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## QUICKSTEP PHONES

### LIST OF THE STOCKHOLDERS

One Hundred and Twenty-Nine Phones Installed At a Cost of \$1,500—Cut This List Out and Paste It Up.

King Route 2, Feb. 8, Danbury Reporter:

Below is a list of names of persons who have 'phones attached to the Farmers' Quickstep line:

#### KING DIVISION.

Dr. S. F. Tillotson, G. A. Jones, C. H. Lunsford, N. G. Covington, I. G. Gentry, S. K. Anderson, S. W. Eaton, T. B. Smith, R. R. Smith, B. N. Smith, J. M. Smith, J. E. Smith, G. W. Smith, W. H. Boyles, J. E. Wilson, W. N. Houchins, R. G. Falk, Willie Falk, J. S. D. Pulliam.

#### MUDDY CREEK DIVISION.

Keiger's store, Butner's store, L. S. Grabbs, S. T. Keiger, S. W. Pulliam, J. R. Hutchins, J. H. Helsabeck, W. T. Linville, Gabe Moore, Lucian Moore, C. T. Moore, W. F. Lawson, Nick Jones, Edwin Kiser, S. A. Westmoreland, Arthur Westmoreland, W. N. Burrow, C. C. Duggins, Thomas James, W. R. Moser, Miller & Wolfe's store, A. E. Helsabeck, S. L. Vest.

#### DANBURY DIVISION.

J. T. Johnson, P. P. Johnson, J. M. Redding, Bob Hall, John Hall, Monroe Allen, J. A. Meadows, Mrs. Hattie Meadows, Joe Johnson, Z. O. Johnson, Oscar Caudle, Zack Moran, J. A. Southern, H. C. Southern, Ped Lewis, Joe Darnell, Mrs. Ellen Carroll, M. W. Holland, Sid Holland, John Carroll, Milton Southern, B. F. Pulliam, Wiley Baker, H. M. Southern, Danbury Reporter.

#### CROOKED RUN DIVISION.

J. W. Kiser, G. W. Vest, A. S. Schaub, W. F. Grabbs, D. J. Hooker, C. G. Ingram, V. T. Grabbs, T. L. Harris, J. W. Keiger, Riley Smith, J. W. Mickey, H. P. Meadows, John Butner, J. H. Hauser, W. R. Mickey.

#### MOUNTAIN VIEW DIVISION.

J. C. Tillotson, R. A. Abbott, W. L. Smith, Bud Gordon, Dee Boyles, T. B. Darnell, Ernest Kiser, John Denny, J. H. Campbell, J. W. Moser, L. J. Kiser, V. T. Hartgrove, Luther Baker, A. S. Voss, W. A. Petree, Lish Cromer, E. L. Kiser, W. H. Kiser.

#### QUAKER GAP DIVISION.

J. O. Boyles, J. M. Bennett, L. R. Gravitt, J. W. Boyles, R. Bennett, J. R. Jones, J. B. Jones, Mrs. Southern, J. B. Ferguson.

#### CAPELLA DIVISION.

R. B. Tuttle, Gaston Meadows, Will Eaton, R. A. Overby, Peter Kiser, Dee Tuttle, J. P. Ferguson, Preston Tuttle, Julius Bennett, Tilden Sizemore.

#### OLIVE GROVE DIVISION.

A. S. Marsh, C. H. Boyles, D. F. Boyles, T. M. Lawson, C. C. Boyles, D. W. Gordon, C. K. Boyles, M. D. Turpin.

The first meeting of this company was held in September, 1907, with twelve 'phones, and up to this time they have installed 129, which cost \$1,500. This will give the people some idea of what the Quickstep company is doing.

#### SCRIBBLER.

#### NOTICE

The undersigned will open school at Danbury on Monday, March 8, 1909, and continue three months.

An examination will be held at close of school.

A special course given for teachers.

Tuition, \$2.00 to \$3.00 per mo. Board, \$8.00 to \$10.00 per mo.

J. T. SMITH, A. B., Principal.

Messrs. Osa Smith and L. B. Simmons visited the Winston tobacco market the past week.

## OPTIMIST COMES BACK.

Says He Was Only Riding Two Horses at Once For the Purpose of Getting the People to Think a Little.

Editors Reporter:

The two former articles by this writer were for the purpose of discussing the question of Trusts and to if possible by arguing both sides of the question, get up a discussion and get people to THINK, to REASON. Perhaps in my blundering way I do seem to be trying to ride at the same time two horses going at a gallop in opposite directions. So far, so good, you have made your reply solely on the grounds of my seeming inconsistency.

