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HOMICIDE AT SANDY RIDGE

Pete Knight Shot and Killed By Luther Wilkins, Last Night — Wilkins Surrenders To Sheriff and Claims Self-Defense.

Pete Knight, 21 years old, was shot and instantly killed last night by Luther Wilkins. Both men reside in the Sandy Ridge community and the shooting occurred near A. M. Shelton's store. Wilkins surrendered to officers immediately after the shooting, and stated that he shot in self-defense. He is being held in jail here pending a preliminary hearing.

According to information received here today Wilkins was sleeping in a tobacco barn, and about 10 o'clock last night Knight went to the door of the barn and forced it open, at the same time drawing a pistol and telling Wilkins that if he could shoot faster than he could to go to it. Wilkins states that he then picked up his shotgun and fired, the load taking effect in the abdomen of Knight and killing him almost instantly. There were no eye witnesses to the shooting.

Relief In Sight For Stokes Farmers

Stokes county has been designated as a drought stricken county for participation in the Federal appropriation for drought relief. County Agent Trevathan is in touch with State and National authorities and is busy selecting county and community committees to pass upon applications for these loans. The exact amount of money available for Stokes county has not yet been learned. Applications for loans should be made to the local committees. Announcements of committees will be made later. The money will not be available for several weeks yet, and it will take some time to work out all the details involved in securing these loans. As the amount of money that will be available for Stokes county will necessarily be small, those farmers who are able to borrow money from private sources for financing their farm operations are requested to do so, thus making this money available to those who need it most.

The uses to which this money can be put will be quite limited and security will be required. Leading farmers, business men, bankers, and others interested are requested to meet in the court house in Danbury at 11 o'clock A. M. Monday, January 5th, to assist in the selection of local loan committeemen.

J. E. TREVATHAN,
County Agent.

FARMERS ARE NOT SO BAD OFF

"Scribbler" Says Most Of Them Have Three Meals A Day, Shelter, Decent Clothes and A Car.

King, Dec. 26.

Dear Farm Folks:

There is so much talk now days about hard times that it would be really discouraging if we listened and believed all we hear. Are we as bad off as we like to make believe? Why don't most of us have three meals a day, shelter, decent clothing and car?

Certainly we don't have as much as we would like to have and we don't make the money we did while the war was going on, but after every war there is a period of unrest, lower prices, and less buying. It costs money, much money, as well as lives, to win a war, and the people have to pay in taxes to make this up. Most of us know little about really hard times such as the people of European countries are having, or even those of our own cities. They are much worse off than we are. So let's not go around with long faces, talking of "hard times." Let's keep a stiff upper lip, make over our old clothing for the children, save where we may, without sacrificing the health of the family, and help friend husband all we can. Let's do the best possible with what we have, and see what a happy home we can make.

SCRIBBLER.

Three Millionaires For North Carolina

Washington, Dec. 28.—Statistics of income for 1928, issued today, show that North Carolina had one person who paid on an income of \$5,000,000 and over, and two on \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 that year. The identities of the heavy income tax payers are concealed.

The total returns that year were 30,997, running from \$2,000 to \$5,000,000.

A total of 2,112 paid on incomes from \$2,000 to \$3,000; 4,799 from \$3,000 to \$4,000, and so on.

Sixteen paid on incomes from \$90,000 to \$100,000 and 32 from \$100,000 to \$150,000; 19 from \$150,000 to \$200,000, and six from \$200,000 to \$250,000.

Stokes Prisoner Re-Captured

Jas. Thore, who escaped from the Stokes jail here the past summer with three other prisoners, was re-captured in High Point yesterday by Stokes county officers and was brought back here and placed in jail. Thore was charged with driving a car while intoxicated and possession of liquor.

MR. DOUGHTON EXPLAINS LOAN

Federal Road Funds To Amount Of \$1,926,775 To Be Forthcoming Soon—Engineers To Be Put To Work At Once...

Raleigh, Dec. 20.—R. A. Doughton, State highway commissioner, reached over long distance telephone at Sparta, tonight said the \$1,926,775 placed at the disposal of North Carolina for federal aid highway construction by an emergency relief bill signed by President Hoover today, would be of "considerable service to the State."

Mr. Doughton said one-half of the money would be in the nature of a loan, without interest, to be repaid, beginning in 1933, in fifth parts. The other half, he said would be the regular government appropriation to North Carolina for federal aid highway systems.

"The measure," he said, "will enable us to get much earlier federal aid for the construction for the highway systems."

In the construction of federal aid highway system by states, he explained, the state puts up one half the money. The emergency measure does not require the state to put up any money but advances to state its share as a loan until 1933, he said.

Mr. Doughton said he had received a letter from the federal bureau of roads explaining the proposition. He said he had written the bureau saying North Carolina could use all the money or a substantial portion of it on the terms stated.

Construction plans, he said, have to be approved by the federal government. State highway engineers will be put to work at once to lay plans.

Stokes Farmers May Grow Sweet Potatoes

H. R. Niswonger, Extension Horticulturist of State College, will be in Walnut Cove Wednesday, Jan. 7th, to speak to Stokes farmers on the subject of growing sweet potatoes. The meeting will be held at 10:00 o'clock A. M. in the sweet potato storage belonging to Lawrence McRae. All farmers interested in growing sweet potatoes in 1931 are invited to attend this meeting. Mr. Niswonger will give instructions as to selection and treatment of seed, best varieties to grow for market, grading, curing, bedding, fertilizing, planting, etc. This is a very important meeting and farmers should attend from all parts of the county.

J. E. TREVATHAN,
County Agent.

STOKES ON DROUGHT LIST

County Agent Trevathan Receives Letter From I. O. Schaub, Director.

