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WALNUT COVE LETTER

Tobacco Market Will Close On December 18th.

REAL ESTATE DEALS

Free For All Row Sunday Afternoon—Revival Closes—Other News Items.

Walnut Cove, Dec. 15.—After the first half of an unusually successful season the tobacco warehouses will close here on Dec. 18 and remain closed until Monday, Jan. 3. Some excellent sales have been made during this week and it is thought that the market will open strong on the first of the year. Hardly more than half the crop is sold and with good prices prevailing the market here will doubtless be well patronized throughout the remainder of the season. Results so far have been extremely satisfactory to the farmers and the amount sold is gratifying to the warehousemen.

The revival conducted by Rev. J. W. Ham came to a close Friday night with about fifty conversions and the addition of about nineteen to the church. The baptizing which was to have been Sunday afternoon was postponed owing to the weather conditions. Rev. Ham left Friday night for Warsaw where he will conduct another meeting.

What is termed by the elder citizens the deepest snow in twelve years fell here Saturday night to a depth of eleven inches. Owing to careful attention by the section men on both railroads no wrecks or delays were reported as a result of the snow. The citizens are deeply indebted to Mr. J. A. Lewis, the livery man, for his kindness in pressing into service a snowplow and clearing the sidewalks of snow. Mr. J. H. Fowler also used a sled to great advantage around the school building and for a few miles into the country which proved of great benefit to the teachers and pupils of the high school.

Some real estate deals of considerable proportion are well under way and will doubtless be consummated early in the New Year.

Several changes in the business enterprises of the town are anticipated.

As a result of corn liquor and a free-for-all row participated in Sunday afternoon by several well known citizens a few five dollar fines were imposed in the mayor's court Monday morning. If conditions do not change greatly the bug justice is likely to flow freely during the holidays, that is if Sunday's operations are to be viewed as a mild beginning of Christmas.

Mr. Jacob Fulton is spending the week in Yadkin and Surry counties in the interest of the Stokes Grocery Company.

Mr. W. G. Dodson went to Greensboro Monday on business. Messrs. Joe Goodman, representing the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co., of Winston-Salem and Dave Hodgins, representing Odell Hardware Co., of Greensboro, were in town today.

Miss Marie Moore, who is teaching a few miles north of here, was in town a short while Sunday.

Deputy sheriff Watson Joyce went to King Tuesday on business.

Mr. J. Wesley Morefield spent Monday in Winston-Salem attending to some business affairs. Misses Jessie Vaughn and Pearl Seagraves spent Saturday in Winston-Salem shopping.

Mr. Roy L. Vaughn, who has recently accepted a traveling position with the Nelson Hardware Co., of Roanoke, Va., spent Sunday here with relatives. Mr. W. L. Vaughn has accepted the position with the Stokes Hardware & Furniture Co. formerly held by Roy.

A fine horse belonging to Dr. W. H. Critz died yesterday following a severe attack of pneumonia. The animal was valued at \$250 by its owner.

Mr. T. S. Petree, of King, was here Monday afternoon between trains.

Mr. R. P. Glidewell, who for past six weeks has been canvass-

FOUR TOWNSHIPS

Offer Stokes Corn Club Boys \$160.00 In Prizes.

MR. HOLT PLEASSED

Other Townships of the County To Be Called Upon Soon—Much Interest Will Be Taken In Corn Growing the Coming Year.

Stokes citizens are responding liberally to the calls of County Agent W. P. Holt for prizes for the Boys' Corn Club. Up to this time Mr. Holt has visited four of the county's townships—Meadows, Peters Creek, Big Creek and Beaver Island—and these four alone have donated \$160.00 for the cause. The money given by each township goes to the boys of the township which gave it.

The county agent expects to visit the other townships of the county as soon as possible and it is very probable that a thousand dollars will be raised in the county for township prizes for the Boys' Corn Club.

In addition to these prizes the county at large will offer prizes and the State will give two scholarships to the A & M. College.

With all of these prizes being offered there is no doubt but that there will be much interest shown in the work of the Corn Club the coming year, and the result will be that there will be a great increase in the yield of corn in old Stokes. Let the good work go on.

TWO GOOD FARMERS.

John Morefield and John W. Priddy, Prosperous, Thrifty and Independent Citizens.

Among the visitors in town this week were John Morefield and John W. Priddy, Wednesday, from the North View section. Both near neighbors, both prosperous, thrifty and independent, John Morefield and John Priddy are among the best class of well-to-do Stokes county farmers. Mr. Morefield owns some 380 acres of land; and John W. Priddy is not far behind him, holding title to more than 300. Both these gentlemen have all their lives practiced making their supplies at home, and then going in for tobacco. Consequently neither of them, we suppose, owes any man a dollar in the world. On the contrary, the interest comes the other way. Messrs. Morefield and Priddy are both self-made men, and have by a sane method of farming, acquired independence. Mr. Morefield told the Reporter that he made it a rule to sow a bushel of clover seed every year.