You argue that because the Federal Supreme Court has said the oil Trust must pay a fine of more than a million and a half dollars in a Texas suit, that Trusts are all wrong. Why didn't you go a little further and tell the readers of the Reporter that the oil consumers of Texas are today paying 2 cents a gallon more for their oil than they did before that suit against the Oil Trust was instituted, then tell us who is paying that big fine. Is it not the underdog? And is it not always the case? Yes, the Standard Oil Co. lost its case, both in Texas and Missouri, and will of course have to stop doing business in those States. This news is hailed with joy by the Trust-busting little capitalists. To them it looks like a distinct triumph and means the revival of competition as in the "good old days of the past." But they and you are mistaken, and do not understand the first principle of modern industrial development.

How can the people of Texas and Missouri do without the machinery and pipe lines of the oil business in their States. If the Standard Oil Co. must go out, assuredly some other company must do the business of furnishing oil to the people or the people must take over the oil industry themselves, and that would be Socialism.

There is no half way ground. It has got to be Standard Oil or oil standard in the oil business or socialism, and just so in other lines of business. With us it will be the American Tobacco Co., or the Tobacco American Co., or Socialism. Some organization will continue to do the business.

The trustifying of business is scientific business and competition, its opposite, is only a sentimental theory and a very much discredited theory at that, as evidence, didn't the great champion of competition, the Trust-busting Bryan recently go down under an avalanche of public disapproval? Did not Bryan's defeat settle forever in a political sense the question of competition? It has been settled for years in an industrial or business sense that the Trust principle is scientifically correct.

The ownership of the Trust is where the trouble comes in. As long as the Trusts own the people instead of the people owning the Trusts there will be found a way to dodge or get around any law aimed at the Trust. Curbing the Trust is all tommy rot, and opposition only strengthens and prolongs the day of private ownership of the Trusts. The principle of monopoly is the eliminating of competition, and if the whole public were to take the stand that it were better to stop competition entirely, we would soon see the end of the Trust. When farmers, laborers and consumers of this country accept the theory that the Trust principle is correct and that the Trusts are a good thing, that day private monopoly will be doomed. To say that competition

## SHOT AND KILLED TOBACCO MARKET

### FATALITY NEAR WESTFIELD

Man Named Nester Shoots Man Named Johnson—S. W. Cook Seriously Hurt—Other Westfield News.

Westfield, February 13.—News reached here Thursday of another shooting scrape about four miles north of here. A man named Nester shot and killed a man by the name of Johnson. Dr. Smith was called at once, and after examining the man, found that he was in a dying condition. He at once called Drs. Leak and the Martins, of Stuart, and performed an operation on him and found the ball had passed through his body. He was beyond any medical aid, and died Friday night.

S. P. Christian made a business trip to Pilot Mountain Friday.

Mrs. Alice Lowe has been quite sick this week.

Miss Sallie Jessup, of Brim Route 1, is visiting Misses Nina and Mattie Jessup of this place this week.

A visitor is stopping at the home of Mr. E. J. Payne this week, and we notice E. J. is wearing a broad smile.

Miss Nellie Ingram has been quite sick for a few days, but she is now improving.

Messrs. L. L. Lowe and R. V. Marshall made a business trip to Mt. Airy this week.

Prof. Padgett, President of the Southern Commercial Schools, gave a lecture at the Academy on Friday night. It was enjoyed very much by all who heard it.

S. W. Cook was hurt very seriously last week by a loaded wagon passing over his foot.

Martha Inman visited Miss Niece Ring this week.

W. H. Owens is getting ready to build a fine dwelling right away. You may look out girls, there is something in the wind.

Westfield has had her share of traveling men this week. We noticed seven drummers and a post-office inspector in one day.

Professor Johnson seems to be in good spirits this week. We think he must have heard something good down the way.

### The Legislature Not Doing Much.

There has yet been no important legislation passed by the General Assembly, and it is thought that there will be but little legislation at this term. It is the opinion of the people generally that not much legislation is needed or expedient at this time. There is no chance for the Sub-Section A bill, and but little for its substitute, Sub-Section E, which is now in the sweating process before the committee.

is a good thing is equivalent to saying war is a good thing. One is to commence what the other is to a government or people. The game in the end is one of waste and death.

The few men who organized the American Tobacco Company were driven to combine by competition, the fierceness of which had rendered their property almost worthless and a monopoly, a cutting out of competition was the only remedy.

