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CONTEST ELECTION

Alleged Irregularities In Town Election At Walnut Cove.

A BOLD HOLD UP

Mr. Watson Joyce Almost Robbed By One Negro and Attacked By Another.

Walnut Cove, May 19.—Hundreds of people from all sections of the country have passed through here within the last week going and coming from the Primitive Baptist Association at Clear Spring. On Sunday it is estimated that more than one hundred automobiles sped along Main street, making it appear almost a city, while all three of the days the town was thronged with visitors.

Elder Key of the Primitive Baptists preached an interesting sermon in the Junior Hall Friday night and on the following Sunday night Elder Wilson of the same church occupied the pulpit, both preaching to large audiences.

Without any provocation a negro employed on the road force near here, Saturday night attacked Mr. Watson Joyce, first kicking him and then drawing his knife. Mr. Joyce, having no method of defense, hurriedly secured a gun whereupon the negro beat a hasty retreat and in spite of the efforts of the officers is still at large. Earlier in the week Mr. Joyce was held up by an unknown negro who demanded that he donate five dollars but the negro was scared into leaving his intended victim.

The Sauratown road commissioners met here last Friday for the purpose of considering claims and the transaction of other business. It is learned that a number of claims were presented for damages sustained by the removal of top-soil but the settlements were left open for consideration at some other meeting. Mr. J. C. Buxton, of Winston-Salem, attended the meeting as attorney for the N. & W. Railway relative to the proposed crossings to be made near the station.

Mr. J. I. Overby, of Chatham, Va., was here last week looking over some real estate which he contemplates purchasing if found suitable. Mr. Overby is favorably impressed with the bright prospects of the Cove and surrounding country.

There has been considerable talk among different people of the town in regard to contesting the town election recently held here, owing it is said to some irregularity in the size or color of the ballots cast, it being alleged that some of the tickets voted were of a yellow color while the law prescribes white paper. It is improbable that such action will be taken, when it is known that the officers do not receive any recompense for their services whatever. Matters more important than contested

elections confront the citizens if side-walks, streets and other needed improvements are to be considered.

Mr. J. G. Flynt, a prosperous young farmer of the Meadows section, has recently purchased a new automobile, demonstrating the fact that the coming of good roads marks a new era in the heretofore monotonous life of the farmer, and it is only a question of time until the auto will be as much in evidence in the country as in the city.

Messrs. Jno. G. Fulton, R. A. Hedgecock, W. N. Gilbert and others went to Winston-Salem Saturday to see the ball game, and to enjoy seeing Stokes county's southpaw, Carl Ray, trim the Hornet team to perfection.

Messrs. A. W. Davis and O. N. Petree spent Monday afternoon in Winston-Salem on business.

Farmers in this section report that the tobacco crop will not be any larger this year than last. A small amount of the weed has already been planted.

The many friends of Mr. Jno. G. Fulton regret that he is no longer in the race for Congress.

Mr. J. H. Dixon, the popular buyer for the Export Tobacco Company, who was on this market last season, spent a day or two here last week.

Mr. Joe Wood is visiting his mother, Mrs. R. L. Murphy, here this week.

Mr. John Waddill, one of Forsyth county's progressive county commissioners, was in town Saturday.

Mr. T. L. Harris, the piano salesman, was in town last week on business.

Mr. W. J. Martin, who formerly resided here but who is now living in Burlington, was in town Monday on business.

Messrs. H. H. Davis, Richard Semple and Chas. Davis, of Martinsville, Va., are spending several days here in the interest of the Stokes County Warehouse.

Mr. R. W. Hedgecock, of Winston-Salem, was here a short while Friday.

Mr. Dexter Tuttle, who has been in school at Whitesett during the past year, was here Monday visiting his brother, Dr. R. G. Tuttle.

Mr. S. G. Wimbish, salesman for Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company, spent Saturday and Sunday here with friends.

Mr. and Mr. J. W. Hall, of Danbury, were in town a short while Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McRae and Mr. Powell Gilmer, of Winston-Salem, were visitors here the past week.

Mr. F. S. Ross, of Wilson's Store, was here Wednesday looking after some business affairs.

Mr. N. E. Pepper, of Danbury, spent a few hours here Saturday on business.

Rev. Lacy Weston, of Wake Forest College, came up yesterday to visit Mrs. Weston.

Born unto Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Humphreys, a fine baby girl.

