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WALNUT COVE NEWS

MORE COTTON MILL TALK

Whitten & Davis Sell Out to Eny James—A Bad Hole on Main Street—A Move on Foot to Have Phone Exchange—Other Matters.

Walnut Cove, Feb. 22.—Walker Welch's son Jim was shot in the shoulder last week. There will have to be an operation performed to locate the ball. We have not heard the particulars of the shooting.

There is an old weather prophet here: He said when the ground hog came out and saw his shadow we would have terrible weather for the next six weeks, and as the bad weather did not put in its appearance, he said he guessed that the ground hog stayed out, but he now says the great earthquake in Italy unbalanced the earth and it moved on its axis 300 miles south, and we would never have any more cold winters here.

Listen, you merchants of the town. That hole in the street up town, if you sit idly by and let it remain, you will soon be living on a back alley and Summit Avenue will be main street. Most all the travel goes that way now and comes in on main street at the company's store. There was a man told me he did not know it was there and it most jerked him out of his buggy when he drove in it. Another man got in it with a loaded wagon and it broke his wagon considerably, and says if the town don't pay the damage, he will bring suit. A damage suit or two might do good, might bring our town council to realize its duty.

Turnip greens have made their appearance on our market and the spring flowers are blooming and some peach trees are in bloom, but it is too soon for spring.

Whitten & Davis have sold out their grocery store to Eny James, who has moved his family here and took charge of the store.

Walnut Cove needs a good doctor, more houses to rent, and fewer land grabbers, and when there is but one empty house in town, not hold it at twelve dollars per month when its worth about three. We must show the spirit—live, and let live. Remember your sins will find you out.

We have quite a hustling preacher, Rev. Clyde. He has made a nice walk from the church to town.

Mr. John Hampton goes on the road Monday to sell lamps for Mr. Petree.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Lackey, a sweet little girl.

Mr. Dault Davis says he has joined the "sons of rest." He says they arrested him for running down hill. But in the evidence it was shown that he was too lazy to put on breaks, and he was released.

There is a move on foot to consolidate all the phone lines running into town and have a telephone exchange. Hope it will succeed.

Mr. Hairston says they will begin soon the erection of a house on the cotton mill site for the use of the directors while building the mill.

Mrs. Cassell is home from the hospital and is doing nicely on crutches. Her daughter, Mrs. Joe Allen, has been real sick, but is a little better.

Mr. Gordon Britton, express messenger on the Southern, was taken violently ill on his run out from Wilmington Friday and was carried back to Wilmington on the train to the hospital. He runs between Mt. Airy and Wilmington.

Old Aunt Easter and Uncle Jim Lash both died near town this week. The old faithful Southern darkies will soon all be gone and there will be none to take their place. The new darkies and the old are no more alike in faithfulness and obedience than if they did not spring from the same race.

There are some beautiful store fronts in our town now, too, just completed; fine large plate-glass fronts. They are beauties.

Another Newspaper Suspends.

The Leaksville Gazette, finding the cost of issuing a newspaper, larger than the receipts, goes to the wall. The Gazette was a good newspaper. The Reporter is sorry to see its friend go down.

South Carolina Leghorns are best layers. Eggs from choice stock 15 for \$1.00.

G. W. NEAL, Meadows, N. C.

WILL MACADAMIZE?

BULLY FOR OLD SAURATOWN

Bill Before Legislature to Allow Tax-payers to Vote On \$25,000 Bond Issue—Bill Also Lets in Other Townships.

It is learned that a bill is now before the legislature—and will doubtless pass—allowing the commissioners of Stokes county, upon a petition of a number of qualified voters, to call an election to settle the question of a \$25,000 bond issue with which to raise money to macadamize the roads of Sauratown township. The people of the Walnut Cove section are stirred up over the shameful and serious condition of the roads, and are determined to find relief. It is thought that the bond issue will carry easily. The bill allowing Sauratown to vote on the matter, also permits other townships of the county to present petitions to the commissioners and be granted the same privilege. It is hoped that Danbury and Peter's Creek will join hands with their progressive sister township and see what can be done to better the present disgraceful condition of the public roads.

DEATH OF MRS. SUSAN HART.

Mr. Green Rogers Very Ill—Mr. Geo. Hall Cuts His Foot—Mr. Frank Smith Erecting New Dwelling—Other News From Smith.