If you Trust-busters will try imitating the Trust instead of "cussing," "busting" and "regulating," you will soon be doing some business. You see how it worked in Kentucky. The farmers formed a leaf tobacco trust, true they had to night ride a little, but they got 20 cents a pound for their tobacco all the same. Thus we see what the Trust principle can do for the farmer, while under the old and absolute idea of competition five cents was about the average price.

There is no doubt the Trust principle is right when the trouble comes in is that the Trust now own the people instead of the people owning the Trust.

#### OPTIMIST.

### PRICES AT WINSTON GOOD

Some Really High Averages Made By Stokes Farmers Recently. Nearly All of the 1908 Crop Marketed.

A report from the Winston-Salem tobacco market today states that though the sales are very small, that the prices being paid are good. Some very high averages were made during the past few days by several Stokes county farmers.

The 1908 crop is probably seven-eighths sold.

### Several Deaths at Vade Mecum. Boys Return From West Va.

Vade Mecum, Feb. 15.—There is a great deal of sickness in this vicinity.

We are sorry to note the death of Mr. Julius Cofer, who died yesterday at 10 o'clock, A. M. Mr. Cofer was a young man in the bloom of health just two short weeks ago. He leaves a father, one brother, eight sisters and a host of friends to mourn his untimely death. The interment will take place tomorrow at the family graveyard.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Moran died yesterday morning at 4 o'clock of pneumonia and will be buried today at Old Orchard burying ground.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Allen, of Germantown Route 1, visited Mrs. Allen's father, Mr. D. C. Boyles, who is very low with cancer, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. L. O. Boyles, who is teaching the Gibson school, visited his parents Sunday.

Messrs. U. S. Shelton and S. J. Simmons have returned from the coal fields. Guess home is the best place after all.

Mr. Geo. Stanley, who has been in the coal fields for some time, has come home. He says times are dull at the mines now.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hall are entertaining a new boy these days.

### Albert Young Cuts His Foot—Valentine Party at W. M. Woods'.

Walnut Cove, Feb. 16.—Messrs. Rutledge, Caudle, Mitchell and others attended the land sale of Mr. Gid Tuttle, near Germantown last Saturday.

Mr. Albert Young happened to the accident to get his foot cut Friday. Hope its not very bad, and can soon be out again.

The Valentine Party at Mr. W. M. Wood's Saturday night was attended by a large number of young people. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves fine, especially the two strange girls. We enjoyed having you all with us. Come again, girls.

The sick members of Mr. Laura Wood's family are slowly improving, we are sorry to say.

### Death in the Air.

Death has struck Fard in our county recently. Mr. W. L. Hall of Vade Mecum phones the Reporter of three deaths in his neighborhood, which occurred last Sunday, as follows: Mr. Julius Cofer, a young man; Miss Martha Boles, aged 18, daughter of Wm. Boles, deceased; James Moran, a child under one year of age.

Mr. E. C. Sheppard sends news of the death of Mrs. Hart Rogers, of Campbell.

The correspondence columns tell of other deaths in various sections.

### Young Couple Wed.

Mr. Ross Meadows, of Germantown Route 1, and Miss Frances Covington, of Meadows Route 1, surprised their friends last Sunday by getting married. The ceremony was performed by Squire I. G. Ross at his home on Germantown Route 1. The contracting parties are popular young people and the Reporter joins their numerous friends in extending congratulations.

## FARMERS' UNION MEETS.

The Organization Now Has Two Hundred and Sixteen Members Enrolled in the County—Next Meeting April 24.

The Stokes County Farmers' Union met here last Saturday, with a good crowd in attendance. All the local unions were represented. The meeting was in secret session for about two hours, the question under discussion being the methods for securing the best prices and grades of fertilizers. The meeting was reported very interesting and profitable.

Mr. E. A. Rothrock, the Secretary of the Union for the county, informed the Reporter that the Union is growing, and that there are now 216 members enrolled in the county.

The next county meeting will be at Danbury on Saturday, April 24.

### Pleasant Time at Home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Slate—Other Items.

Mizpah, Feb. 15.—Mr. J. E. Slate is painting his dwelling this week.

There will be a Junior Order organized here soon. They will meet in the hall over Meadows' store.

Mrs. Venable, of Pilot Mt., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Potree, at Glen View Farm.

Miss Maggie Webster, of Mount Airy, is visiting Mrs. Jasper Slate. Mr. Paul Kennett is spending several days with his parents at Stokesdale.

