Daphne Canterbury, taking into consideration quantity, quality, location and value.

"I direct all my executors to sell all of the coal and other minerals that I may own. Also stock in New River Hardware Co. and proceeds to be divided by executors equally among Zelotes Lively, Cleavy Coleman, Norma Wikle and Daphne Canterbury.

"Children and grandchildren have received advancements paid as follows: C.M. Lively \$1,560; Zelotes Lively \$1,197; Owen Lively \$1,560; Clevy Coleman \$1,000; Norma Wikle \$966.45; Daphne Canterbury \$404 and executors are to consider these advancements and deduct same in distribution of estate.

C.M. and Owen Lively are to receive \$1 each, said amount to be the total amount received by them in addition to amounts already paid them.

Should any of the heirs attempt to set aside the will they are not to receive anything and should C.M. and Owen Lively object to any provisions then the amounts advanced them shall revert to the estate for division among the other heirs.

"Daphne Canterbury is to be paid her cash proceeds by deposit of a sum at interest which will be equal to her share when she shall be 18 years old. In event of her death before marriage or being 21 years old her part is to be divided among the other three heirs."

A codicil date September 17, 1920, bequeaths to his wife during her life time, the home place, orchard, garden and pasture.

Portion of real estate is made as follows: Clevy Coleman, part of the home place bordering on and adjoining land owned by Owen Lively. Zelotes Lively to have land lying next to Clevy Coleman and Norma Wikle next including house, lot, etc., after death of Kate Lively. The Lower end of the home place goes to Daphne Canterbury. Cash advancements are noted to heirs of \$100 each to Z. Lively, Norma Wikle and Daphne Canterbury and \$200 to Clevy Coleman. The second codicil lists the following cash payments: Z. Lively \$287.57; Norma Wikle and Daphne Canterbury \$100 each; Clevy Coleman \$200.

J.C. Tyree, J.H. McQueen and J.W. Warden have been appointed appraisers of the estate.

**March 23, 1922**

**Clark Davis  
Killed by Train at Pax**

The mangled body of Clark Davis of Pax, was found on the Virginian railway crossing at Pax Sunday morning. He had been run over by a train sometime during the night. His head was crushed and one leg cut off. He was last seen about 2 o'clock Sunday morning going toward home alone. It is thought he was struck by the Bluefield special carrying a Billy Sunday party.

Mr. Davis was the son of Irving Davis of Pax. He was 38 years old and unmarried.

(Editor Note: Billy Sunday was a traveling Minister.)

**March 30, 1922**

**Want Column**

For Sale - White Leghorn eggs, Barron Strains, \$1 for setting of 15 eggs, \$6 for 100 eggs at my house.  
E.G. Humphrey Pax, West Va

**April 13, 1922**

## **Fishing License Necessary Foreigners Can't Fish**

No licenses are issued to unnaturalized citizens.

**May 11, 1922**

### **Long Branch at Work**

The Long Branch Mine resumed work last week and practically a full force reported for duty. Weirwood remains idle, the company having no orders for coal.

**September 12, 1922**

### **Pistol License**

A.L. Hunter, Dr., Pax  
Q.R. Lively, Motor R., Long Branch

**June 15, 1922**

### **For Loss of Fingers**

Quincy Lively of Long Branch was awarded \$5 for 48 weeks by the State Compensation Commission. Lively lost two fingers when they were caught in a switch while he was employee of the Long Branch Coal Company.

**July 6, 1922**

### **Car Rolled over Bank**

In passing another auto on the Fayette road Friday a car driven by Garfield Davis turned over and rolled down the hill. Creed Wygal and two Shockeyes were riding with Davis. Wygal had a rib broken and the others were bruised up some but none serious

**July 20, 1922**

### **Over 25,000 Registered to Vote in August Primary**

Willis Branch 150  
Pax 688  
Lively 148

**August 31, 1922**

### **Long Branch Running**

About a dozen strikers at the Long Branch mine have been served notices to vacate houses and get off the job. The mine is running right along whenever there are cars. The Weirwood mine has never resumed operation.

**August 31, 1922**

### **Called to Staunton**

H.S. Lively, of Pax and daughter, Mrs. Garfield Davis, of Fayetteville, went to Staunton, Virginia, to see Mr. Lively son Russell, who is ill with blood poison resulting from an infected scratch on his leg.

