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## J. E. SHELTON DIES

PASSING RATHER SUDDEN

Was the County's Wealthiest Citizen, Aged About 60—Death A Serious Loss to Business Interests—Estate Valued At Nearly \$300,000.

Mr. James E. Shelton, Stokes county's wealthiest citizen, died rather suddenly at his home at Sandy Ridge Sunday night about 8 o'clock. Mr. Shelton had been ill a few days, but was not considered to be in a serious condition. He probably had pneumonia, or heart disease, as the report reaching here says he complained of a shortness of breath and pain in his chest and around his heart. He had just returned from Winston where he had been attending the bedside of an ill daughter, Mrs. Hutcherson.

Mr. Shelton is survived by his wife and four children, two sons and two daughters. He leaves an estate valued at from \$200,000 to \$300,000. He had been very successful in business at Sandy Ridge, where for years he conducted a large lumber industry, mercantile business and one or more flouring mills. He started without a dollar. Later in life he extended his box manufacturing industry to Winston-Salem, and at his death his property in Winston-Salem is probably worth over \$50,000.

Mr. Shelton's death will be a great loss to the Sandy Ridge community, as well as to the county. He was a public spirited man, and though of very limited education, he possessed fine business judgment, and was an advocate of county improvements, chief among which he desired good roads. He always said our county had made a serious mistake by its policy of bad roads. He told a representative of the Reporter a few months before his death that he had been greatly handicapped by bad roads during his career, and would doubtless have left the county but for the fact that his wife hated to leave her old home.

Mr. Shelton bore the name of a good straight forward, honorable business man, kind-hearted, just and liberal toward his neighbors and friends.

The interment was made at the cemetery near his home at Sandy Ridge.

Enjoyable Dance Capt. Lee Nelson's.

Danbury Route 1, Feb. 4.—There was a dance at Capt. Lee Nelson's Saturday night. Among those present were Misses Bessie, Dora, Nannie and Verda Bennett, Sadie, Dora and Carrie Nelson, Lillie Flinchum, Etta Mabe, Mr. and Mrs. Powell Mabe, Messrs. Gilmer, and Alex Nelson, John Bowlin, Walter, Fagg, Carl Nunn, Anderson Bennett, Ernest, Matt and Rufus Nelson, Jerry and Burlie Mabe, Chester Flinchum, and Sanders Smith. Good music was furnished by Messrs. D. E. and Ernest Nelson, Anderson Bennett and Sanders Smith.

Mr. Arthur Mabe gave a dance Saturday night.

TWO BLACK-EYED BOYS.

FOR SALE—ONE LOT CONTAINING one acre of land on which is a good four room dwelling house and out buildings. Two vacant town lots. All of said property in the village of King, N. C., near a good school. C. M. JONES, Danbury, N. C.

## ON THE RIDGE.

Items of Interest From Route 2—Box Supper at Buffalo Feb. 10.

Sandy Ridge Route 2, Feb. 3.—Rev. King preached at Ayersville Saturday and Sunday. We hope he will come back and preach for us again. His sermon was much enjoyed.

Miss Sarah Ward is very sick at this writing.

Mrs. R. H. Terrell is right sick with rheumatism. Hope she will soon be out again.

Miss Ada Fleming visited Miss Della Carter Saturday and Sunday.

Dr. J. H. Ellington says he thinks Mr. Hard Duncan is able to be out again.

The school at Buffalo is progressing nicely under the management of Miss Ada Fleming and Mr. Herbert Carter.

Mrs. C. F. Boyles is visiting at Mr. George Kallam's this week.

There will be a box supper given at Buffalo school house Saturday night Feb. 10. The girl receiving the highest number of votes for being the most popular girl will receive "a gold locket." Mr. A. B. Carter will be there with his singing choir from Delta, also some nice string music will be furnished. Everybody come.

## SCHOOL GIRL.

## Ground Hog Day.

This is Candlemas day; and On Candlemas day, if the sun appear, There'll be two winters in the year.