Mrs. Sallie Bowles, of Walnut Cove, is visiting relatives here.

Mr. J. Silas Barr spent Saturday and Sunday at Elkin.

Mr. Charlie Shouse spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents, near Rural Hall.

Mr. Will Morefield, of Vade Mecum, was here a short while Saturday.

The young people had a very pleasant time Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Slate. They were entertained with nice music and interesting games.

### Letter From Representative J. M. Fagg.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 15.

Mr. Editor:

The people of Stokes county are interested in the bill which provides for the election of school boards and county superintendents by a direct vote of the people in their respective counties. The bill was brought from the committee on a minority report, and on last Wednesday was discussed pro and con. Politics was injected. The Republicans lined up in favor of the bill and practically all the Democrats were against it. There were several impressive speeches made by able Representatives of both political parties. It was generally conceded that Representative Haymore, of Surry county, made the master speech of the session up to the present time. He spoke long and loud in defense of the bill and in praise of Surry county. Finally the bill was killed in the House.

JAS. M. FAGG.

### Paving the Mud Tax.

Mr. J. A. Fagg, a merchant of Danbury Route 1, was here Saturday. Mr. Fagg stated that the roads were in a fearful condition. He had to send last week three teams to the depot for two loads of goods, and these were hardly able to pull through the mud. Mr. Fagg said that he would be heartily in favor of a bond issue to macadamize the roads, as he realized our county could never do anything without them. He added that he had been considering the advisability of leaving the county and moving nearer the railroad, as he finds his business seriously handicapped.

## DEATH OF T. J. DAVIS

### PASSED AWAY AT 3 P M TODAY

Was Seized With Appendicitis Last Friday—Peritonitis Developed and In Spite of Heroic Treatment, Death Resulted.

Mr. T. J. Davis is critically ill at his home one mile southeast of Danbury. He was taken suddenly last Friday with appendicitis, which since has developed into peritonitis. At this writing there is but little hope for Mr. Davis' recovery. All the family are with him, except Mr. L. C. Davis, who is on his way here from Portland, Ore.

LATER—Mr. Davis died today at 3 P. M.

### Valentine Party at Dalton--Pneumonia Cases Improving--Personals.

Dalton, Feb. 15.—Several Valentine parties around here last Saturday night, but there being so many, not a very large crowd at any, but all seemed to have a nice time.

Mrs. S. S. Meadows and Mrs. Gray Goff and Clifford spent last Tuesday at Mrs. S. F. Coe's.

Mrs. M. A. Edwards spent Saturday and Sunday with her grand son, Mr. C. T. Hamm.

Miss Lillian Lawrence, of Winston, is visiting Miss China White. Miss China expects to give a reception tonight in honor of her friend, Miss Lawrence.

The children of Mr. Walter Boyles have whooping cough.

Rev. Gibson filled his regular appointment at Trinity Sunday P. M.

Mr. Walter Boyles, R. F. D. carrier at Walnut Cove, comes home every Saturday and spends Sunday with his family.

Mr. Edgar Spainhower visited his parents at King Sunday.

Rev. Wilson, of Leaksville, spent Friday night with Dr. M. D. Phillips on his way to Shilo to fill his regular appointment there Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. S. F. Coe and daughter, Miss Maud, attended church at King and spent the remainder of the day at Mr. S. L. Meadows'.

Mrs. Ellis Hooker and son, Nummy, both have been very serious with pneumonia, but both are improving.

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### Uncle Jerry Martin Slightly Hurt—News of Dillard.

Dillard, Feb. 16.—Messrs. J. A. Duncan and Russell Mitchell have returned from New Bethel Academy, where they have been in school.

Miss Helen Willis, of Walnut Cove, is spending this week with relatives here.

A little boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilson Mitchell a few days ago.

Mr. Luther Joyce is right sick with pneumonia.

Uncle Jerry Martin is confined to his room this week. He went out a few nights ago and staying longer than usual, Mr. Mitchell went to look for him and found he had fallen and was unable to get up. One leg was slightly hurt.

Mr. Robert Ward is also on the sick list.

### Another Big Lot of Mules Coming.

Smuck & McCreary will have another lot of fine mules at Taylor's stables in Danbury on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 1, 2 and 3.

Everybody who needs good stock will find them here. Don't forget the dates.

### R. F. D. Men Get a Raise.

The R. F. D. carriers of the first class will get a raise, by the provisions of the new postoffice appropriation bill, to \$1,000 a year.