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WALNUT COVE LETTER

Plank Walk To Be Made From N. & W. Station To Stokesburg.

THE "FORD COLT"

Latest Mode Of Locomotion—Wreck On N. & W. Railway—Mr. J. R. Snider To Move Family To Walnut Cove—Other News.

Walnut Cove, June 8.—At a meeting of the county Board of Education held at Danbury Monday, upon petition of many of our leading citizens and patrons of the Walnut Cove High School, an order was made allowing one more teacher for this splendid school. The board also framed a petition under a recent act of the legislature asking the county commissioners to order an election to be held in this special school district for a bond issue of \$4,000.00 for the purpose of enlarging the present building and the installation of modern heating apparatus and furniture. The bonds will be due in ten years and the rate of taxation will be twenty-five cents on the hundred dollars valuation and seventy-five cents on the poll. This will pay the interest on the bonds and at the same time create a sinking fund which will liquidate the bonds on maturity. The election was ordered to be held on Thursday, July 14, and the following officers were appointed: Registrar, S. H. Stewart; judges, J. H. Fowler and J. N. Young. It is now optional with the voters of the district as to whether these improvements are to be made or for the issue to be defeated at the polls.

The lumber from the floor of the bridge was sold here Saturday and was purchased by several of Stokesburg's enterprising citizens who contemplate the building of a plank sidewalk from the N. & W. railway to the M. E. church. When finished this will be quite an improvement on the thoroughfare of our progressive suburb and they are to be congratulated upon their efforts in this direction. As a side remark on the same subject it will be recalled that at some time before the falling of next winter's snow concrete sidewalks are to be placed along Main street from First to Fifth.

When it comes to means of travel Walnut Cove ranks among the swiftest of the swift. Besides the convenience and necessity of ten passenger trains daily autos of every description, model and title are to be found. But the latest mode of locomotion is the introduction on the streets of what has been christened a "Ford Colt." The whole thing which is very simple if one is inclined to understand the technical terms of auto theorists, consists of a plain bicycle with a ziz wheel or motor attached to its anatomy. It looks precisely like a bicycle and in fact it is apparently nothing more until some mysterious tap is turned on this most mysterious ziz wheel and then a popping noise resembling a mixture of German torpedoes and lady fire-crackers is heard and away it goes at a rate of from one to seventy miles per hour, depending somewhat upon the manner in which the rider values life. The Colt is perfectly harmless

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BIG CREEK PHONE CO.

Buys Interest of Quaker Gap Telephone Co.—Stockholders Meeting Last Saturday—Another Meeting Called.

A stockholders meeting of the Big Creek Telephone Co. was held at Brown Mountain church Saturday and was attended by a large number of the citizens of that section.

It is learned that it was decided at the meeting Saturday to reorganize the company and get its business affairs in good condition.

Mr. R. W. George, of Francisco, a leading stockholder in the company, who was in Danbury Monday on that business, purchased from the Quaker Gap Telephone Co., their interest in the Big Creek Company, so that the latter company now owns all of the lines of its system. A small assessment will be made upon the stockholders to repay Mr. George and also to meet some other deficiencies of the company.

The Big Creek Company has more than five hundred stockholders and its equipment is valued at about \$15,000. The lines extend into almost every section of this county as well as into other counties of this State and Virginia. It is believed and hoped that the stockholders will gladly pay this small assessment, and that instead of allowing its system to depreciate will build it up and extend its lines into other territory from time to time. Such a system as this company has should certainly be kept up. It is of inestimable value to the people.

Sandy Ridge Ball Team Challenges Any Nearby Team

Sandy Ridge, June 7.—Sandy Ridge and Mayodan staged the most beautiful spectacle of the national sport Saturday afternoon that has been seen on the Mayodan ground this season. It was a fight for supremacy on the mound by Hill and Lewellyn, both having good control, and pitching a brand of ball that is seldom seen below the league, allowing only three hits each. Had it not been for Vernon's error on third, in the second inning, darkness would have likely been guilty of closing the game this error gave the local team three scores. Hill and Gann did the hitting for Sandy Ridge, while Gentry and Price commanded the front for Mayodan.

Summary of hits: Hill 2, Gann 1, Gentry 2, Price 1. Struck out by Hill 12, by Lewellyn 11. Base on balls of Hill 3, of Lewellyn 1. Batters for Mayodan Lewellyn and Vernon, for Sandy Ridge Hill and Martin. Time 1.7 hours, attendance 400.

Sandy Ridge challenges any team in this or any adjoining county for a game. We will be glad to hear from any team that wants a game as early as possible.

SCHOOL MATTERS

Board of Education Transacted Considerable Business At Monday's Session.

