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## NETTLE RIDGE NEWS

### CHILD BURNED TO DEATH

Frank, the five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ayers, suffers a dreadful accident—Jolly Fishing Party.

Nettle Ridge, Va., April 18.—Frank, the little 5-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ayers, was burned to death on Wednesday at the family burial ground at Russell Creek on Thursday. The family has the heart-felt sympathy of the entire surrounding country.

Misses Mary and Alpha Jessup entertained several of their young friends Saturday night. Those present were Misses May, Mattie and Annie Ayers, Lettie Verda Corns, Messrs. Rufus Ayers, Tom Simmons, Tom Sheppard, Ervin Hutchens, Marsh and Buck Smith, Emmitt and Roy Rhodes, Edd Martin, Claude Smith and others.

A fishing party met at the old Turn Hole on the river near the home of Mr. Tobe Shelton Easter Monday. Those present were Misses Hattie, Callie, Sue, Jane, Cleve and Jennie Shelton, Mattie, Annie, Ethel and May Ayers, Jennie, Iscar and Erna Sheppard, Fannie Sue Boros, Marion Rangely, Alpha and Mary Jessup, Emma and Jean Dalton, Messrs. Rufus and Sam Ayers, Dick and Goode Shelton, Emmitt and Roy Rhodes, Jess Shelton, Percie Sheppard, Will Jessup, Tom Simmons, Erwin Hutchens, Marsh and Buck Smith, Ben Cooper, Tom Boaze, Ervin Sheppard, Charlie Peatross and Abe Tatum. Music was furnished for the occasion by Emmitt and Roy Rhodes and Abe Tatum. The sun was nearing its day's journey when the crowd started homeward. Only two fish were caught.

Mr. R. Sheppard left for Ohio last week, where he has gone to be treated for a cancer near his eye.

The New Hope Sunday School gave an egg hunt Monday at 1:00 o'clock.

### King Commencement.

The commencement exercises of King High School will open next Sunday at 11 A. M. Sermon by Rev. A. L. Hunter, Monday, 7:30 P. M., program by the primary department. Tuesday 7:30 P. M., program by the literary societies. Wed., 10 A. M., program by the high school department. Wed., 7:30 P. M., a Western Drama in 3 acts. Monday and Tuesday afternoons King baseball team will play Mt. Airy.

Mr. G. W. Hart, senior member of the firm of G. W. Hart & Son, of Smith, was in town Monday on his way to Winston-Salem, with a load of tobacco. Besides being a merchant, Mr. Hart is also a farmer, and raises big crops of wheat, corn and tobacco.

Mr. L. R. Gravitt, of King Route 1, was here Saturday finishing up the settlement of the estate of his brother, the late J. H. Gravitt, deceased, who left considerable property. Mr. Gravitt made a good administrator, handling the affairs ably, and impartially carefully.

State of Ohio, city of Toledo, Lucas County.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

FRANK J. CHENEY.  
Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.  
(Seal.) A. W. GLEASON,  
Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials free.

F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O.  
Sold by all Druggists, 75c.  
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Miss Lillie Flinchum Gave an Apron Party—Other News of Danbury Route 1.

Danbury, Route Apr. 19.

Dear Editors:  
Please allow me space in your valuable paper for a few items.

We are having some rough weather, and the farmers are getting behind with their work.

Miss Lillie Flinchum gave an apron party Saturday night. Those present were Misses Hester Shelton, Elsie and Effie East, Verder Bennett, Susella and Bessie Lankford, Perlie Flinchum, Annie and Mattie Nelson, Minnie and Ida Jackson, and Trudie Hall; Messrs. Luther McKinney, Ervin and Luther Shelton, Sam and Bob Simmons, Ogborn and Gilmer Nelson, Monroe Fagg, Jesse Bennett, Will Morefield, Matt and Ernest Nelson, Chester and Elbert Flinchum. Music was furnished by Messrs. D. C. Nelson, James Fulk, Ernest Nelson and James Rierison. Mr. Matt Nelson won the first prize by being the best hemmer. Mr. Will Morefield won the second prize by being sorrowest hemmer.

A large crowd from near Piedmont Springs visited Moore's Knob Sunday. There was quiet a large dance at Moore's Springs Easter Monday.

### Walnut Cove Route 3.

Walnut Cove Route 3, April 22.—People in this section have not gardened much on account of land being wet.

Mr. Charlie Adkins left Wednesday for North Dakota.

Mrs. Mattie Lewellen, of Winston, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Stewart.

Miss Chattie Lasley visited her Aunt this week, Mrs. Malissa Lasley.