Candlemas day, in popular parlance, is nothing more or less than "ground-hog day"; "ground-hog day" from the ranges of Hudson Bay to the pines of Carolina and from New England to California. According to the popular fable if Br'er Arctomys Monax, the ground-hog, creeps out of his hole between sunrise and high noon this day and sees its shadow outlined in the sunshine, the little animal promptly scampers back into its aperture and there remains for six weeks more. But if he fails to see his shadow, according to popular tradition, it is a sure sign that winter is practically over and there will be an early spring.

There is some dispute as to the origin of Candlemas day, but most authorities are agreed that this ecclesiastical festival was instituted by Pope Galasius in the year of 492 in commemoration of the presentation of Christ in the temple and of the purification of the Virgin Mary. February denotes purification and in this month the Romans performed the ceremony of purification of the people. When the church changed this feast of Prosperine, as it was called by the Romans, it retained the procession feature and associated the occasion with the purification of the Virgin.

The festival is celebrated through the Christian world annually on February 2, and derives its name from the fact that in the Roman Catholic churches candles are blessed on this day and carried in procession in commemoration of the words of Simeon spoken of the infant Christ, "A Light to Lighten the Gentiles."—Daily Sentinel.

Here is a message of hope and good cheer from Mrs. C. J. Martin, Boone Mill, Va., who is the mother of eighteen children. Mrs. Martin was cured of stomach trouble and constipation by Chamberlain's Tablets after five years of suffering, and now recommends these tablets to the public. Sold by all dealers.

## J. A. LAWSON NEXT FOR ELECTRIC LINE

WILL LEAVE COUNTY SOON

Expects to Start to Florida This Week to Look Out a Home—The Exodus of Good Citizens Goes On.

Mr. Jesses A. Lawson will leave his home at Lawsonville this week for Florida, to seek out the location of a home. Mr. Lawson was in town Saturday, and while here told the Reporter that he expects to move with his family, to Florida soon. He stated as the reason of his departure, the great difficulty of doing business away from the railroad in Stokes county on account of the bad roads, and the general dulness in all lines of work and farming which results from the almost prohibitive rates of transportation in the country, the great difficulty experienced by the children in attending school on account of bad roads, etc.

Mr. Lawson is one of the county's best citizens, and his leaving the county with his family will be a distinct loss.

However, the exodus continues, and will continue until the people wake up to the realization of the serious and ruinous cost to the business life of our county which bad roads are taxing us with.

## Sandy Ridge Route 1.

Sandy Ridge Route 1, Feb. 5.—People in this section are preparing for another crop. They have begun burning plant land.

The Amos school taught by Miss Susie Grogan, closed last Tuesday.

Mr. Sam Ziglar lost a fine milch cow last week with hollow horn.

Mr. J. A. Amos is no better at this writing we are sorry to note. He took his bed the 10th of January.

Miss Bina Amos and Mr. Sterne Richardson were married last Sunday. Esq. G. A. Hutcherson officiated.

The wedding bells are expected to ring again soon as Mr. Shelton calls quite often.

Mrs. Kate Brown and daughter and Miss Lucy Joyce visited at Mr. R. L. Brown's Saturday.

Measles is plentiful on the Ridge.

Maddogs are raging on the Ridge. Mr. T. H. Ferguson killed one last Monday.

Mr. George Brown has moved out to himself.

Choppings are all the go down in this part of the county.

Dock Washburn happened to a bad accident several days ago to get his ankle sprained and is not improving much, we are sorry to say.

## PLOW BOY.

## Marriage Licenses.

Chas. E. Bennett to Rosa E. Staley.

Sam Cromer to Laura Ellen Bennett.

Reid Flinchum to Hattie Manuel.

Thos. Tatum to Mattie Elma Tuttle.

Elisha Venable to Febby Hen-

nis.

Reports from Western North Carolina are to the effect that the greatest snow storm in years visited that section the past week. The average depth of the snow is about one foot, while in some places it is drifted to a depth of thirty feet.

