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# The Lee County Legend

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## 1923

Lee Co sports—Still no football teams, Baseball and Basketball were played.  
HS champs—Lee Baptist Institute (LBI) and Lee County Industrial School (LCI)/(Ewing HS)

US President—Warren Harding who died in August of 1923, was replaced by Calvin Coolidge.  
National Champs: MLB—Yankees   NFL-Canton Bulldogs   College FB-Illinois  
US Open Golf-Bobby Jones   Kentucky Derby-Zev   Boxing-Jack Dempsey

### February 23, 1923—Powell Valley News Begins 3rd Year Front Page article with Headliner—Volume 3-Number 1

With this issue, the Powell Valley News begins its third year in the newspaper field of Lee county. What will be the reward for its efforts to chronicle the happenings of the community and County from time to time. Will it continue to grow and become a factor in every hoe in the County where there are readers whom will become interested and aid in its advancement?

There is a lure in printer's ink and the printing game that sticks when it gets into the system; sticks with a tenacity to make one overcome all obstacles— a lure that holds a deaf ear to the critic, who, upon the first appearance of a newspaper promptly prophesies "it won't last for 6 months"..... On the other hand, the progress the News has made in subscriptions and support, is due to those more optimistic. One other thing that doubtless has had some weight is the fact that not an issue was missed during 1922, nor since to date. Incidentally, the News is the only paper published in Lee County that has made this record over the same period.

Like many county newspapers, we have not always been punctual in getting the paper to its readers strictly on the dot, due in some instances to the necessity of putting it aside to get out a rush job of printing, or sickness or other cause over which we have no control.

The nominal subscription price of one dollar per year places the News within the reach of all; it is our sincere hope and belief that more new subscribers will be added to the list during the current year.



## **1923 –Birth Year of Samuel Audia Lee County Citizen and World War II Vet**

**25 May 2015—My Dad, Samuel Audia, was born on April 15, 1923, the year this publication is featuring. That makes him 92 as of April 15, 2015. Except for his Army years during World War II, he has lived in Southwest Virginia his entire life. He worked for Blue Diamond Coal Company in V.I.C. and in Bonny Blue. He worked for the P and P Wholesale and Piggly Wiggly in Pennington Gap, but is most famous for owning and operating the “Cold Spring Market” up at Stone Creek. I asked Dad yesterday if he was a rich man. He asked why I was asking. I told him that since I had been back in Virginia, everybody I’ve talked to said they used to buy their watermelons from him. If everyone who says they bought watermelons from him as often as they said, he should have a stash of cash somewhere. Dad just smiled and said that he was born with nothing and still has most of it left.**

**Dad can surely say, “How times have changed”. The “House that Ruth built” was built and torn down in Dad’s lifetime. My Dad has outlived Ruth, Gehrig, DiMaggio and Mantle. Red Grange, Knute Rockne, Jim Thorpe, Jesse Owens and Otto Graham have come and gone. Dad was here in Lee County when Leeman Field was built to be the largest enclosed baseball park in the world and it came to be. He was here when St. Charles and Pennington had professional baseball teams. He knew of Cowboy Barker, Rudy Parsons, Pee Wee Herndon, Hobart and Frank Scott, Buford Rhea, Ty Harber, Hack Pope, Bill Halsted and so many others. Dad graduated as Valedictorian of St. Charles High in 1941 and still has the trophy and mind to prove it. He was here when Bonny Blue had the largest elementary school in the county. He was here during the days of Calvin High School near Robbins Chapel. Today, I salute my Dad,**

### **SUFFERS BROKEN LEG WHILE PLAYING BALL**

**3/23/1923 - PVN article**

**Marvin Parsons, of Dryden, suffered a compound fracture of the leg a short distance above the ‘ankle’ on Tuesday, while playing a practice game of baseball between the Dryden and Jonesville High School teams at Jonesville.**

**It seems Parsons was playing second base for Dryden and Ben Sewell, a member of the Jonesville team was making a steal for second. Young Parsons took a throw from his catcher and in making the play the two collided with considerable force, resulting in the accident. Young Parsons was taken from the ball ground to Jonesville where his leg was dressed and from there to Norton Hospital.**

### OTHER THAN SPORTS AROUND THE COUNTY

- Items from Lee Baptist Institute - "There has been a notable fall in dresses at L.B. I. recently. A ruling of the school now requires that skirts come within 14 inches of the floor. It is also noteworthy that there are bobbed haired girls among the three highest academic classes."