Miss Sarah Smith, Messrs. Jim Hutcherson, Jim Lasley, visited Miss Ethel Kates Monday.

The health of the twin babies at Mr. Sam Stewart's seem to be improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Martin, of Guilford, who are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Martin, of Ayersville, visited relatives in our community this week.

Messrs. Hunter and Sprinkle have put down their saw mill on the Red Shoal road, and will saw the timber sold by Mr. J. N. Lasley to Mr. John M. Taylor, of Winston.

Mr. C. T. Lasley has purchased a mill from Mr. A. J. Fair and will saw the fifteen acres of timber near Mr. W. I. Mitchell's sold by Mr. J. N. Lasley to Mr. Taylor.

The Building Committee, Messrs. O. J. Kates, J. N. Lasley, W. I. Mitchell, are making slow progress on the Methodist church. Some are displeased with the present offered lot.

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Next Monday is the regular meeting of the Stokes County Retail Merchants Association. The session will convene at 10:30 o'clock A. M. Any merchant wishing to join is requested to be present.

### SAVED HIS MOTHER'S LIFE.

"Four doctors had given me up," writes Mrs. Laura Gaines, of Avoca, La., "and my children and all my friends were looking for me to die, when my son insisted that I use Electric Bitters. I did so, and they have done me a world of good. I will always praise them." Electric Bitters is priceless to women troubled with fainting and dizzy spells, backache, headache, weakness, debility, constipation or kidney disorders. Use them and gain new health, strength and vigor. They're guaranteed to satisfy or money refunded. Only 50c at all Druggists.

## MEADOWS TOWNSHIP

### NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST

Echoes From Germanton High School Closing—Correspondent Wants a High School With Prof. Carson Principal.

Germanton Route 1, April 18. Mr. Will Westmoreland's mule broke its leg yesterday. It was in the stable and got its foot hung in a crack.

The closing exercises of the Germanton High School on April the 8th were quite a success. Prof. Bivins, of Raleigh, delivered an address to the audience at 2 o'clock P. M. on the subject of education. It was an excellent address. In his closing remarks he made mention of a bill being on foot for a State High School at Germanton, urging the people to vote for it.

At four o'clock the boys debated. The query was as follows: Resolved, That North Carolina Shall Have a Compulsory School Law. On the affirmative were Messrs. John Parril, Ralph Petree and Herbert Kurfees; on the negative were Messrs. Chas. Petree, John Styers and Otis Bodenheimer. The judges were Mr. Savage, Rev. Wyatt and Prof. Bivins. They decided in favor of the affirmative. Both sides did themselves credit and it was all pronounced good. At 8 o'clock, despite the rain, the school building was full and they were entertained by piano duets, solos, pantomimes, recitations, etc. until 10:00 o'clock, and at 10 the rain was just pouring down. The good and hospitable people of Germanton took care of all who could not get home.

May we have a High School at Germanton with Prof. J. C. Carson as principal.

### SCHOOL GIRL.

### LOCALS.

The new tax-assessors will begin work next Monday. They will make a house to house canvass.

Rev. J. W. Goodman, of Greensboro, will preach at the Presbyterian church here Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and probably at night.

Mr. W. D. Fulk, who recently left his home near Moore's Springs, has returned. He says he has been to the State of Washington.

Next Monday the commissioners of the county will meet in regular session, and the following Monday is the first day of the spring term of court.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. M. Tuttle, of Walnut Cove, were here yesterday on their way to visit their daughter, Mrs. Joseph Alley, at Hartman. Mr. Tuttle returned home today.

Mr. J. Spot Taylor lost a horse Monday, one of a pair of blacks valued at \$500.00 or \$600.00. Mr. Taylor has lost a number of good animals during the past ten or fifteen years. The loss of a horse or mule in this day of high stock is bad even to one who is able to stand it, but when a poor farmer loses his animal, the price of which represents sometimes all of his property, the blow is indeed severe.

### MIDNIGHT IN THE OZARKS

and yet sleepless Hiram Scranton, of Clay City, Ill., coughed and coughed. He was in the mountains on the advice of five doctors, who said he had consumption, but found no help in the climate, and started home. Hearing of Dr. King's New Discovery, he began to use it. "I believe it saved my life," he writes "for it made a new man of me, so that I can now do good work again." For all lung diseases, coughs, colds, la grippe, asthma, croup, whooping cough, hay fever, hemorrhages, hoarseness or quinsy, its the best known. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by all Druggists.