NEXT MEETING JUNE 19

At This Time the Board Will Hold a Session At Piedmont Springs In Connection With Teachers' Day—School Buildings Paid For.

The county Board of Education, composed of Messrs. N. A. Martin, S. P. Christian and J. W. Mitchell, was in session here at the court house several hours Monday.

A delegation of the citizens of Walnut Cove appeared before the Board and asked for an election in their district to allow them to vote on the question of levying a special tax for the purpose of building an addition to the high school building at Walnut Cove. The Board asked the county commissioners to call the election. This has been done as will be seen elsewhere in this paper. The Board also made an appropriation for an additional teacher in the High School at Walnut Cove.

A committee from King, composed of Messrs. J. S. D. Pulliam and W. E. Hartman, asked that an addition be erected to the high school building at that place. The matter was deferred until a future meeting.

The annex recently built to the Mt. Herman school house was ordered paid for.

It was also ordered that the painting of the Zebulon school building be paid for.

The Board of Education adjourned to meet again on Saturday, June 19, at Piedmont Springs, at which time and place all of the teachers of the county are requested to meet, also all attendance officers who served during the past school year. All persons having claims against the Board or other business to come before it are requested to attend the meeting on the above date, as the business of the fiscal year will be closed at this meeting.

"Quart Law" Proving An Effective Weapon.

The "quart law," or Grier Act, is proving to be the most effective weapon yet devised for catching the blind tiger. In the words of a well-known proprietary medicine ad, "It goes to the spot." It forbids the receiving or transporting of intoxicating liquors in a quantity exceeding one quart to any person, and makes it unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to receive more than one quart within fifteen consecutive days.

Among the Walnut Cove citizens who visited Danbury Monday were Messrs. R. L. Murphy, Jas. Lasley, C. R. Hutcherson, Dr. J. W. Slate, C. M. Jones, J. R. Snider, O. N. Petree, J. R. Voss, Dr. R. G. Tuttle, G. L. Jarvis, Robert Hedgecock, Jno. R. Smith and others.

FOR THE 1915 CROP

Walnut Cove Warehousemen Out Early Working Among the Farmers.

EXPECT FAIR PRICES

In the Event that the European War Closes, the Davis Brothers Believe there Will Be a Bull Market, and Soaring Prices.

Messrs. Harry H. and Frank P. Davis, of Martinsville, Va., sons of E. J. Davis, spent Tuesday night here in the interest of the Stokes County Warehouse at Walnut Cove, which they have leased, and will run the approaching season. Mr. Geo. H. Semple, who was formerly associated with Mr. E. J. Davis at Walnut Cove, has severed his connection with the firm. The Messrs. Davis are quite optimistic over conditions in the tobacco trade. They believe that the European war will soon be over, in which case they very candidly believe that there will be a bull market, and that prices even eclipsing the stunts of 1913 will be paid for tobacco. Even should the war drag on, and present conditions continue, Messrs. Davis think the demand for all grades of tobacco produced in Stokes will be good, and that fair prices will prevail.

Mr. Frank P. Davis was buying tobacco in eastern North Carolina last July, just before the declarations of war in Europe. He states that he never saw such prices that were being paid, and that the demand was stronger than 1913. But by August 5 the Export people had taken off their buyers, and prices dropped. The Export buyers come back later, but they bought sparingly, while the depression also affected all other firms on the market.

Messrs. Davis think that the 1915 crop will be as large or larger than last year's, and that farmers, while getting out their crops, should take the precaution to first provide for their home supplies. They are convinced that this crop will be two or three weeks earlier than the last crop, and therefore sweeter and better. The 1914 crop was one of the meanest grown by the farmers in many years. It was late, bitter and sorry.

Walnut Cove Route 6.

Walnut Cove Route 6, June 7.—Most of the farmers in this section are though planting tobacco.

The health of this community is very good at present.

There will be an ice cream supper at Mr. Bill Nelson's Saturday night.

Mr. Nat Nelson and Misses Jennie Fulk and Addie Nelson went automobile riding Sunday afternoon.

Messrs. Ben and Charles Mitchell went to Walnut Cove Thursday on business.

Miss Addie Nelson spent Sunday p. m. with Miss Jennie Fulk.

Mr. John Flynt went to Walnut Cove last week on business.

Mr. Edward Hicks, of Walnut Cove, went to Meadows last week.

Mr. P. D. Fulk went to Winston last Friday on business.

Mrs. Joe Fulk visited Mrs. P. D. Fulk Sunday.

Miss Esther Southern is spending this week at Mr. John Tillotson's on Germanton Route 1.

FOUNTAIN OF NEWS.

Mr. J. J. Priddy Can Always Tell the Reporter Something Doing In Local Politics.