Smith, Feb. 20.—Mr. Frank Tilley, of this place, who is attending school at East Bend, is expected home shortly on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Tilley.

Mr. Moir Moore, after a short visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Moore, left for Kingsville, Tex., last week.

Mr. R. B. Hart returned yesterday from a business trip to Critz, Va.

Mr. Frank C. Smith is erecting a nice, new dwelling.

Mr. F. C. Moore, who is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Moore, will leave for his home in Shreveport, La., in a few days.

Mr. George Hall, while out cutting wood this week, hung his axe in some brush which made him cut his foot very badly.

Mrs. Sarah Hall is improving slowly.

Mrs. Susan Hart, wife of R. C. Hart, after a prolonged illness, passed away last night. She will be buried tomorrow at the family graveyard. Mrs. Hart is survived by husband and five sons, Messrs. Edgar, of Virginia, Oscar, Bob, Tim and Will of this place.

The twin babies of Mr. and Mrs. Beige Holt died last week.

Miss Clarence Robertson, of Kibler, Va., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Sarah Hall.

Mr. Charlie Joyce is visiting his sister, Mrs. Dan Watkins, of Price, Va.

Mr. T. W. Tilley started Monday across the mountain to get another drove of horses and mules.

Mr. Green Rogers, of Smith Route 1, is very ill.

Mr. James Sheppard is erecting a nice dwelling.

POCAHONTAS.

FODDRELL TO HANG.

Stokes County Negro to Stretch Hemp at Winston on Friday, April 30—Friday An Unlucky Day For Charles.

Charles Foddrell, the Pine Hall negro who recently killed his wife in Winston by firing five bullets into her body, has been tried, found guilty of murder and sentenced to hang at Winston on April 30.

Friday is an unlucky day for Charles Foddrell. He murdered his wife on Friday, was tried on Friday and will stretch hemp on Friday.

Sheriff Jones, of Stokes, will attend the hanging. In case he should sometime be called upon to perform this dismal ceremony, he wants to know how to do it.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to extend our heartfelt thanks to our kind friends and neighbors for their sympathy and kindness during the recent sickness and death of our husband and father, Thomas Davis.

THE FAMILY.

Mr. John E. Smith, of Walnut Cove Route 3, was here Monday.

Awake, Awake, Citizens of Stokes!

IF EVER ANY ACTION IS TAKEN LOOKING TO RELIEF FROM ROAD CONDITIONS WHICH ARE HOLDING OUR COUNTY IN THE BACKGROUND, NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT.

Last Thursday as Mr. S. M. Fagg, the carrier on Danbury R. F. D. No. 1, returned to his home four miles north of here, his horse fell in one of the ruts of the road and broke its neck. The animal was worth \$200.00.

And so every day almost during the rough winter months news comes in of somebody's costly mishap on the dangerous, impassable roads--somebody's tribute to King Mud.

They howl "no taxes"—but, gracious! what a tax we are paying! If all the roads in the county were macadamized, and the tax levied direct, Sam Fagg's proportionate part for the improvements would be only a song compared with his loss last Thursday. When a merchant to get 2,000 pounds of freight hauled from the depot, must pay three teams, costing from \$7.50 to \$10.00--is not this tax enough? Mecklenburg farmers haul five bales of cotton (2,500 lbs.) 15 miles to market in half a day, with ONE HORSE.

Forty thousand dollars will build 15 miles of macadam road from a point in Peter's Creek township, through Danbury to the Forsyth line, where Winston will meet us with good roads. Forty thousand dollars in 30-year bonds could be floated easily at 4 per cent., and would cost only \$1,600 a year, or \$533 a year for each township, approximately. What a great, what an incalculable blessing such a road would be, and what an immense saving to the people in wagons, horse flesh and mental suffering. The expenditure alone of this money in building the road would prove a marked impetus to business. Hundreds of hands and teams would be employed. Immediately property all along the route of the new road would rise in value. New industries would spring up. The summer resorts would flourish, creating a sharp demand for products on the farms at good prices. The merchants, able to save from 10 to 15 cents on the hundred on hauling charges, could save the people almost enough to pay their taxes. The lessened cost of living in many ways would be remarkable. A farmer living in the Lawsonville country could leave home with a big load of tobacco after breakfast and reach Winston for supper, without making his team sweat. The schools would be benefited, the attendance at the churches would increase, social intercourse would be tremendously encouraged and promoted. Life in the interior would be made far more satisfactory in a thousand ways. An automobile line from the cities would reach us. Thousands of visitors would come among us bringing new ideas, and spending their good money with us.