## DODGING THE TAXES

### ARE YOU GUILTY OF IT?

The Rich Almost Escape Taxation, and The Poor "Get It In The Neck"

Dear Editors of the Reporter and the public in general:

Have you ever stopped to think we as nation are doing our best to teach dishonesty and lying? We force people to falsify their taxable property list or realize that they are the exceptional George Washington, who cannot tell a lie, and for the heroic deed must pay most all the taxes.

Oh, yes, the honest, truthful man gets it hard—and the wonder is that there are so many; for he plunks down his hard earned cash to the County Treasurer for taxes, while he knows full well that his neighbors all about him, many richer than he, gets off with a mere bagatelle assessment. And his disgust can only be imagined as he sits in church and thinks of the rich man in the pew ahead, sneaking almost wholly out of his public duty towards paying for the privilege of being governed and schooled.

Let me repeat as a nation we are training ourselves to be dishonest and untruthful just because we have such a disreputable way of taxing ourselves. You who read this, honest farmer that you are, a deacon in the church, too, we hope, did you ever shave your taxable worth a bit when the assessor came around? Of course you have, and every other man has (blessed be the exception) because the law drives us to it. If every man was absolutely honest and truthful about his taxable property we wouldn't have to pay much taxes. But when even a few in a community will swear falsely about their property it makes it necessary for the assessor to violate the law and be blind, or the honest man must suffer for his truthfulness.

We all know that the rich almost wholly escape taxation, and the poor get it "in the neck" good and plenty for the simple reason that the poor are not shrewd enough to dodge taxes, otherwise they would not be poor. So it is the poor man and woman (and here we have taxation without representation) and the honest folks who keep the machinery of government greased, and the wealthy element lean back in their cushions and ride free. On the other hand a poor man hasn't a ghost of a show before the law, which he pays for, as against the rich man who uses the law but doesn't pay much of its support.

Oh, there's something radically wrong in our method of taxation, so long as we tax movable property as against land property, so long will we be debauching public conscience, and training our children in lying and dishonesty. There's a gleam of hope shining way up in the northwest corner of the States, and we will watch with intense interest the outcome of the land tax system. It is coming just as sure as death and taxes—and may it come as if on greased lightning if it will relieve us from the awful disgrace now resting upon us for tolerating such an unjust tax system as we have. I hope the time is near at hand when we will have a law and men with backbone enough to make the rich and the poor pay taxes alike—according to the true money value of their taxable property.

### A SUBSCRIBER.

At Dobson this week F. Gid Southern and son are being tried for murder. A goodly number of Stokes citizens are attending the court, principally as character witnesses.

Constipation brings many ailments in its train and is the primary cause of much sickness. Keep your bowels regular madam and you will escape many of the ailments to which women are subject. Constipation is a very simple thing, but like many simple things, it may lead to serious consequences. Nature often needs a little assistance and when Chamberlain's Tablets are given at the first indication, much distress and suffering may be avoided. Sold by all dealers.

### King Route 2.

King Route 2, April 24.—The cold, damp, wet weather has put the farmers of this section badly behind with their farm work. There has not been much plowing done of late. The tobacco plants are small and the spring season is unusually late, but the way the farmers are hauling in fertilizer, they are aiming to make corn or tobacco one. The bugs have put in their work on the little tobacco plants and some have sown their beds over.

The people of this section spent Easter visiting, fishing and climbing the mountains.

Rev. Richardson filled his regular appointment at Chestnut Grove M. E. church last Sunday. There were a large crowd in attendance.

We think if we can have another prohibition winter like the one just passed, the Sunday school will go out of existence.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Boyles, of King Route 2, are in feeble health.

On account of bad health, Mr. James Nelson has quit the farm and will spend the summer at the White Sulphur Springs at Mt. Airy.

Mr. Walter Eaton, who is in bad health, has been advised by his attending physician to seek a cooler climate, that he may improve his health.

There is a lot of sickness in this section at this writing.

Mr. John Lunsford, of King Route 2, is stepping high along now, as the stork visited him the other night and left him a fine girl.

Mr. W. G. Whitaker, of King Route 2, is going to repairing chimneys and digging wells, as he has been handling rock for the last four weeks.

### SCRIBBLER.

King Route 1, April 24.

Messrs. Editors:  
On last Saturday, April 22, Mt. Olive school closed with an entertainment, although it was only a public school entertainment. The exercises were the best the writer ever attended, showing the efforts put forth by the efficient teachers, and the manner in which the girls and boys carried out their parts.

The plays, "The Mischievous Nigger, and Kissing the Wrong Girl" after which a trio was sung, also the Drills were good. The large girls' drill, Red White and Blue, wearing their colors and the little girl "Fairly Fan Drill," wearing pink and green, carrying pink green fans.