**September 7, 1922**

## **Pax News**

Mr. & Mrs. Bert Wilson (Bert Wriston) have returned after spending there honeymoon in Ironton & Detroit. Mrs. Wilson (Wriston) was formerly Miss Sadie Ellison.  
Bill, Frances and Una Ayers are visiting their grandfather at Milton.  
Mr. & Mrs. J.E. Williams have returned after spending there honeymoon at Webster Spring.  
W.M. Miller has returned from a visit with relatives in Charleston.  
Ed Kennedy is spending a few days visiting his family in Charleston.  
Robert Hunter and family are moving to Charleston, where he has accepted a position with Copenhagen Drug Co.  
Mrs Jack Bradley, Spurgeon McQueen and Algie Engle attended the dance at Mount Hope Monday night.  
Mary Susan, the two year old daughter of Mr. Mrs. Frank Corder, fell from the porch and broke her leg Friday.  
Ashley Davis and Mabel Janney were married Friday evening.  
Loy Roach of Mullens and Agnes Humphrey were married August 24th.  
Mrs. Ham Cole and son Alfred are visiting her home here this week.  
Mrs. Lottie Hatfield of Mount Hope, spent Sunday visiting here mother Mrs. Hunter.  
Mrs. Ben Wriston and Gladys Davis visited friends at Montgomery Saturday and Sunday.  
Mrs. W.M. Million come home from Coal Valley hospital Sunday, where she had been for treatment.

**September 7, 1922**

## **Want Column**

**Farm Bargain** -- I will sell my home place on account of ill health. It contains 249 acres, about 90 acres are cleared and in grass, except where there is corn. Four dwelling houses and all necessary outbuildings. Large Apple and Peach orchard. Location in sight of Virginian railroad at Lively. This place is a **bargain**. Come & see it!

H.S. Lively Pax, West Va.

**September 21, 1922**

## **Pax News**

Mrs. W. Rollins and sister Edith, have returned after shopping a few days in Charleston.  
Miss Glayds Davis of Mt. Hope, is spending the wee end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Aliff.  
Mrs. C.W. Smith and small son, have gone to Charleston to live for the present.  
R.V. Snyder from Bisco, is spending the week with his family.  
Mrs. Josephine Miller has returned from a visit to relatives in Charleston.  
Miss Lottie Hunter spent Sunday with her mother.  
Mrs. J.G. Bradley is visiting in Charleston for a few days.  
Mrs. Bert Wriston and Louna Cyrus went picknicking Sunday with their Sunday school classes and report a delightful time.  
Mr. Jeff Tyree and J.E. Williams will erect a brick building in the near future to be used as a feed store.  
Mrs. H.F. West passed thru town Saturday to spend the week end with her family at Glen Jean. She is teaching on Coal River this year.  
Little Mary Susan Corder is improving nicely and will soon be able to walk again.

**November 11, 1922**

## **Long Branch Postmaster**

J. Richard Aliff has been commissioned postmaster at Long Branch this county.

**November 30, 1922**

## **Pax Items**

H.S. Lively has closed out his grocery store on account of ill health. He says taxes are so high he is going to divide up his best land among his children and let the rest go delinquent and revert to the state. Several panel of fence of Wilson Lively ere burned when boys set fire to a broom sedge field. Lee Harrison of Georgetown, Kentucky, is on visit to his sister Mr. H.S. Lively. Long Branch mine is running about 2 days a week.

**January 3, 1923**

### **Charged Clothes Line Kills Pax man after fire**

Pax had a fire Saturday night in which two (2) good residences were burned and in directly the fire caused an accident in which Jarrell Humphrey lost his life.

The fire started in a shoe shop and the residences burned belonged to Lewis Johnson and J.H. Manns. Their loss was about 3500 dollars.

The fire burned off an electric Power line pole and allowed the wire to drop down. It crossed a clothes line at Jarrell Humphrey's house and Sunday morning as he was going to feed his stock he happened to take hold of the clothes line which was charged with 2250 volts from the Power line. Death resulted instantly.

Humphrey was about 35 years old and leaves a wife and 3 children. He was the son of Andrew Humphrey.

**February 21, 1923**

### **W.A. Tyree Dead**

Wm Ashley Tyree of Long Branch died February 11 after and illness of two (2) years with Brights disease. He was the son of Richard Tyree, 38 years old and leaves a wife and 3 children.

**July 11, 1923**

### **Russell Lafferty kills self after Shooting at Babe**

Russell Lafferty, age 25, son of Oat Lafferty of Pax, shot himself to death at Huntington July 4th. The Huntington Herald Dispatch gives the following account of the affair:

While a frenzied wife implored him not to harm himself or infant child Russell Lafferty, 24 years old, fired one shot at the child in its mother's arms and then turned a revolver to his head and pulled the trigger, killing himself instantly.

The shot at the child went wild and crashed through a window at the Lafferty home, 2769 Ohio avenue, the report of the two revolver shots arousing neighbors of the Lafferty's a few minutes before eleven o'clock.

That was the story told police when officers responded to a call to the Lafferty home. There they found Lafferty lying dead in a pool of blood on the floor of an upstairs room while his wife strived to quiet the frantic cries of the child who clasped to the mother's breast, and had watched the husband and father end his life.

**"Don't kill yourself or harm the baby,"** neighbors told police they heard Mrs. Lafferty cry to her husband as she followed him to an upstairs room of their home.

Police were told that Lafferty had come to his home in an intoxicated condition. A quarrel took place between him and his wife, according to members of the family who were present at the time. The husband, members of the family said, he (Mr. Lafferty) left the kitchen of his home where his wife was preparing something to eat and

started upstairs threatening the life of his baby and himself.