Can't Peter's Creek and Danbury get together on this proposition, and form a "conspiracy," as it were, and do this great thing? Would the tax-payers of these three good townships be guilty of the unpardonable sin in voting \$40,000 upon their children to be paid in 30 years, with no interest? Would not the property of these three communities, a third of a century hence, nurtured in the sunshine of modern roads, modern traffic, modern prosperity, have become enhanced sufficiently to make the payment of the tax sit lightly, compared with the immense benefits derived?

If there are any readers of the Reporter who believe that we ought to make a move, let us hear from you at once. Let us have a mass meeting, now before the legislature adjourns, frame ways and means, and get a bill passed to allow us to vote on the question.

If we do not start on this important matter now--when shall we ever start?

"Brethren, think on these things."

Much Sickness at King—Other News.

King Route 2, Feb. 22.—There is much sickness in this vicinity now. Mrs. J. S. D. Pulliam and daughter, Miss Agnes, are very sick. Mrs. Geo. Smith is very low with consumption.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Fulk and little Ethel visited his father, Mr. R. G. Fulk, last week.

Miss Gena Fulk, who has been in St. Leo's hospital at Greensboro, has returned home. Glad to see you back home, Miss Gena.

Mr. R. G. Fulk's new house is nearly completed and has a phone in it.

A graded school and a hotel will probably go up at King.

WANTED—130 Pine Logs, not under 6 inches in diameter at small end, delivered at Walnut Cove. Each 14 feet long. Quote. LAWRENCE McRAE, Spray, N. C.

Mr. G. T. Dunlap and son, J. F. Dunlap, visited Danbury Friday.

GOOD TIME COMING

BIG ASSOCIATION IN MAY

At Flatshoal On the Third Saturday, Sunday and Monday—An Occasion of Great Good Cheer Among the Primitive Baptists.

Elder J. G. Southern, of Germantown Route 1, was in town Monday on his way from Pleasant Grove, Va., where he preached on Saturday and Sunday. He reported good attendance at these meetings, and good behavior on the part of the audience.

Elder Southern extended to the Reporter a cordial invitation to partake of his hospitality on the occasion of the big Primitive Baptist Association which meets at Flatshoal church on the third Saturday, Sunday and Monday in May. Elder Southern has recently built a substantial home, and nobody takes a greater pleasure in having his friends and brethren around than he, on occasions of good cheer such as these Associations bring.

If we fail to come, Brother Southern, you may know the press has broke down.

EFFORT TO ROB EXPRESS CAR.

Three Masked Men Enter Express Car on Sanford and Mt. Airy Train While Train is Standing at Water Tank Four Miles From Mt. Airy.

Winston-Salem, Feb. 23.—Three masked men attempted a bold hold-up of Express Messenger Tom Hubbard, who runs on train No. 731 between Sanford and Mount Airy, last night at 7:50, four miles on this side of Mount Airy, but bandits were repulsed and fled without securing any booty.

The robbers entered the car while the train was standing at the Ararat tank taking on water. They called on Hubbard to throw up his hands, but instead of doing this he snuffed out the light and reached for his pistol. A number of shots were exchanged by the four men, and it is believed that one of the bandits was wounded. Hubbard was not hit. The robbers became alarmed at the noise made by the firing and fled without securing any booty.

A message was received here asking that bloodhounds be sent to be put on the trail of the highwaymen, but none were to be had. A further message this morning said that Sheriff Haynes and a posse of deputies and citizens were pursuing the three men.

The place where the hold-up was attempted is a wild and rugged point, with the river running beside the track, and the getting away of the bold trio was an easy matter.

Death of Mrs. Thomas Pettitt—Miss Eliza Edwards and Mr. Will Randleman Ill.

Pinnacle, Feb. 22.—The farmers through this section are busy burning and sowing plant-beds.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Swaim and Mrs. Minnie Shultz, of Winston, spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Myrtle Wall.

Mr. Ernest Wall has been right sick with pneumonia, but is up again, we are glad to note.

Miss Grace Wall and Mr. Roger Spainhour spent Saturday and Sunday with Misses Ada and Ella Boyles.