NEWS OF PINNACLE

Two Old People Baptised Sunday Near Pinnacle.

MARRIAGE SUNDAY

Miss Hessie Wilson Becomes Bride of Manuel Matthews—Other Items.

Pinnacle, May 18.—Mr. Adam Hall, who holds a position with the Roanoke Bridge Co., of Roanoke, Va., spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hall.

Old Uncle David Chandler and sister, Aunt Harriet, were baptised Sunday by Rev. W. M. Stone, being two of the oldest people in our community. Uncle David was so feeble that he had to be carried into the water and baptised in a chair.

On Sunday, May 17, at 4:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. James Wilson, a beautiful marriage ceremony was performed by J. P. Covington, when Miss Hessie Wilson became the bride of Mr. Manuel Matthews. The bride was beautifully gowned in blue silk. After congratulations they were invited into the dining room where a most beautiful table was awaiting with many good things to eat. The bride was a beautiful and accomplished young lady of Brim Grove, while the groom is a prosperous young farmer of Surry county.

Little Miss Irene Covington spent last week with her aunt, Mrs. Carolina Covington on Westfield Route 1.

Miss Daisy Wilson spent Saturday night with Mrs. E. A. Covington.

BILL.

LOST A FINE HORSE

Mr. Charlie Pitzer's Horse Runs and Breaks its Neck—Gideon Items.

Gideon, May 19.—Mr. W. M. Flynt is on the sick list this week, and we trust he will soon be well again.

Messrs. Cary Flynt, John and Elmer Flinchum and Lemmie Duggins called at Mr. J. Frank Dunlap's a short while Saturday night.

Mrs. David Reid visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben King-ton Saturday night.

Miss Lillian Mitchell called a short while at Mr. W. M. Flynt's Monday.

Mr. R. W. Mitchell's little children have been right sick, but are now improving, we glad to note.

Mr. Charlie Pitzer had the misfortune of losing a fine horse one day last week when it became frightened and ran away and broke its neck.

Mr. R. W. Mitchell has purchased himself a new engine and he expects to do a lot of sawing during this summer.

DANCING KID.

MUSIC CLUBS MEET

Danbury and Walnut Cove Associations Entertained Jointly.

AT DODSON HOTEL

Nice Programs Rendered By Each Club—A Rose Affair.

One of the most delightful functions of the season was the joint meeting of the Etude Music Club of this place and the Lacium Club of Walnut Cove, held in the parlor of the Dodson Hotel at Walnut Cove Thursday evening of last week.

Mr. J. Irving Bolt, who spent last summer in Danbury and was an active member of the Etude Club, has for the past few months been staying in Walnut Cove, and is a charter member of the Lacium Club at that place. It was through his invitation that the two clubs were given this evening of rare pleasure.

At eight-thirty o'clock the guests assembled and were received in the upper hall by Mr. Bolt and his father where delicious fruit punch was served by Miss Elsie Payne of Madison. The presidents of the two clubs then led the way to the parlor which seemed to have been transformed into a rose garden. Tall vases of American Beauties adorned the piano, bowls of lovely white half blown roses graced the tables and on the side walls hung bamboo cups filled with roses of all colors artistically blended. The President of the Lacium Club after calling the meeting to order gave a short address of welcome to the Etude Club and announced the following selections which made up the programme of the Walnut Cove Club:

Piano Duet, Miss Stella Rier-son and Mr. Robert Murphy.

Song, "A Little Pink Rose," Miss Claude Rier-son.

Quartette, "Garden of Roses," Misses Kate Jones and Claude Rier-son; Messrs. W. P. Wheeler and T. J. Covington.

Song, "Roses," Miss Sallie Ful-ton.

Piano Solo, "March Fantis-que," Miss Elsie Payne.

Song, "Sunshine and Roses," Mr. T. J. Covington.

Song, "In the Heart of a Rose," Miss Lillie Joyce.

Song, "When the Dew is on the Rose," Miss Bernice Wood-ruff.

Song, "It Was in the Time of Roses," Mr. J. Irving Bolt.

Piano Solo, "Mozart's Fantasia in D Minor," Mr. Robert Mur-phy.

The following is the program of the Etude Club.

Instrumental Trio, "A May Day," Misses Raynor Joyce, Mary and Luna Taylor.

Piano Solo, "The Flatterer," Chaminade, Miss Mary Taylor.