Worry over the outcome of a pending trial in federal court on a liquor law violation charge was said to have been a reason for the young husband's action. He was under bond to appear at the next term of federal court.

He had been engaged in the taxi business for the past several months, conducting a garage on Fifth avenue. His wife and two small children survive, together with his parents. He is also survived by three brothers and two sisters.

**May 2, 1923**

### **Long Branch**

Mrs Charlie Ruthledge has return home from Coal Valley Hospital, where she underwent a serious operation.

A revival will begin at the Roseville Church May 6. Rev. Mr. Polly will do the preaching.

Willis Lively is having erected several houses, which will be for rent.

Fire destroyed \$1500 worth of property belonging to Jake Adkins.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Williams a 10 pound boy July 6th.

Elmore played Long Branch Sunday and Long Branch won 23-0.

**May 30, 1923**

### **Thurmond to Pax Bus Line**

The Nelson bus line will put a new bus on the road for regular schedule trip between Thurmond and Pax via Mt. Hope.

**November 15, 1923**

### **Boy hurt in Auto Mishap**

Donald 12 years old son of H.E. Warden of Long Branch received cut and bruises when a car driven by Cat Eye Rice, of Glen Jean collided with Mr. Warden car.

**February 7, 1923**

### **New Pax Feed Store**

Pax has a new first class feed store, recently open for business in a new brick building by J.E. Williams and J.C. Tyree. Mr. J.E. Williams is in active charge of the business. A large stock of feed, flour, hay seed oats and other mill stuff will be carried.

(Editor Note: Mr. Jack Moore stated on May 7, 1992 at 1000 hours, on the liar bench in front of Buck's Store that there was a spur railroad running parallel to the railway and it provided transportation for the Feed Store and Mr. Buren Davis Esso Service Station.)

**May 7, 1924**

### **Still Found in Attic Home of H.S. Lively**

State troopers with a search warrant, visited the home of H.S. Lively near Pax, this week and found a wash boiler and copper pipe which it is alleged had seen service as a Moonshine Still. The outfit was stored in the attic.

Mr. Lively disclaimed ownership of the outfit and says he does not know how it came to be stored in his home. A preliminary hearing before Maynor J.E. Williams, of Pax, resulted in Mr. Lively being held under \$2,599 to answer any indictment which may be made against him.

Mr. Lively, better known as "**Hoss Creek Henry**" is one of the oldest and most prominent citizen of this county.

**September 17, 1924**

H.S. Lively prominent Pax farmer, was among those indicated for having a Moonshine Still.

**May 7, 1924**

### **To Abandon Weirwood Mines being Dismantled**

An extra force of men are now engaged in dismantling the Weirwood mine of the New River and Pocahontas Company. Steel and all equipment is being salvaged with the ostensible purpose of abandoning all further operation of the mine.

The operation was open about 10 years ago and at least half million dollars were spent in making it one of the model mines of the state. There are seventy-five first class tenement houses, a \$10,000 store building and the mine which is a shaft fitted up with the very latest and best mining machinery.

The mine has been idle most of the time for the past two years with a heavy maintenance to keep it free of water, which has been one of the obstacles to a profitable operation. A very fine quality of coal was mined. There was a streak of bone to contend with which increase cost of operation.

High officials of the company made an inspection of the property last week and the final decision to abandon seems to have been settled.

**May 7, 1924**

### **Driver of Auto was Drunk**

H.L. Hendrickson, mine foreman at Long Branch, was arrested Saturday night by members of the State Police on the charge of driving an auto while intoxicated. A Raleigh justice fined him \$80 and sentenced him to jail for 60 days. Elliott Janney, who was with Hendrickson, was fined \$1 for being drunk.

**January 23, 1924**

### **Awarded Compensation**

An award of \$45 per month has been made by State Workmen's Compensation Department to the widow of Joe Zemenich, of Willis Branch, a Coal Loader who was killed there some time ago by a fall of slate.

**March 26, 1924**

### **Mrs. Daisy Lafferty**

Mrs. Daisy Lafferty, widow of Henry Lafferty, who was killed at Willis Branch, two years ago, died at her home near Pax, last Wednesday from Bright's disease and complications.

**May 23, 1924**

### **Long Branch Winner**

The Beards Fork ball club went down to defeat for the first time this season, at the hands of the Long Branch aggregation, in a well played game on the later's diamond by a score of 2 to 0. The two runs were scored in the

fifth inning when Syronna failed to catch an infield fly, and Settle threw wild to McCombs. The third runner was out at the plate when Stroup threw to Kidd.

The feature of the game was the fielding of the Long Branch players who never allowed a man to pass second base.

**July 9, 1924**

### **Pax News Notes**

C.I. Kertner, collector for the Mt. Hope Power and Water Company, is erecting a nice little cottage near Dr. Hunter home.