Misses Grace King and Lena Brewer, of Winston-Salem, are spending a few days with Miss King's parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Wall gave a birthday dinner last Sunday in honor of their daughter, Miss Roberta.

Mrs. Thomas Pettitt departed this life the 14th. The interment took place at Little Yadkin church. Rev. A. L. Hunter held the burial services. She leaves a husband and 6 children to mourn her loss.

Miss Eliza Edwards and Mr. Will Randleman are very sick, we sorry to say.

"POLLY ANNE."

Card From John R. Smith.

NOTICE—I have the contract to sell Stokes and Rockingham counties a patent Wheat Separator and I will guarantee the machine to take every grain of cockle out your seed wheat. I will sell the machines at \$15 each. Let me know if you want one and will see you at once. Your friend,

JOHN R. SMITH, Walnut Cove, N. C., Route 3.

Mr. Lindsay Alley, of Hartman, was here on business Saturday.

OLD SOLDIERS DAY

MAJ. RAY TO TAKE CHARGE

Will Assume Temporary Management of the Ex-Confederate Organization Pending Reorganization.

■ Maj. W. S. Ray, of Meadows Route 1, was a visitor at the Reporter office Saturday.

Maj. Ray, since the death of the lamented Capt. James A. Leak, has been asked by many of the old soldiers to take the place of Capt. Leak temporarily as the head of the Confederate organization in the county, and Maj. Ray has consented to assume charge and will call the old soldiers together about the first Saturday in August, at which a thorough and complete organization will be effected. It is quite apropos that Maj. Ray should take the place of Captain Leak, inasmuch as Capt. Leak and Maj. Ray were such warm friends.

Many of the ex-Confederates have died since the last reunion, and doubtless several more will pass over the river before the next gathering.

Maj. Ray will do all in his power to make the next reunion the most successful and best attended in the history of the organization.

The Reporter will print the program for the meeting in a later issue.

MISS SUSIE WHITE ENTERTAINS

Dewey Greene, Walter White and the Infant of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Johnson All Ill—Mrs. Jeff Smith Gives a Quilting—Other News.

Walnut Cove Route 1, Feb. 20.—Miss Susie White gave an apron party Friday night. Those in attendance were Messrs. Frank Ross, Tom Voss, Clyde Crews, N. Tuttle, Grover Meadows, Luther and Willie Fowler, William Smith, Isaiah Montgomery, Thos. Tatum, Elias Meadows, Fleming Allen, Richard Hill, Tom Tuttle, Walter Bowman, Coy Fowler; Misses Bertha Meadows, Nannie Montgomery, Della and Dora Boles, Ora Fowler, Martha Ross, Primie Fowler, Mabel Pringle, Polly White, Sadie and Zina White, Mamie Chapman, Minnie Crews and Emma Meadows. The prize was given to Mr. Nume Tuttle for best work—a pretty tie.

Dewey Greene, the son of Mr. J. B. Greene, is right sick this week.

Walter White, the 4-year-old son of Mrs. L. J. White, is seriously sick of pneumonia, and Frank, his elder brother, who has been very sick with lagrippe, is some better.

The public school at Wilson's Store will close March 3rd with no exercises.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Johnson is right sick.

Rev. Clyde filled his regular appointment at Palmyra Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Minnie Crews spent Saturday night with Mrs. Hattie Meadows.

Mr. M. T. Meadows had a chopping Friday.

Messrs. Sam Johnson, Bennie Chapman and Cicero White went to Winston Thursday, returning Friday.

Mrs. Jeff Smith had a quilting Thursday.

GERTRUDE.

Low Rates to Washington, D. C., and Return On Account of Inauguration of President Taft, March 4th.

On account of above occasion Southern Railway announces extremely low rates for the round trip. Tickets on sale February 28th, March 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, good to leave Washington returning up to and including, but not later than mid-night of March 8th, 1909.

The following round trip rate will apply from Walnut Cove, N. C., \$10.30. Approximately low rates from other points.

For further information call on your depot agent, or write R. L. VERNON, T. P. A.

Auction Sale at King.

Remember big auction sale to begin on March 5 and 6. Everything going at cost. Shoes, Dress Goods, Pant Goods, Shirting, Etc. Come and bring your friends.

W. E. BUTNER, King, N. C.

Monday was Washington's birthday—a legal holiday. The R. F. D. carriers took a day off.