### St. Charles Wins from Pennington - PVN 6/22/1923

(These were the Town Teams that evolved into Pro teams in coming years)

Pennington was defeated on local grounds Saturday in an 11 inning contest which proved to be one of the fastest and most exciting games ever witnessed by local fans. In the 1st for Pennington, Boren singled, Herndon sacrificed, Stilman,s terrific drive across the creek, (Leeman Field had not been built yet), and B. Young's triple to right center netted 2 runs. Another hitting rally started the 3rd when Hall led off with a double and scored on Boren's line drive to center. After this it looked like anybody's ball game until the 11th, when St. Charles put 2 runs in. The feature of the game was the heavy hitting of Stillman and K. Wax and the pitching of Skaggs and J. Young.

St. Charles	AB	R	H	Pennington	AB	R	H
Thompson 1B	6	0	1	Boren c	6	1	2
C. Wax ss	6	0	2	Herndon 2b	6	0	2
Pierce 2b	6	2	2	Stillman 1b	6	1	3
Grubb rf	5	0	1	Zion ss	6	0	0
B. Green cf	6	1	1	B. Young lf	2	0	2
Mahan lf	6	2	2	Smalley cf	5	0	1
K. Wax 3b	6	0	3	Keith 3b	4	0	1
W. Green cf	6	0	2	x Hall rf	2	0	1
* Waters p	1	0	0	Sewell rf	2	0	1
J. Young p	3	0	1	Skaggs p	5	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>

NOTES: \* Waters, unable to cope with Pennington's batting barrage called for help in the 3rd and J Young took the mound for the visitors. X Hall was lifted in the 8th and replaced by Sewell who finished the game in right field. \*The inning by inning summary of this game is omitted on account of lack of space due to an unusual run of advertising.

**7/6/1923-PVN PENNINGTON DEFEATS ST. CHARLES 8 TO 4!** Saturday, June 30th, was an eventful day for all the followers of the great national pastime when Pennington succeeded for the first time this season in taking the scalp of the fast St. Charles baseball team. The local lads got the jump in the 2nd inning, holding the game until the 6th, when the visitors ran in 2 counters; again the visitors scored in the 7th, and it looked like the game was lost for the locals. But in the 8th, the offerings of Jack Young, the one time local favorite who was working of the the mound for the visitors, were met with stick barrage, result: 7 runs and a lot of sore throats. The visitors final counter was made in the 9th. St. Charles fast team was working good as per usual. The local infield was a little loose in spots, although Zion at shortstop was in great form and Young covered 2nd in a very creditable manner. But the outfield was airtight; Herndon the diminutive centre fielder was in rare form.

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Let us see and hear your stories, articles and pictures!!

**DISAPPOINTMENT STRIKES!!!**

**5/11/23—PVN Article—Field Day Exercises Held at Jonesville**

Quite a number of students from different parts of the County attended Field Day Exercises at Jonesville last week. It is regrettable to note that there was a falling in the usual number of contestants from the different schools in the various events.

Only one game of Basket Ball this year. The game was between Sticklelyville and Elk Knob, they each won a game thereby making a tie. The Base Ball teams were so tied up, that no game was played. It is to be hoped that more interest in school athletics and Field Day Exercises

**COUNTY CHAMPS**

**SCHOOL BASKETBALL—CO-CHAMPS  
STICKLEYVILLE AND ELK KNOB**

The Lee County Legend declares

**SCHOOL BASEBALL CO-CHAMPS  
LEE BAPTIST INSTITUTE (LBI)  
LEE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL- (LCI)  
Note: LCI is also Ewing H S**

**10/19/23 PVN ARTICLE - SOME GAME!!**

L.B.I. and L.C.I.-Ewing played a fast game of baseball on the local grounds Wednesday evening in which the local team figured on the big end of a shut-out, 4 to 0. Three of the scores were made in the first inning on an error, three singles and two doubles.

The Ewing pitcher allowed only three safe hits after the fatal first. Five hits distributed thru five innings were all that Ewing could collect. The pitching for both teams was the feature of the game. The two teams have now won a victory a piece over each other.

**LBI Basketball!!**

Truman Ely, Glenn White, Carlos Meyers, M. Robbins, and Ted Zion, the best quintet that ever represented the school. They won 17 out of 19 interschool games. The fast and professionally coached Norton HS team twice fell victim to their zig-zag lightning like passing. Zion who played guard allowed his opponents less than a field goal a game, while White played the most consistent at shooting the basket. But it was the teamwork of the 5 that piled up the victories. The team was noted for its clean sportsmanship. While these were the big 5, there were several others who were worthy seconds and who will furnish a fast team for the next season.

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