We have information based upon official authority, that the Virginian Railway Company will soon begin the construction of a water tank and engine pits just east of the Pax depot. Engine crews and machinists will be kept there for the purpose of pulling the coal and supplying the mines along the Virginian between Page and Jenny Gap.

The J.M. Randish Company, road contractors, are pushing work on our hard road, which will extend from the Raleigh county line, a point nearly two miles above Pax, down Paint Creek to a point about half mile below the Long Branch Coal Company store.

Mr. Berry, formerly with the New River Company at Weirwood, left last week for an extended visit to his parents in England.

**August 6, 1924**

### **Long Branch**

Long Branch Mines ran two days last week, Wednesday and Thursday.

A Daniels boy at Cirtsville, accidentally shot himself July 28th, but is not serious.

W.G. Humphrey, of Long Branch, has a new house completed. He occupied it July 19th.

Carnie Lively and Russell Warden were business visitors at Beckley July 29th and 30th.

Sid and Clint Lively's big water tank fell to the ground July 26th. The damage is \$75 more or less.

Lewis Price of Imgram Branch, was calling on some of his friends at Long Branch one night last week.

August 3rd, Long Branch lost to Page by the score of 6 to 4.

**August 6, 1914**

### **Lively and Vicinity**

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Tyree, of Plum Orchard, have been entertaining relatives and friends for the past few weeks. Among the first were Mr. and Mrs. N.V. Tyree and son Jr, who motored from Chicago, and one week later, Miss B.M. Rowan, from Chicago, and Mrs. Henry Rowan from Frankfort, Ind., arrived and spent two weeks. Macon Goodwin, of Roanoke, Virginia, has been calling on Miss Emma Power and Miss Icy Tyree for the past week.

Mrs. Mary Taylor, of Plum Orchard, is very ill.

Mr. Robert Emerson, son of W.A. Emerson, of Lively, was taken to Montgomery hospital for an emergency operation for appendicitis.

**August 27, 1924**

### **Stole 14 year old Bride**

Isaac Bailey well known Maple Fork farmer, was in Beckley Thursday to confer with attorneys and officials relative to prosecution of Ed Lucas, who forged his name to a permit for marriage license for his daughter. The couple were married at Pax. Mr. Bailey says his daughter is only 14 years old. Lucas came here from Virginia.

**September 3, 1924**

**Mines Hall and Store  
at Pax Burned Out**

Fire completely destroyed the hall of the UMW at Pax at an early hour Wednesday, August 27, resulting in a loss aggregating perhaps seven or eight thousands dollars.

The two business rooms on the first floor were occupied by a Picture Show owned by H.E. Rollins, and Pool Room and

Barber Shop owned by Roy Meadows, while the living apartments were occupied by Meadows on one side and E.E. Williams on the other.

The cause of the fire is not known, but it is said that an explosion was heard under the stairway and suddenly the building burst into flames, causing the occupants of the two apartments much difficulty in making their escape to safety.

The UMW carried a partial insurance on e building, but not enough with which to cover the building.

Meadows' carried some insurance on the contents of his store and only Tuesday night had he received a further insurance covering the increased stock, which he had put into the business.

**September 17, 1924**

**First Asphalt**

The first asphalt on the Randish contract on the Pax road was poured Wednesday at the Pack Branch culvert. The road will be open to travel in about 30 days.

**September 17, 1924**

**Pax - Long Branch**

The new road from Raleigh county line about one mile east of Willis Branch, will soon be completed into Mt. Hope.

Mrs. J.J. Shumaker, of Cincinnati, was the guest of Mrs. L M Reedy.

Chas. Flaniagn and family of Pax, left Friday, for a ten day visit with his mother, Mrs. I.J. Long at Columbus, Ohio.

James Cole and family, Miss Stella Reed and William Ray, of Baltimore, who have been visiting Mr. & Mrs. John E. Owens at Long Branch.

Our citizens are very much pleased over the improvement which recently has been made in the service of the Oak Hill Telephone Company. The Company recently changed hands and the new owner have made many needed improvements. A new switch board has been installed, lines rebuilt, etc. The new owners expects to get a line into Beckley which will give subscribers C & P connection in Beckley with out additional charges. As soon as there are enough subscribers there will be a night operator employed.

Mrs. J.H. McQueen is spending her vacation at home in Nicholas county.

Miss Lena Cunningham, of Huntington, was the guest of Miss May Farley, Tuesday.

Miss Ruth Warren, of Boncar, is visiting N.F. Walkup, of Pax, this week.

Miss Nora Davis was seen on our street after her long absent from town. Glad to see her back.

**September 24, 1924**

**Bolt Kill Three Cattle**

Bud Lively, of Long Branch, lost a valuable bull and two heifers Thursday when lightning killed them in the

pasture.

**November 19, 1924**

### **Turkeys at 40 cents**

Bud Lively, of Long Branch, butchers, in town Monday, reports the local supply of turkeys as scarce this year. He got a drove in Raleigh county for which he paid 40c a pound. Some are asking 50c.

