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FIRE DESTROYS \$7,000 IN TOBACCO

PERCY WALL'S PRACTICALLY ENTIRE CROP, ALSO THAT OF IRVIN WALL, TOGETHER WITH BUILDING, FARM TOOLS AND CANNED FRUIT AND VEGETABLES, BURN LITTLE INSURANCE

Practically the entire tobacco crops of Percy and Irvin Wall at Meadows were destroyed when the packhouse was burned Wednesday of last week. Many valuable farm tools and a large quantity of canned fruit and vegetables were also consumed in the blaze.

Percy Wall estimates his tobacco loss alone at \$7,000. He carried \$100.00 insurance on the building.

The fire resulted from a defective flue connection from a stove in the building.

KING NEWS

By E. P. NEWSUM

King, Oct. 26.—Prof. George Bowman of Elk Park, formerly of King, was here on business Monday. Prof. Bowman had charge of the High School here in 1941. He has many warm friends here. Some White of Norfolk, Va., is spending a few days with relatives and friends here.

Sgt. Rupert Garner, stationed at Berdeno, Calif., is here on furlough.

Landis Newsum has purchased from Ellis Coon a dwelling and lot on West Main St.

Miss Lillie Mae Sands of Mountain View underwent an appendectomy in the clinic here Friday.

Sgt. Mallard Alley has returned to his post in Mississippi after spending a short furlough with his family here.

Norman Baker has purchased a dwelling and lot at the intersection of South Depot St. and Meadow View Drive from Bryan White.

Thomas William McGee, who is attending college at Oak Ridge, is at home for a few days.

Homer Newsum of Charlotte spent the week-end with relatives and friends here.

The stork has nothing to say this week.

Pvt. Paul Petree has been transferred from Fort Bragg to Camp Wheeler, Ga.

Lin Southern, Ed White, Fred Dewey Alridge, Eford Sprinkle and Alvin Butner, Preston Knight and Jimmy Newsum have returned from the Carolina coast where they spent several days on a fishing trip.

Ray Fulk of the U. S. Navy, stationed at Camp Peary, Va., is home on a short furlough.

John Beasley is building an addition to his home on East Main St.

Joe Hill Loses Purse Containing \$968.00— Sheriff Restores Cash

Joe Hill of Francisco, while making some adjustments to his car at Wallace Smith's filling station, dropped his pocketbook containing \$968.00.

Not knowing of his loss, Mr. Hill got into his car and went home where soon he discovered his money was gone.

He hurried back but found no trace of the missing cash.

Sheriff John Taylor was notified and in company with Special Deputy Carl Ray, he drove straight to Bob Dodson's who lived near the scene of the loss.

It appears that Dodson was the only person who was present in front of the filling station when Mr. Hill had dropped his money.

Acting on his intuition the Sheriff approached Dodson and demanded the purse. Dodson denied it at first, then gave in and handed over the cash to the Sheriff.

When the Sheriff restored his lost money to Joe, was Joe happy!

Memorial Service To Pvt. Paul R. Fulk At Shiloh Church

Memorial services will be held at Shiloh Methodist Church, on the Box Mountain Road near Walnut Cove, Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for Pvt. Paul Richard Fulk, who died in a hospital in France September 16 as a result of wounds received in action of Sept. 9.

Pvt. Fulk, aged 23, was born in Forsyth county Sept. 7, 1921, a son of Squire W. and Annie Ramsey Fulk. He entered the army in September, 1943.

Pvt. Fulk, who had received the Purple Heart, was a brother of Charlie Fulk of Germanton.

Rev. Ralph Reed, pastor of Shiloh Church, will conduct the service which will be in charge of John T. Ring Post of the American Legion of Kernersville, and the Auxiliary.

Oscar P. Greene, Jr. Promoted to S. Sgt. in Eighth Air Force

An Eighth Air Force Bomber Station, England.—Promotion of Oscar P. Greene, Jr., aged 23, of King, from sergeant to staff sergeant has been announced at this station. Staff Sergeant Jimmy Newsum has returned from the Carolina coast where that has been bombing Nazi war industries and military targets in support of Allied ground forces.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Green, Sr., and his wife is Mrs. Frances H. Green, all of King. Before entering the AAF in October, 1942, he was an electrician.

(An Editorial)

Flash In the Pan

What appears to be a cheap conspiracy on the part of the Union Republican, A. I. Ferree and John J. Ingle to slander the Democratic leaders of Stokes county and at the same time provide themselves with some lying material with which to stimulate their anemic campaign in the State—has dismally failed.

In the Union Republican this week appears a 4-col. wide broadside headed like this: "PLAN TO STEAL ELECTION IN STOKES COUNTY IS FOILED BY FERREE AND INGLE AT DANBURY."

The Union Republican says that "when these two Republican candidates arrived in the capital city of Stokes they were informed that the registration books in the Hartman and Lawsonville precincts had been held open only about an hour at the polling places, that all Democrats had been registered but few Republicans were given the opportunity to do so."

The Republican says therefore that Ferree proceeded to go on a rampage, visited Solicitor Scott, Chairman Ellington of the Board of Elections, and others and that Ferree was very severe in his condemnations, raising hell in general, etc.

The Reporter on reading the Union Republican's article, went at once and made a thorough investigation of the facts, finding that the Union Republican's statements were not only basely untrue, but that it appears Ferree (if not Ingle) after collusion with one or two Hartman Republicans was trying to incense voters and stir up trouble in the approaching election in Stokes, by a false misrepresentation of facts, and thus provide Ferree with false material which he hoped to use in his campaign for U. S. Senator in other counties.