Most of the public school will expire next week.

WINSTON THROUGH STOKES

The People of Meadows Township Enthusiastic Over Proposed Enterprise—Mr. Geo. Lewis Leaves For Winston to Confer With the Frieses.

Mr. Geo. Lewis, of Meadows township, left yesterday for Winston-Salem to confer with Mr. H. E. Fries regarding the project of an electric trolley line to be built from Winston via Germanton, Flat Shoal, Danbury and other points north of the center of the county. Mr. Lewis, who was here Monday, stated that the people of his township are enthusiastic over the proposition, and that they will undoubtedly vote a bond issue of at least \$50,000 to assist the construction of the line. Mr. Lewis was in conference with Danbury citizens Monday with the view of enlisting the cooperation of Danbury township. He was assured that the people of Danbury are greatly desirous of the enterprise, and would vote a reasonable bond issue, while it is believed that Peter's Creek will do likewise, thus carrying the line clearly through the county, on towards Stuart, Va. Should the project be realized the value to Winston-Salem of this feeder from a vast territory rich in timber, minerals, agricultural products, etc., could not be estimated.

Mr. Lewis goes to Winston to confer with Mr. Fries and other capitalists regarding the most logical method of proceeding. He says the people of Meadows township are alive as never before to the necessity of building roads and other improvements.

## Mumford Brought Back.

Mr. G. C. Mumford was brought here today by Deputy Sheriff Stephen Smith and placed in jail, having been arrested by the authorities of Alamance county, at Graham, on a capias issued by the Clerk of the Court of Stokes county on the charge of having jumped his bail in this county. It will be remembered that Mumford was tried at spring term of court here last year for selling liquor at Moore's Springs, and was under bond to appear at the next term of court to show good behavior. He slipped his bond, and left his personal property as security. When arrested at Graham Mumford had in his grip 18 pints of whiskey.

## May Build New County Home.

It is learned that the county commissioners are considering the matter of building a new county home for Stokes. If this should be done the present county home and farm will no doubt be sold and a new location secured. Better quarters for the poor who are dependent on the county are badly needed.

## Sale of Real Estate In Pinnacle.

We will sell to the highest bidder on Saturday, Feb. 10th, 1912, at Pinnacle, N. C., the brick roller mill building and lot 100 by 250 feet, one vacant lot 100 by 250 feet, adjoining the mill lot, the tobacco warehouse lot 100 by 250 feet with camp houses on lot, also one large planer and matcher in good condition, one corn mill with spindles all complete. Sale will commence at 1 o'clock P. M., Saturday, Feb. 10, 1912. E. W. CULLER AND OTHERS.

## OAK GROVE NEWS.

Whooping Cough Causing Excitement In Public Schools—Pie Supper at Oak Grove School House.

Oak Grove, Feb. 5.—We are still experiencing some cold rough weather. It is said by some of the oldest people this winter is the roughest in many years, but it is a saying it is a sign of a good crop year.

The ground-hog saw his shadow on the second which is a sign that we will have six weeks more of winter weather.

We learn that the whooping cough is causing some excitement in the public schools, but the schools are so near out it will not cause much time lost from the school.

The directors of the Quickstep Telephone Company held their meeting on last Monday at which time they transacted such business as will be of great benefit to the company.

We learn that S. K. Anderson's mule that was hurt some time ago is alright and was not damaged at all. The shot did not go through the hide.

The pie supper at Oak Grove school house on last Friday night was quite a success. The young people seemed anxious to buy a pie which looked good and nice. All present seemed to enjoy the occasion. The proceeds went to the benefit of the school.

With the exceptions of bad colds, the health of the people in this section is good at this writing.

Mr. Chas. Brannock, of Mt. Airy, spent Sunday at the home of W. H. Boyles on King Route 2.

A lot of the farmers in this section have recently sold some tobacco at Winston and are well pleased with the prices.