**June 10, 1925**

### **Drunk Auto Driver Fined**

John Humphrey cleaner and presser, of Pax, paid \$100 fine and costs Saturday to find out that Mount Hope is not a good town in which to run an auto while intoxicated.

Mount Hope is to be commended for the stand it takes in this matter and all towns that tolerate these drunken speeders should follow the example.

**June 10, 1925**

### **Pax Store Burned**

Last Sunday night at 12 o'clock, fire of unknown origin, completely destroyed the store, stock and fixtures belonging to C.S. Humphrey, well known merchant, of Pax.

It is rumored that Mr. Humphrey only carried \$1,000 insurance on the property.

**June 24, 1925**

### **Pax Branch Fire**

Last Thursday night about midnight, the frame dwelling house owned by Fannie May Humphrey of Pax Branch near Tunnel Siding, burned to the ground. Very little was saved from the flames and there was no insurance. The cause of fire is unknown.

**July 8, 1925**

### **Mine Water Kills Fish**

In opening an old drift mouth at No. 2 mine at Long Branch Coal Co. last week employees of that company turned a large stream of mine water into Paint Creek which raised the creek a foot and killed many fish as far down the creek as two miles.

Many Bass as well as other kinds of fish were picked up along the bank by boys after the water had fallen.

**July 29, 1925**

### **Pax Boy Robbed**

Hoss Creek Henry Lively, in town Monday, report that the 16 year old son of Sherman Williams, of Pax, was recently the victim of two unknown highwaymen, who held him up and robbed him of \$11. The boy was in the woods hunting cows when two armed men dressed like officers, stopped him and took his money.

**June 24, 1925**

### **Mrs. Levi Bailey Dead**

Mrs. Martha Bailey, wife of Levi Bailey, Long Branch miner, died on June 18th, at her home on Clear Creek.

She leaves a husband and eleven children to mourn. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the family cemetery of Clear Creek.

**September 21, 1925**

### **Killed by Train**

#### ***Mike Humphreys, Pax Miner, Run Over by Loop Creek Train Saturday Night***

Mike Humphreys, son Andrew Humphrey, deceased, of Pax, was killed by a Loop creek train near Derryhale Saturday night. The young man had been attending the county fair and left in the evening on the White Oak train for Glen Jean. He was evidently walking up the railroad track when run over by a train. He was alone. When found his pocket book and contents were undisturbed. He was about 24 years old and worked in the Herberton mines.

**July 8, 1925**

### **Bob Lafferty Killed By Train at Cirtsville**

Bob Lafferty, of Nesco, was fatally injured Sunday night when he was run over by a Virginia coal train near Cirtsville. He had been drinking and had some trouble at Pax, but Roy Kidd had taken him near his home in an auto. The engineer of the train saw him lying on the track but was unable to check the train before it passed over him.

He was not killed instantly but lived until he reached Mullens Hospital. He was injured about the head and one hand was cut off.

Deceased was the youngest son of Ed. Lafferty. He was about 30 years old and leaves a wife and one child. He made his home with his father in law, Mr. Bowyer.

### **Cub Bar Killed in Pax Cellar of K.B. O'Neal**

K.B. O'Neal, who lives at Pax, reports an exciting experience last week with a bear which he found in his cellar. He had gone to his cellar which is built under a cliff, before daylight. He had a hatchet with which he was knocking away chunks of ice which had formed around the door. The door is a double, upper half being left open for ventilation. As he opened the door the animal jumped against him in an effort to escape, but he got in a good lick with his hatchet and knocked it down. A few more blows dispatched the animal which was found to be a cub bear, weighing about 80 pounds.

The Cub has eaten liberally of canned fruit and apples, 13 canned fruit being broken open.

The bear was sold to Mr. Stover, a Raleigh butcher, for \$117, said Mr. O'Neal report.

The above story comes in a letter from Mr. O'Neal, but the Tribune is unable to verify it. Henry West and other Pax residents in town Tuesday heard nothing of it.

**January 10, 1926**

### **Uncle James Davis Dead Hero Willis Branch War**

James S. Davis, well known Willis Branch resident, died at his home Friday, January 8. Death was due to heart trouble from which he had been a sufferer for several years. He was 78 years old and was born and spent his life on Willis Branch of Paint Creek. He is survived by his wife, who was Rebecca O'Neal, and the following

daughters: Mrs E.T. Wingrove, Long Branch; Mrs. Charles Tyree, Pax; Mrs. John Evans of Charleston, Mrs. Lewis Neiman and Mrs. John Sweeney, of Willis Branch.

Half a dozen years ago when the Willis Branch mine labor war was in progress, Uncle Jim was the target of much annoyance from the law breakers. He stood bravely for order and refused to be driven away by repeated threats and attempts on his life, made by the strikers.

He was a member of the Christian Church. Burial was on the home place Sunday.