If every farmer in Stokes county would practice the same methods of industry, economy and thrift that these two North View farmers practice Stokes county would blossom like a rose.

Mr. Oscar Southern, who was formerly connected with the Walnut Cove Roller Mills, spent a few days last week at Concord on business. Mr. Southern will probably engage in the milling business in the southern part of the state early in this year.

Mr. E. W. Fowler spent Sunday at King, returning here Sunday night in his Ford after much difficulty in plowing through many big snowdrifts. In many places the snow went far above the engine, but the little Ford backed up by its reputation, plenty of gasoline and the grim determination of Earnest wended its way into town without a serious mishap.

THE VOTING CONTEST

Many Votes Being Given Out Now To Friends of Candidates.

VERY FEW TURNED IN

Christmas Holidays Great Season For Vote-Getting—Candidates Getting Busy.

The Reporter has given out more votes on subscription the past week than during any week since the contest started though only a very small per cent. of them were voted. The larger per cent. of them are being held back to be voted later.

All of the candidates have made small gains but still retain the same places held last week.

Reports have reached the office that at least three of the candidates are putting in some good work.

The coming holidays will be a great time for vote-getting and the candidates will no doubt take advantage of the occasion.

The vote today stands as follows:

W. L. Hall,	21,000
Miss Elsie Sheppard,	16,000
Miss Lottie Priddy,	15,000
Joe Alley,	5,500

SCHOOLS TAKE HOLIDAY

A Few of Them Will Be Suspended Two Weeks But Majority Will Stop Only One Week.

A few of the public schools of the county will close Friday for the Christmas holidays and reopen in two weeks, but a majority of them will teach up until Christmas eve and suspend for only one week. It is learned that the County Board of Education has made a request that all schools in the county take only a week's vacation, but the schools desiring to take two week's may do so.

Orphanage Had Loss of \$2,500

Raleigh, Dec. 13.—A fire at the Orphanage of the North Carolina Methodist Conference here this morning destroyed the barn, entailing a loss of \$2,500, protected by \$1,000 insurance. The barn was recently completed and was the gift of Dr. H. Lewis of this city. Seventeen head of cattle were gotten out, but a large quantity of provender was included in the fire loss. The city fire department responded and the work of the firemen prevented a spread to other buildings of this splendid orphanage plant.

Winston Tobacco Market To Close For Holidays Saturday.

Winston-Salem, Dec. 16.—At a meeting of the Winston Tobacco Association today it was decided to close the tobacco market here for the holidays Saturday, Dec. 18. The market will re-open on January 3, 1916.

CONTRACT IS LET

For Bridge Across Town Fork Creek At Kiser's Old Ford.

FIGURES ARE \$1,474.00

County Commissioners Held Special Session Here Today—To Examine Land From Which Top-Soil Was Taken In Meadows Township.

The Board of County Commissioners were in special session here a few hours today, members John W. Gann, I. D. Barr and Joseph Martin being in attendance.

The object of the meeting was for the purpose of letting a contract for the construction of a steel bridge across Town Fork creek at Kiser's Old Ford, in the southern part of Meadows township. There were three bids on the work, the bid of the Virginia Bridge & Iron Co. being the lowest—\$1,474.00, and they were awarded the contract. The steel span of the bridge will be eighty feet and the work is to be completed by April 15, 1916.

The county commissioners expected to go over the new roads in Meadows township today for the purpose of examining the land from which top-soil was recently taken in constructing roads that township, but on account of the snow and the severe weather it was decided to postpone the matter until a future meeting.

At a recent meeting of the commissioners it will be recalled that there were a great many damage claims for top-soil brought in from Meadows township and the amounts asked were considered excessive by the board and were cut down considerably. Since then a number of the parties whose claims were cut down have served notice on the board that they would appeal to Superior court, and for this reason the commissioners expect to look further into the matter.

Gets Still In Chatham Plant And Whiskey Seized

A still of 90-gallon capacity, worm, cap, 4,000 gallons of beer, five gallons of whiskey, and three sacks of meal comprised the equipment of an illicit distilling plant captured Saturday by Deputy Collectors J. P. Stell and E. G. Richardson about 12 miles northwest of Pittsboro in Chatham county. The officers failed to capture the operators.

Honor Roll For Dillard School.