Instrumental Duet, "Crown of Triumph," Misses Nellie Joyce and Janie Martin.

Vocal Solo, "O, Dry Those

Tears," Miss Mary Joyce.

Instrumental Duet, "Foust Waltz," Misses Mary Taylor and Mary Martin.

Piano Solo, "Orange Blossom Waltz," Mary Young.

Piano Solo, "The Last Hope," Gottschalk, Miss Mary Taylor.

After this program Mr. Bolt distributed white rose embossed score cards which were used in quite a unique rose contest. Miss Nell Joyce of Danbury received as the prize a lovely picture entitled "The Rose Maid." Dainty rose doiles were afterwards passed in preparation for refreshments, consisting of delicious cream garnished with strawberries served with saltines, in the quaintest hand made rose cups.

At a late hour the two clubs disbanded, feeling a deeper interest in each other and the greatest appreciation of Mr. Bolt's thoughtfulness in planning for them this enjoyable evening.

Account of the Suicide of Mr. Burges Botes.

King Route 1, May 18. There was a great excitement in the Oak Grove section on Wednesday morning between day-break and sun-rise when Mr. Burges Botes committed suicide. Mr. Botes' mind has been declining for two months or more. On the morning of the 13th about 3 o'clock he left home, his wife and some of the children following him. He tried to get away from them by slipping through the pine fields, and told his wife to go back to the house and tend to the children that he wasn't going to hurt himself. About daylight he succeeded in getting away from them and went to his son-in-laws about a quarter of a mile from his home. He told his daughter that he wanted the gun to shoot a squirrel. She told him that there was not any shells there. He got the gun and looked in it and said it was already loaded. She tried to take the gun away from him, but he jerked the gun out of her hands and told her that he was not going to hurt himself, and he ran about 3 or 4 hundred yards near his plant bed where he shot the top of his head off. His family heard the report of the gun and soon found him and gave alarm and a large crowd of citizens soon gathered in to witness the horrible suicide.

On the 14th the remains were laid to rest in the Haw Pond cemetery in the midst of a large crowd of relatives and friends. Rev. Mr. Simmons of Vade Mecum Springs conducted the funeral services.

Mr. Botes was 51 years of age and has been in our section of the county for six or seven years. He was a good neighbor and was kind to his family. He was a useful man in the community and was a man that worked hard and made his supplies at home.

He leaves a wife, 8 children, 2 grand-children, one brother and two sisters to mourn their loss.

SCRIBBLER.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

To Be Held at Piedmont Springs Beginning June 8, and Continuing For Two Weeks.

LARGE ATTENDANCE

About Eighty Teachers, Principally Young Women, From Stokes and Adjoining Counties, Will Be Present—Prominent Educators From the State To Conduct Institute.

The Teachers' Institute for Stokes County will be held at Piedmont Springs June 8 to 20. This decision was reached by the county Board of Education in session here Monday, after the managers of the Piedmont Hotel had submitted a proposition for the taking care of the Institute, as a whole. A special rate was given the teachers, all of whom will be accommodated at the hotel, including County Superintendent J. T. Smith and family of Danbury, and two or more educators of prominence from the State at large. The attendance at the institute is expected this year to eclipse all former associations of the kind in the county. At least 80 and probably 100 teachers, a large proportion of whom are young women from Stokes and adjoining counties, are expected to be present, while many young men and young women prospective teachers will doubtless take the advantage of the occasion to receive instruction and training in modern school work.

The Piedmont Springs hotel is amply capable of accommodating the Institute. The large ball room will be filled with chairs and desks for the recitation room. For the first time in the history of the Institute the whole body can take meals together, as the Piedmont dining room will seat more than 100 at once, while there is ample sleeping room for all under the same roof.

A good many guests are expected at the hotel after June 1, and the Institute will be an added attraction at the popular resort. The advantages of a two-weeks' course and Piedmont water will be of inestimable benefit to the teachers, as well as the pleasurable associations usually offered.

Noice to Tax Payers.

To the Tax Payers of Stokes County:

You are hereby notified to meet the tax listers at their appointments and list your property during the month of May. If you fail to do this you will be double-taxed and not released.

Please list your property for taxation during the month of May as the law prescribes and save further trouble.

This by order of the Board on May 4th, 1914.

CHAP BODENHEIMER,
Chairman.

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