**January 13, 1926**

### **Bob Hunter Dead**

Bob Hunter, an aged resident of Pax, died Thursday, January 7. He was a native of Boone county and moved to Pax not long ago. His wife and several children survive. Burial was at Dorothy.

**February 3, 1926**

### **Will of James S. Davis**

The will of the late James S. Davis of Willis Branch, has been probated in the county clerk' office. It bears date of January 8, 1925. Personal property such as bonus notes, cash and furniture are bequeathed to testator's wife, Rebecca Davis. Interest in the store to Lena Neiman Davis and also the home place, after death of testator's wife. The tract of land lying north of Willis Branch Coal Co. tramway in equal part to Martha Wingrove, Celia Evans, Rachel Spangler and Abram R. Davis, heirs, and Nannie Tyree. Mrs. Rebecca Davis qualified as executrix. Appraisers of the estate are J.C. Tyree, W.R. Humphrey and R.C. O'Neal.

**March 10, 1926**

### **New Pax Town Officers**

The controversy over the election of mayor and recorder for the town of Pax, has been compromised by the resignation of contending parties, and the naming of a new mayor and recorder. C.A. Blake is mayor, and W.L. Humphreys recorder. Ed Rogers succeeds Lacy Aliff as town policeman. Parties who relinquished claims to office were A.B. Canterbury. H.E. Woolwine, W.G. Ayers and John Slusher.

**January 6, 1926**

### **Better have Dog Tax Ready When the Assessor Calls**

Owner of male dogs must pay the assessor one dollar and females are assessed at two dollars. The Assessor will give a receipt for the dog tax which will serve as the owner's license to keep the dog.

**January 6, 1926**

### **Oak Hill 30 -- Pax 5**

Oak Hill High School basketball team opened the 1926 season by walking away with the quintet from Pax, by a 30 to 5 count.

**April 16, 1926**

### **24 YEARS AGO**

**From the files of the Fayette Journal**

**April 3, 1903**

J.F. Davis, of Cirtsville, in town. He reports closing of several options on coal property in that section. The Laing Company is putting down test holes near Cirtsville.

**April 28, 1926**

**Lewis Davis Dead**

Lewis Davis, of Pax, one of the county best known citizens, died Tuesday after a long illness with cancer of the stomach. He was about 50 years old and was prominent throughout the county.

May 1926

**24 Years Ago  
From the files of  
the Fayette Journal**

May 16, 1902

H.F. West, Lumber dealer, of Roseville, in town on his way to Nicholas county on business.

**October 11, 1926**

**Mrs. Tyree Dead**

Mrs. Malinda Tyree, of Cirtsville, died last week at her home from a third paralytic stroke. She was the wife of the late Tomp Tyree and was well known in that section.

**February 7, 1923**

**New Pax Feed Store**

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**January 12, 1927**

**Back To Lively  
School After 40 Yrs**

(By J. T. Peters)

Forty years ago (1887) this winter, I taught my first school in the Lively neighborhood. The same neighborhood I am teaching in this winter.

During the forty years many changes have been brought. The old log school house with its old timey seats has long since been torn down and replaced three different times. The school house now used is about a mile further down Paint Creek.

But one of the greatest and most noticeable changes is that many of the old land marks, those whose counsel and advice, which was so helpful to me in teaching my fist school and all along life's rough pathway have passed to the Great Beyond and their counsel and service can be had no more.

This has always been a fine community, taking an active part in church work and good schools and here I wish to mention some whose advice as so helpful and came at a time when I was just beginning life, and which kept me from making many more blunders than I have made: Elias Lively, Jacob Lively, Andrew Lively, James Wingrove

and Elias Thompson, all deceased. Those still living who have been so helpful to me (and I dare say to many other) are C.C. Lively, George Lively, Sr; Kennel Lively and John Lively. And as to the good women of this community I do not believe they could have been excelled for their many kindnesses extended me during my short stay of four months in their community, and I cannot refrain from mentioning the lady with whom I boarded. Aunt Nancy Lively for she was just like a mother, and her timely advice will never be forgotten.

On returning to this community last fall I found the same helpful school spirit there that I had found forty years ago. A large percentage of the pupils there now are children of those I taught, and although we have been there almost four months, so far as we know, there has not been a jar or a cog-slip. The children all seem interested in their studies, thoughtful of the rights and obedient which of course is much appreciated by the teachers. The primary teacher is Miss Hazel Lively, daughter of Otis Lively, one of the boys who attended my school forty years ago. She is a graduate of the Oak Hill Normal Training High School and is doing excellent work.

**Names of patrons and pupils when I taught 40 years ago are:**

Andrew Lively-- pupil: Otis Lively, Clara Lively, Claude Lively.

Elias Lively--pupil: Cena Lively, L.C. Lively

C.C. Lively--pupil: Frankie Lively, Clarence Lively, Elmira Lively and Elsie Lively

Frenandus Shields--pupil: Lloyd Shields, Lennia Shields, May Shields and Wallace Shields.