1st grade—Kate Alcorn, Cliff James, Harvy Mitchell, Cornelius Mitchell, Alonzo Martin, Ada Mitchell, Myrtle Rothrock, Theodore Reid, and Lena Stultz.
2nd grade—Roy James.
3rd grade—Mary L. Herd.
4th grade—Frank Alcorn, Bobbie Mabe and Alvis Martin.
5th grade—Dorris Fagg, Mamie Mabe.
7th grade—Retta Mitchell and Emory Rothrock.

APPEAL TO COURT

Fourteen Meadows Township Citizens Not Satisfied.

FOR TOP-SOIL USED

Notice Served on County Commissioners that Cases Will Be Carried To Superior Court.

Notice has been served on the county commissioners by fourteen citizens of Meadows township that the amounts allowed them for damage from the taking of top-soil from their lands for building roads in that township were not sufficient and that they will appeal to Stokes Superior Court for the purpose of securing the amounts asked for in their claims recently presented to the county commissioners.

The parties referred to above have already secured counsel and the cases will likely come up at the next term of Stokes Superior court. They are all represented by Attorneys J. W. Hall, of Danbury, and W. E. Willis, of Wilkesboro.

TURNING LOOSE THE CASH

A Good Deal of Hard-Earned Money Came Into Circulation Through the Carelessness of Owners.

Mr. Lovell, the well-digger, who recently has been sinking a number of wells in this community, lost his purse containing \$50.00 or more the other day. Mr. Lovell is not a believer in banks and carries his cash in his jeans.

Near Walnut Cove one night a few weeks ago Mr. Will Brown went to bed, hanging his trousers on a chair. In one of the pockets he left the proceeds of a load of tobacco which he had just sold. Some time in the night unknown parties came in the room, took the cash while Mr. Brown slept, and left again as quietly as they came in. There is no clew to the robbers.

Mr. Bud Whitten of Moore's Springs reports being assaulted between his home and Piedmont Springs. Did not say how much the robbers got, who cut his clothes. A few weeks previously his nephew, A. G. Whitten, while sleeping in his wagon at Walnut Cove, was robbed of \$90.00.

And so it goes. Many thousands of dollars are lost every year by people who carelessly leave their money at home, or carry it in their pockets.

There are four good banks in Stokes county, which will gladly pay you interest on your money. It is foolish and dangerous to keep it in your home when it will be a constant temptation to thieves, when it is in danger of being burned or stolen, to say nothing of the interest you are losing by having your funds idle.

Mr. Ernest Nelson, a good farmer of Danbury Route 1, was here today.

G. A. CARROLL DEAD

Passed Away At Hospital In Winston-Salem Sunday Morning.

RESIDED AT KING

Was Prominent Citizen of Stokes and His Death Comes As A Shock To His Many Friends In The County.

Mr. Gaston A. Carroll, a well known Stokes citizen who resided at King, passed away Sunday morning at 5:30 o'clock at a hospital in Winston to which he had gone the past week suffering with gall stones and appendicitis.

Mr. Carroll was aged 53 years and until a few days since had been enjoying good health. He was in Danbury only a few days since and appeared to be in perfect health.

His death came as a shock to his many relatives and friends in Stokes. Until a year ago Mr. Carroll resided at Winston-Salem and was in the revenue service for a number of years. He was a native of Stokes and was well known and very much liked all over the county. He served as a Justice of the Peace in this county for many years and has recently been engaged in the insurance business.

The deceased was a brother of Messrs. D. V. and E. W. Carroll, of Stokes, and Mr. W. T. Carroll, of Winston-Salem. He is survived by his wife and nine children: Mesdames Neuma Carroll, John Tavis, Deema Barber and Victor Davis, of Winston-Salem; Mrs. Perry Turner, of Wadesboro; Miss Etta Carroll, Mr. Ernest Carroll, of St. Louis, and two small children.

The interment was made at the family burying ground several miles south-west of Danbury and a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends were in attendance. The burial services were in charge of the Junior Order, of which lodge he was a member. He was also a member of the Masonic lodge and an escort of that body accompanied the remains to the station at Winston-Salem.

Marriage Licenses.

The following couples have recently been granted licenses to marry by the Register of Deeds here:

Ben Britton to Minnie Mabe.
J. Manuel George to Annie Martin.

T. P. Lovell to Hester Campbell.
Pearson Mabe to Lilla Mabe.
R. G. Shouse to Della Rush.

Usually at this season of the year the list of marriage licenses is longer than the above. It is a remarkable fact that the number of marriage licenses issued in Stokes grows less each year. A gentleman speaking of this recently gave as a reason for the fact that nearly all of the young people in the county are already married.

Mrs. J. F. Nelson Dies.

Mrs. J. Floyd Nelson died at her home near Hardbank this week.