The school has been one of the best in the community for some time. The teachers have not been only a help in the school, but also in the Sunday school, and the community, and we part with them in regret.

### PAT.

Dillard, April 24.—The Sunday School at this place is improving, we are glad to note. There will be preaching at Oak Grove church near here the 1st Sunday in May.

Miss Emma Duncan is visiting relatives at Walnut Cove and Pine Hall this week.

Misses Alice and Lyda Mitchell went to Madison shopping Friday.

Mr. J. H. Mitchell is planning a trip to Va. next week.

Miss Helen Willis and brother, Ashley, of Walnut Cove, visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Fannie Lasley, Minnie and Lessie Duncan, Alice and Lyda Mitchell; Messrs. Anderson Duncan, Robert Alcorn, Henry Berry, Robert Davis, Stacy Rothrock, Earny and Elbert Roberts, John and Ben Mitchell, of Dillard; Nume Vaughn and Grady Rothrock, of Walnut Cove, spent Sunday evening with Miss Alice Davidson. All report a nice time.

Mr. Rufus I. Dalton was nominated for Mayor of Winston by a majority of 42 votes over his opponent, Mr. W. E. Franklin, Monday. This is gratifying to Mr. Dalton's many friends in Stokes county, his former home, who send congratulations. Mr. Dalton was Sheriff of Stokes for several terms, and made an ideal officer. Likewise he will make Winston-Salem an ideal Mayor.

## FANNED TWELVE MEN

### CARL RAY IS MAKING GOOD

The Danbury Boy, Now Playing With Whitsett. Creates Sensation in State Ball Circles.

Carl Ray, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Ray, of Danbury, is making good as a baseball pitcher, and his work recently on the Whitsett team has created a sensation in baseball circles. Yesterday Whitsett played the Winston league team at Winston, and a telephone message states that Ray fanned 12 men, and outclassed the best player on the Twin-City team. The informant adds that Ray will be given a trial on the 4th of May, and if he sustains his reputation he will be offered a position as pitcher on the league team at a stiff salary.

### Goats on the Mountain.

Gap, April 24.—Please allow me a little space in your paper. We take the Reporter and I enjoy reading it.

Mr. R. L. Boyd, who has been down sick for some time, is no better.

There was a big dance at Moore's Springs Easter Monday. Everybody enjoyed themselves fine.

Corn raisings are all the go now.

Mr. Jim Bennett has built himself a new dwelling house.

Edward Robertson, Odell and Andrew Church and Eugene McKinney went on Cook's Wall and Moore's Knob Easter Sunday and saw a fine drove of goats.

Mrs. Wm. Jackson's funeral was preached at Vade Mecum church Sunday. There was the largest crowd present that has ever been at Vade Mecum.

### BUSTER BILL.

Dillard.

Dillard, Apr. 25.—The "gee haw" plowman is again heard. Wheat crops are looking well in this community.

Mr. W. E. Lasley and family, of Winston, returned home Wednesday, after spending several days with relatives here.

Mr. C. W. Peebles, of William-son, W. Va., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Peebles.

'Tis a girl at Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Mitchell's.

Mrs. W. M. Peebles is in a very serious condition from being badly burned a few days ago. She is given to fits and while the family was out she fell into the fire and received some mighty bad burns about the face and neck. She is improving only slowly.

Mr. C. H. Adkins left for North Dakota Wednesday.

Mr. C. A. Mitchell and Mrs. Eloise Adkins visited Mrs. M. M. Lasley's today.

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Dalton.

Dalton, April 24.—Farmers are very much behind with their work on account of so much rain. The wheat crop has improved some for the last few days.

Messrs. L. J. Rumbly, Joe Westmoreland, Fleming Thomas, James Holyfield, went to Greensboro Sunday.

Mrs. James Holyfield, of Elkin, is visiting at Pinnacle this week.

Mrs. Fred Boles, of Tobacco-ville Route 2, spent Sunday with her brother, Mr. W. F. Culler.

The Pilot Mountain Sunday School Association will convene at Quaker Gap Baptist church, eight miles south-west of Danbury, on Friday of this week, and will be in session three days, adjourning Sunday. An interesting program will be carried out and the attendance will no doubt be large.

When a medicine must be given to young children it should be pleasant to take. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is made from loaf sugar, and the roots used in its preparation give it a flavor similar to maple syrup, making it pleasant to take. It has no superior for colds, croup and whooping cough. For sale by all dealers.