Kennel Lively--pupil: J. Will Lively

George Lively--pupil: Roy Lively, Hess Lively and Buddy Lively

John Lively--pupil: Anna Lively, George W. Lively, and Louise Lively

Jacob Lively--pupil: Chas. Lively and Ashley Lively

James Wingrove--pupil: E.T. Wingrove, Ellie Wingrove and Hamp Wingrove.

Elias Thompson--pupil: Belle Thompson and Maye Thompson

Issac Sanner--pupil: Joe Sanner and Rexie Sanner.

Ole Casey--pupil: Wardie Casey.

Lewis Humphrey--pupil: Joe Humphrey and Minnie Humphrey.

Mrs. Harper--pupil: Texas Harper, Roxie Harper and Thomas Harper.

**Names of patrons and pupils this year, 1926-27 are:**

Otis Lively--pupil: Oral Lively, Virgil Lively and Glen Lively.

Henry Canterbury--pupil: Seybert Canterbury and Daphne Canterbury.

L.C. Lively--pupil: Frenie James Lively and L.C. Lively, Jr.

Chas. Lively--pupil: Enos Lively and Nina Lively.

C.B. Wikel--pupil: Charlotte Wikel, Marguerite Wikel, William Wikel and Robert Wikel.

E.B. Keffer--pupil: Violet Keffer, Opal Keffer, Alfred Keffer, and Mabel Keffer.

Chas. B. Lively--pupil: Thelma Lively, Otto K. Lively, Barbara Lively and Bensil Lively.

G.W. Lively--pupil: Hunter Lively, Leslie Lively and Tracy Lively.

Charlie Treadway--pupil: Orpha Edwin Treadway, Janice Tyree Treadway.

Mrs. Ocie Hodge--pupil: Nora Hodge, Ashford Hodge, Wilbert Hodge, Willard Hodge and Mabel Hodge.

Green Coleman--pupil: Laura Coleman and William Coleman.

Charlie Kincaid--Pupil: Thelma Kincaid

W. E. Lively--pupil: Belva Lively

Thomas Holly--pupil: Roy Holly and Tracie Holly

Mrs. Jennie Argabright--pupil: Bertie Argabright.

Phillip Miller--pupil: Nona Pearl Miller, Joseph Miller, Carl Miller and Grace Miller.

Fred Sparks--pupil: Monte Sparks.

J.C. Tyree--pupil: Lawrence Tyree and Mary Tyree

W.H. Keffer--pupil: Marguerite Keffer, Billy Keffer and William Keffer.

W.B. Powers--pupil: William Powers.

Ernest Fuller--pupil: Dorothy Fuller and Sylvan Fuller.

#### **April 1927**

**24 YEARS AGO  
From the files of  
the Fayette Journal**

April 16, 1903

C. W. Lively, a Fayette county boy, carried off first honors in the international oratorical contest at Martinsburg a few days ago and won the prize of \$25 in gold. The title of Mr. Lively's oration which won him fame and honor was "The Last of the Cavaliers," a eulogy of General Robert E. Lee. Mr. Lively was a student from Marshall College and was given a great ovation on his return to Huntington.

H. S. Lively, of Roseville, was here on his way to his farm below town.

The C & O Ry will run an excursion to Newport News, Va., on April 17, on account of the launching of the U.S.S. West Virginia, the cruiser which is soon to take her place in the U.S. Navy.

#### **April 1927**

**24 YEARS AGO  
From the files of  
the Fayette Journal**

April 2, 1903

Suit will be instituted in circuit court soon in which over 1000 acres of valuable coal and timber land will be brought into litigation. The land in question is the old Ellison tract on Plum Orchard and Paint Creek, a considerable portion of which was recently acquired by the Plum Orchard Co., which has refused \$100 an acres for the holdings. The tract is valued at about \$100,000. The Ellison heirs, who sue to recover, claim faulty deeds

to the holders were made. The case will be stubbornly contested.

**March 27, 1927**

### **Long Branch**

Mrs. Earl Williams, of Long Branch, is a patient in the Montgomery hospital to undergo an operation.

Charles N. Coleman spent Monday and Tuesday at Charleston visiting old friends.

Born to Mr. and Mrs Carless Williams, of Long Branch, a boy.

Mrs. Hestor Parker, of Kingston, is visiting Mrs. Jeff Tyree.

Earl Humphrey has been sick for the past few days.

Misses Lottie and Lara Coleman, of Long Branch, spent last Sunday at Pax, visiting Mrs. F.G. Humphrey.

Dewey Wingrove, of Long Branch, has been operated on and is now able to be out again.

Miss Thelma Kincaid, of Long Branch, had her leg fractured while playing ball some time ago but is able to be out again.

Joe Crouse's wagon was struck by the Virginian evening local train. He escaped from being hurt. But his wagon was wrecked and one of his mules was killed.

**February 1927**

### **Cirtsville Boys Earn Funds in Farm Work**

With Frank Vass leading the field with a profit of \$194.30, the eight boys who have completed the course in vocational agriculture given at Cirtsville high school, earned a total of \$543.62.