Mr. J. V. Boyles, of Mt. Airy, has been visiting friends and relatives in Stokes for the first time in quite a while.

Choppings are the next in order with the farmers.

## SCRIBBLER.

Card From Secretary G. A. Hutcherson.

Sandy Ridge, Feb. 5.

Pepper Bros., Danbury, N. C.

Sirs:

Will you please say in the next issue of the Reporter that the correct name and address of the secretary of each local Union F. E. and C. U. of A. in Stokes county is wanted by the county secretary and treasurer at once and each local secretary and treasurer in the county is requested to send in the same to me at Sandy Ridge, N. C., so I can comply with the resolutions adopted in the county meeting held Feb. 3rd, 1912.

Fraternally,

G. A. HUTCHERSON.

## Campbell Route 1.

Campbell Route 1, Feb. 5.—Several of the boys and girls of this section attended an apron party in Virginia Saturday night.

There will be preaching at Peter's Creek next Sunday.

Mr. R. H. Mitchell, our efficient school master is offering a gold medal to the one making the best recitation on the night before the last day. The school closes Feb. 6.

The farmers say that crops will be late this year owing to the fact that the ground has not been in a condition to work for some time.

SAY BILL.

## BIG ENTERPRISES

BILLED FOR WALNUT COVE

Farmers' Union Passes Resolutions to Erect Bank With Capital of \$25,000, and Factory With Capital of \$75,000 to \$100,000.

The Farmers' Union meeting held here Saturday passed resolutions to establish at Walnut Cove a bank with a capital of \$25,000, and a tobacco factory with a capital of \$75,000 to \$100,000. Mr. J. S. Taylor, President and General Manager of the dry prizer, was appointed to go into the field at once to solicit stock for the new enterprises.

The meeting Saturday was held in the court house. It was a cold day, snowing part of the time, and the attendance was not large.

A county burial association was adopted on the same lines as that of the Surry county Union.

Mr. J. Spot Taylor was elected county business agent to handle fertilizers again.

Among the Union men present at the meeting were Messrs. J. S. Taylor, Chap Bodenheimer, R. L. Nunn, J. C. Flippin, Wheeler James, Chas. Huff, H. H. Reid, O. M. Bennett, W. V. Shelton, J. A. Lawson, Milton Southern, Geo. W. Smith, J. C. Wall, J. T. Kallam, W. E. Hartman, Bun Nelson and others.

## SICKNESS ON KING ROUTE 1.

Appointment At Quaker Gap Church Changed—Schools Doing Well.

King Route 1, Feb. 6.—Mrs. R. R. Boyles is right sick at present. We wish her a speedy recovery.

We are sorry to learn of the sickness of Mrs. Ben Voss.

Miss Carrie Miller will visit relatives and friends in and around Capella next week.

We learn that Rev. W. H. Wilson has changed his time at Quaker Gap church from the fourth Sunday to the second Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Saylor left the past week for Pinnacle, N. C., where they will make their future home.

Choppings are all the go nowadays. There was a chopping at Mr. Sidney Bennett's Friday and a musical at night. A good many young boys attended but they were somewhat disappointed as girls were scarce.

The public school at Capella closed last Friday, Jan. 26. It was taught by Misses Dora Wall and Hattie Smith.

Mr. Emmet Gibson is repairing his telephone line. Look out, Capella operator, he will be calling Rural Hall.

The subscription school at Capella is progressing nicely under Miss Dora Wall. There are 22 students on roll, and more are expected soon.

Mr. Will Morefield called on Miss Mamie Gravitt Sunday.

Mr. Pink Boyles sold a barn of tobacco the past week which weighed 506 pounds and brought \$111.14. The tobacco was grown on Miss Dora King's farm.

Mr. Jackson Overby calls at the central office at Capella quite often. What is the attraction, Miss Dora?

## O. U. KID.

For a sprain, you will find Chamberlain's Liniment excellent. It allays the pain, removes the soreness, and soon restores the parts to a healthy condition. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by all dealers.