When times are sluggy, and each separate piece of news seems to hunt a distant nook or cranny where the newspaper man can't dig it out, always a never-failing topic of interest may be found in the cranium of the Reporter's distinguished Republican friend, Julius J. Priddy. Mr. Priddy has not missed a meeting of the county commissioners in 34 years, except once. That was when he was taken down with a sudden spell of acute rheumatism. Noticing his absence, some of the officials felt sure something was wrong, and sent after him. He was found at home bound hand and foot, and helpless from a painful malady, which held him no little time.

Mr. Priddy is about 64 years of age, and has never failed to vote. A few years ago he was in bed with typhoid fever when the election came on, but he caused his attendants to carry him bodily to the polls, where he cast his ballots, sighed a sigh of vast relief, fainted and was then carried back home and put to bed for several more weeks. It is well known that Mr. Priddy, while a considerable farmer, never sows a wheat crop in election year. He doesn't have time.

Mr. Priddy was asked a hard question, though, this week by the Reporter: "Suppose the Presidential election were to be held tomorrow, and Woodrow and Teddy were the candidates. Which one would you vote for?" He admitted after considerable dodging that he would stay at home and not vote at all. Mr. Priddy is not anxious for war.

Mr. Priddy always keeps the Reporter posted on Republican politics in the county. He says the next big contest will be for the nomination for Sheriff, between A. W. Davis, of Walnut Cove, and J. Frank Dunlap, of Gideon, which is developing in certain spots with considerable energy.

Mr. Priddy is honest in his beliefs, and does not go behind the bushes to proclaim his principles. At the same time he is well known to be a free man.

Marriage At Gideon--Other News Items and Personals

Gideon, June 8.—Most of the farmers are about through planting tobacco.

A large crowd attended services at Oak Grove Sunday.

Miss Emma Duncan and Mr. James Craig were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at the home of the bride's parents last Thursday afternoon. We extend congratulations.

Mr. W. M. Flynt and son, Carey, have gone to Walnut Cove on business today.

Quite a crowd of youngsters spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Minnie Dicks on Madison Route 3.

Miss Myrtle Fagg returned to her home at Dillard Saturday after spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Guy T. Eggleston.

Mr. Stacy Rothrock called on Miss Bettie Johnson Sunday.

Mrs. Willie Dunlap visited Mrs. W. M. Flynt a short while Sunday afternoon.

Messrs. W. M. Flynt and J. Frank Dunlap went to Danbury Monday on business.

Mrs. Mary Dunlap is a visitor here this afternoon.

PIEDMONT SPRINGS

Hotel Will Open For Guests Saturday, June 12th.

PROSPECTS GOOD

Several Families Arrive To Occupy Their Summer Homes—A Number of Visitors At the Springs The Past Week.

Piedmont Springs, June 9.—The hotel here will be opened for guests Saturday, June 12th, and judging from the best indications the resort will have an excellent season.

Several of the cottages at the springs are already occupied and among those who are here now are Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McAlister and children, of Greensboro; Rev. and Mrs. Lacy Little, who have recently returned from China as missionaries; Mr. and Mrs. J. Willie Smith and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith, Jr., of Greensboro, who are accompanied by Miss Irene Fulton, of the same place; Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Saunders, of Winston-Salem.

Mesdames J. C. Buxton and W. W. Gray, of Winston-Salem, spent the day at the Buxton cottage Friday and they expect to come up again Saturday.

Mr. Jas. A. Gray and son, Jas. A. Gray, Jr., Mrs. Barber and Mrs. Plumbley and children, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday afternoon here.

Rev. C. W. Irvin spent Monday here in conference with Mr. A. W. McAlister in regard to the establishment of several Sunday Schools in this section. A minister from Georgia is expected to arrive here this week to take charge of the work and will make his headquarters at Piedmont.

Mr. P. A. Thompson, of Graham, is expected here today to spend some time at the hotel.

Rev. J. W. Hamm and wife will arrive here Monday to spend a week at the hotel. Mr. Hamm is the well known evangelist.

Mrs. J. H. Prather and family, of Mt. Airy, are expected here this week to occupy their cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Pepper, Miss Jewel Parkin and Mr. Don McRae, of Thomasville, and Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Covington, of Walnut Cove, spent the day here Sunday.

A meeting of the public school teachers of the county will be held here on the 19th. The members of the Board of Education and the Supt. of Schools, as well as the school attendance officers, will meet with the teachers. One or more speakers will be present to address the meeting and a pleasant day is anticipated.

The Danbury Union Sunday School will hold its annual picnic here Friday.

Mr. W. Everett Fagg, of Danbury, has accepted a position as clerk in the store of Mr. N. R. Martin at Piedmont.

Dr. A. J. Pringle, of Campbell, was a visitor here today.