The Reporter learned that Ferree and Ingle were here on this occasion to speak in the courthouse at the rally advertised for them; that at the meeting there were only 22 Republicans present, including the two candidates Ferree and Ingle. That thereby Ferree was greatly incensed and after talking with one irate Hartman Republican whose boy had not yet owing to the circumstances (hereinafter stated) been permitted to register, seized on the situation as an opportunity to give vent to some very incendiary remarks and to make the "Stokes incident" his opportunity to get some votes in the State by hollering "fraud and stealing," etc.

Those who heard Mr. Ferree were not particularly impressed with his dignity or ability as a candidate for U. S. Senator and even one Republican remarked that "he made an ass of himself."

Below will be found a true statement of the Hartman and Lawsonville "stealing" incidents, as furnished to the Reporter by A. J. Ellington, chairman of the Board of Elections:

"On Oct. 13 the regularly appointed registrars at Lawsonville and Hartman precincts advised me that they would not be able to serve as registrars during the registration period and general election to be held Nov. 7. I was unable to get anyone in Hartman precinct to take the books at that time and prevailed upon the registrars

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BIG DEMOCRATIC RALLY NOV. 4

THAD EURE AND JOHN FOLGER TO SPEAK—BRUNSWICK STEW, BRASS BAND, STRING MUSIC, SINGING—EVERYBODY INVITED

The Democrats of Stokes are making preparations for the biggest rally ever pulled off in this section of the State.

It will be held at the courthouse here on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 4, beginning at 2 P. M.

Speakers will include Hon. Thad E. Eure, Secretary of State of North Carolina; Hon. John H. Folger, Congressman of the Fifth District.

All the county candidates will be present with their friends.

The Committee has arranged for a brass band, a string band and singings.

Topping everything will be the Brunswick stew, supervised by the inimitable chefs Loftis and George.

The feast will be ample, and all people without regard to party are invited to come and eat, meet their friends and enjoy the music and speeches.

This rally is arranged by the Stokes County Democratic Executive Committee, and each member of the Committee invites you to come.

The festivities will be held in the streets around the square. In case of rain, there will be plenty of shelter in the courthouse, the stores, offices, cafes, etc.

Death Of James A. Lawson

James A. Lawson, aged 73, died at his home at Lawsonville Friday, Oct. 20 after a short illness.

He is survived by one son, Luther Lawson, of Walnut Cove; one daughter, Mrs. Deedie Bullin; an adopted daughter, Miss Lillie Mae Collins, and two brothers, Robert and Sam Lawson, all of Lawsonville; one sister, Mrs. Martha Hayden of Rural Hall; 26 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at Snow Creek Primitive Baptist Church with Elders J. W. Tuttle and W. J. Brown officiating. Burial was in the Hylton family cemetery.

HOSPITALIZED

Following Stokes patients are reported at Stuart, Va., hospital: Mrs. Hampton Knight of Sandy Ridge.

Mrs. G. O. Sisk and Chester Wood of Lawsonville.

Audrey Lawson and James H. Corns of Stuart, RFD.

Born, Oct. 20, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lusk of Francisco, a daughter.

CASUALTY ROLL RISES TO FIFTEEN

PFC. HOWARD D. TUTTLE DIES OF WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION; FOUGHT IN FRANCE

With the reported death of Pfc. Howard D. Tuttle the list of Stokes boys who have died in the service to date reaches fifteen.

Young Tuttle left Danbury for camp on March 11, 1943. He died on July 21, 1944, of wounds received in action in France.

Pfc. Tuttle was a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Terry of Germanton.

The casualty list now stands as follows:

Lieut. David R. Mitchell, King, killed in action in China.

Sgt. John W. Collins, Francisco, killed in action in Florida.

Lieut. Jack Hutcherson, Walnut Cove, killed in plane crash while training in Florida.

Pvt. Loyd Morefield, King, killed in action at Bougainville.

Cpl. Robert Hall, Meadows, killed in action in South Pacific.

Petty Officer Jimmy Wallace Griffin, Sandy Ridge, killed in action in Italy.

Cpl. Drewry Glenn Hooker, of Yadkin township, killed in action in Sicily.

Pfc. Everette J. Fulk, Pinnacle, killed in action in France, July 11, 1944.

Lieut. Thos. A. Eggleston, Dillard, killed in action in Italy, July 3, 1944.

Sgt. Thomas H. Shelor, Francisco, killed in action in France, June 20, 1944.

Sgt. Richard T. Pell, Jr., Westfield, killed in France, July 14, 1944.

Sgt. O. W. Slawter, King, killed in action in France, August 21, 1944.

Philip Simmons, Francisco, killed in action in France, Sept., 1944.

Pvt. Gilmer W. White, Route 2, Walnut Cove, killed in action in France September 22, 1944.

Pfc. Howard D. Tuttle, Germanton, died on July 21, 1944, of wounds received while in action in France.

J. Wm. Moorefield New Board Member

J. Wm. Moorefield of Meadows has been appointed a member of the local Rationing Board and assumed his duties last Monday.

The Board is now composed of Mr. Moorefield, S. A. Flinchum and C. E. Davis. One more member is to be added Nov. 15.

Ration Board Office To Be Closed Oct. 31st

The Ration Board office at the courthouse will be closed on Oct. 31 to allow clerks time to file monthly reports to the District Office.