The following letter was written in answer to a letter written by County Agent J. E. Trevathan, asking that Stokes county be made eligible for Federal aid for drought relief.

J. E. TREVATHAN.

"Mr. J. E. Trevathan,
County Agent,
Walnut Cove, N. C.

"Dear Mr. Trevathan:
I have your inquiry of December 17. Stokes county has already been designated as one of the drought stricken counties, and accordingly will be eligible for aid through the government seed and fertilizer loan.

"I notice that the conferrees have reached an agreement regarding this bill, and that it will probably be passed and sent to the President. However, the actual appropriation will have to be carried in a separate bill, which will no doubt get through early in January. It will then take some two or three weeks to get the various forms and policies approved and allocations made to the various counties. I think you can rest assured, however, that Stokes county will get its proportionate part of these funds.

"It will be necessary in case these funds are administered along the same line as previous loans, to set up certain committees to pass upon applications. It is quite likely that you will need a county committee to be composed of a banker, a farmer, and another business man, and corresponding committees in the various communities. I shall advise you just as soon as we get definite instructions along this line. The aid will probably be limited to the purchase of seed, feed and fertilizer. We shall keep you informed regarding this matter.

"Very truly yours,
I. O. SCHAUB,
"Director."

Wm. Nelson Dies After Long Illness

William Nelson, of Sauratown township, passed away at his home Friday after an illness of several days with a complication of diseases. The deceased, who was a successful farmer of his community, was aged about 62 years. He is survived by his wife and several sons and daughters. Interment was at Clear Spring Baptist church cemetery on Sunday afternoon, services being conducted by Elder Watt Tuttle. A large number of relatives and friends were in attendance.

THE DROUGHT RELIEF FOR STOKES

How the Money Will Be Distributed Among the Farmers — Committees Pass On Loans.

The following letter has just been received by County Agent J. E. Trevathan, and others in the affected counties of North Carolina, relative to drought relief funds:

Raleigh, Dec. 22.

Mr. J. E. Trevathan, Walnut Cove, N. C.

Mr. V. C. Taylor, Dobson, N. C.

Mr. W. B. Collins, Sparta, N. C.

Mr. W. H. Worth, W. Jefferson, N. C.

Mr. A. G. Hendrix, N. Wilkesboro, N. C.

Mr. L. F. Brumfield, Yadkinville, N. C.

Mr. G. P. Hagaman, Boone, N. C.

Mr. H. L. Seagrove, Yanceyville, N. C.

Mr. H. K. Sanders, Roxboro, N. C.

I understand that the new Farm Relief Bill is for the purpose of covering drought, hail and storm damage. It is my impression that there was some hail damage in Caswell and Person counties. Since your county is in the designated drought area (except Caswell and Person) I think it will be well to be thinking about your committees to pass on applications for loans and other details in connection with setting up machinery for putting this relief into effect.

The machinery for handling the loan in the county will be for the county agent to appoint a committee composed of a banker and probably two farmers to act as a county committee, and the sub-committees in each community to pass upon applications. The county agent will be the key man on whom the responsibility for setting up the machinery will fall. Unless there is an agent in the county, the difficulties in securing loans will be very materially increased.

I suggest that you get in touch with your leading farmers and business men and select your county committee as soon as possible and then ask the different communities where aid is needed to assist you in selecting the community committees.

As a basis for making loans, the Government will have to have some idea of how much of the various crops was produced per acre in your county during 1930. We do not yet have these figures, but Mr. Frank Parker is working up for us.

I have to be able to assist you in getting a clear idea of how the application should

TWO MARRIAGES OCCUR AT KING

Two Churches Give Christmas Trees — Personal and Other Items.

King, Dec. 31.—J. Robert Cook returned to his home here last week from Sterling, Colorado. Mr. Cook has been in the west for about nine months. He states that there was snow on the ground all the way from Colorado here with the exception of a part of the state of Kansas.

Fred Hauser, who is attending medical college at Richmond, Va., spent the Christmas holidays with relatives here.

Worth Daub and Miss Avis Newsum motored to Hillsville, Va., last week where they were united in marriage.

A Christmas tree with very appropriate program was rendered at the King Moravian church Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel White, of Roanoke, Va., have returned to their home after spending several days with relatives here.

A Christmas entertainment and tree was given at the First Baptist church Wednesday night.

Herman Wolf and Miss Ruth Rutledge were quietly united in matrimony Thursday. Squire J. S. Garner officiated. Both young people are of King.

N. E. Preston, prominent planter, is confined to his home just west of town by illness.

L. O. Pulliam, of Gastonia, spent Sunday here the guest of his mother, Mrs. J. S. D. Pulliam.

T. F. Calloway and Miss Julia Moser were married Thursday at the home of Rev. Robert Helsabeck who officiated.

F. H. White, of Greensboro, formerly of King, is spending a few days with relatives and friends here.

J. N. Blackburn, proprietor of Blackburn's Department Store on Depot Street, spent the week-end with relatives in Ashe county.

SLOW SALE ON AUTO LICENSE PLATES

License Bureau At Winston-Salem Is Not Selling As Many As Last Year.

Owners who wish to use their cars on New Year's day will have to hurry up to get their license plates as the office which is dispensing them at Winston-Salem will be closed on Thursday all day.

The office is far behind on sales and it is, like many will not be able to operate on the highways before Friday at least, while still others will nodoubt put it off even longer.

It is stated up to Saturday the Winston-Salem office had sold about 6,000 tags, leaving 6,000 more to sell.

be made out, as improperly filled applications are the worst things in the way of a farmer getting a loan properly. Will say here that the Government does not loan more money than recommended by the county committee. See farmers and merchants and get from them an estimate of the number of farmers who cannot secure credit locally in the spring of 1931.

Yours very truly,
O. F. McCRARY,
District Agent.