Frank earned his money by taking over the home orchard, pruning and spraying the trees, and the near \$200 were realized after all expenses had been paid. Beverett Pittman came second in the list, he having raised 110 bushels of potatoes on an acre of land to realize a neat profit of \$140.17.

Ernest Billups, Robert Dew, Edgar Gilman, Arden Maynor and Robin Spangler, other boys in the class, also carried on similar projects under the guidance of the teacher, Mr. Brown. The boys spent a total of 438 hours of work on their various projects making an average earning of 84 cents per hours.

This year 13 boys are enrolled in the course, and are studying animal husbandry. Records of egg production from the three poultry prospects started during the month of January give the following results: Jack Spangler produced 483 eggs from 60 hens during the month. Paul Billups 256 eggs from 40 hens in twenty-two days. Robert Dew 249 eggs from 28 hens in 22 days. These result were accomplished by the boys taking over their home poultry flocks and applying principles studies in their class in the care and feeding of the flock.

The course in vocational agriculture is based on the boy doing the things he studies butchering of hogs he goes out and butchers hogs as the boys in this class did during the later part of November. The other farm jobs and problems are studied in the same manner. This month 3 of the boys who are going to raise baby chicks will build brooder houses according to plans worked out in class. They plan to purchase 400 baby chicks each in March and market them as broilers when they are 12 weeks old.

**February 1927**

**Pax**

The body of Troy Wriston, who died on his ship while in Chinese waters on December 2, 1926 arrived here February 1. He was the son of B.F. Wriston, of this place. Funeral services were conducted February 2, at the M.E. Church, with Rev. Thomas officiating.

In an interesting game here last Tuesday night, the local high school basketball team defeated the East Bank team 27 to 19.

Saturday night Stotesbury was defeated 23 to 19. The visitors were ahead at the end of the first half, but Pax came back with new courage and won a hard fought game.

Pax played Mt. Hope Tuesday night of this week.

J.T. Humphrey has returned from a trip west.

Miss Dortha Mahan is spending a few days with here parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mahan. She is attending school at Alderson.

The town council is planning an improvement in the street lighting system.

Miss Nellie Wriston, who has been home on a visit, has returned to Charleston.

Mr. and Mrs. Cobert Warren, of Page, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Ayers.

**May 26, 1927**

### **Two Trainmen Killed In Vgn. Ry. Wreck Tuesday**

Frank M. O'Neal, of Pax, fireman on the Virginian Railway Train No. 3 was scalded to death Tuesday in a wreck between Ingleside and Princeton. E.G. Aldrich, of Roanoke, engineer, also met his death and 16 passengers on the train were injured but none seriously.

The passenger train collided headon with an electric locomotive pulling a coal train. The trains were moving slowly and when the crash came, the steam locomotive climbed on top of the electric motor. The train was not derailed and injuries to passengers resulted from the sudden stop of the train. O'Neal and Aldrich were held fast on the engine and scalded.

An unofficial report said the wreck resulted from the overlooking of the dispatcher's orders by the passenger crew. The passenger train, it was said, was to have taken a siding at Ingleside for the freight.

Mr. O'Neal was the youngest son of the late Alfred O'Neal, of Dempany and Page. He was a brother of C.M. O'Neal of Charleston. Mrs. Russell Beckelheimer, of Fayetteville; Mrs. Sidney Smith, of Oak Hill; Mrs Otto Smith, of Belva, and Mrs. Howard Mahan, of Pax. He was about 23 years old and unmarried.

**July 6, 1927**

### **Dotson, Long Branch Miner Killed in Auto Wreck**

John W. Dotson, of Long Branch, was killed Monday night in an automobile wreck near Oxley, Raleigh County. Three other young men in the Ford with him were injured, but none seriously. The automobile turned over off the road.

James Dotson, 18 year old son of Ed. Dotson, Char. Humphrey, and Armour Davis were in the automobile with Dotson. The Ford belonged to a young man named Painter, who remained in Mt. Hope and did not accompany the joy riders who left for Beckley Monday night.

Dotson was employed at the Long Branch mine. He came from Virginia and was about 30 years old. He married a daughter of Howard Cadle, of Pax, and leaves two small children.

**January 26, 1927**

**Want Connection Rd  
Long Branch to Kingston**

There is a strong agitation for the paving of a connection link of highway down Paint Creek between Long Branch and Kingston. L.C. Lively has been active in securing right of way from property owners and estates that practically all property owners have signed up for free rights of way along the route.

The road would be eight miles long and will give outlet and connection between two important paved routes. L.C. Lively and J.C. Tyree in town this week, state immediate steps will be taken to push the project through to completion.

**June 22, 1927**

**3000 Black Bass Placed  
in Water of Paint Creek**

3000 Black Bass was stocked into Paint Creek last week. Stocking took place at the mouth of Mossy and at the bridge of East Kingston.