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## FURNITURE PLANT

Likely To Be A New Enterprise At Walnut Cove In Near Future.

## BIG FOREST FIRE

Considerable Injury Done Timber—New Store Established—E. J. Davis & Sons Lease Old Warehouse Again—Garfield Hairston, Col., Has Automobile Wreck—Change In Joyce-Jones Co.—Other News.

Walnut Cove, April 18.—A dangerous forest fire originating in a new ground being burned off by Luther Lash, colored, one mile north of town, fanned by a terrible northwest wind Friday afternoon, swept over a boundary of excellent timber land containing about 300 acres belonging to Mr. P. Gilmer, of Winston-Salem. The fire burned at a rapid rate and at times the burning brush would be blown for half a mile where the furious flames would begin anew their ravages. Scores of farm homes, tobacco barns and out-buildings were directly in the path of the flames and were saved only by the heroic and timely work of farmers who fought the fire until a late hour Friday night. The damage resulting from the big fire was confined to the heavy loss in timber which would be difficult to estimate.

A new enterprise in the form of a box and furniture plant is being boosted for Walnut Cove and while nothing authentic as to the new undertaking has been announced plans are well under way which if materialized will make the new industry a reality.

Messrs. Gunter, Gravitt & Slate, all formerly of the King section, have leased the new brick building recently completed by Mr. D. S. Watkins on Main street and have put in a complete line of groceries. Mr. Gunter will conduct a barber shop in the office of the building. All the gentlemen are well known citizens of the county and have the best wishes of their many friends for their success in the mercantile business.

Messrs. R. P. Joyce and C. M. Jones have purchased the one-third interest in the Joyce-Jones Co., owned by Mr. J. R. Snyder. Mr. Snyder, who has been manager of the concern for several months, has retired from this position and Mr. C. M. Jones will fill the vacancy. Mr. Carl Joyce, who has been with the firm since its establishment, will retain his position as salesman.

A meeting of the stockholders and directors of the New warehouse was held here Friday. Mr. R. N. Neal, of Belews Creek, was elected president of the corporation to succeed Mr. J. Wesley Morefield and Mr. S. H. Stewart, secretary-treasurer to succeed Mr. T. J. Covington.

In the departure of Mr. J. Wesley Morefield for his home near Danbury, Walnut Cove suffers a keen loss of a splendid

citizen and one who has been foremost in the business life of the town during his three year's residence here. Perhaps the greatest achievement of Mr. Morefield's career here is the establishment of a light plant furnishing the town with as good light service as is had by many cities ten times the size of this. This service is of inestimable value and this one venture will be long remembered by the community. Aside from this he has been associated prominently in the establishment of the tobacco warehouses, has invested thousands of dollars in real estate here, which he now holds, and has conducted a big mercantile business which he recently sold. His charming and hospitable family have added greatly to the social life of the town. Considering the business and social interests it is with regret that we see the Morefield family wend their way back to their country home, carrying with them the hearty good wishes of hundreds of steadfast friends made during their brief sojourn in our midst.

A Ford automobile, owned and driven by Garfield Hairston, Sunday afternoon collided with a horse and buggy belonging to Mr. Paul Middleton on the sand-clay road near the home of Mr. W. W. Fulp with the almost fatal result of the occupants of the automobile losing their lives. The car was turned completely over and the occupants all of whom are colored were pinned beneath the seats. All of them were more or less injured but with the exception of a few broken clavicles, elbows and twisted spines, none of them were seriously injured. The buggy stood the wreck remarkably well and came out of the fray with a spokeless wheel, a broken shaft and a bent axle. The car was minus a windshield when the smoke of battle was cleared away.

The Easter holidays promise to be an enjoyable season here. The younger set are planning numerous excursions and picnics and parties to different places. Appropriate exercises will be held at all the churches. Easter trade as usual with the merchants is good and this will be one of the best weeks of the year especially with those whose stock in trade consists of Easter hats and spring toggery.

Mr. Wade H. Carroll, of Mizpah, spent Saturday in town on business. Mr. Carroll has recently recovered from an injury sustained while dynamiting in his fields.

Mr. L. B. Morefield, manager of the Walnut Cove Power Co., went to Madison Saturday looking after some affairs in connection with the new light plant to be installed there.

Mr. I. D. Barr, of the board of county commissioners, was here last week on business.

Messrs. DeWitt Tuttle, of Garmenton, J. P. Ferguson and J. T. Bowles, of Mizpah, were here on business Saturday.

Mr. J. R. Jones, an eminent attorney of North Wilkesboro, and

## 300,000 MARK PASSED BY ONE CANDIDATE

Miss Elsie Sheppard Again Takes the Lead In the Voting Contest --Only One More Issue of the Paper Before Close of Contest On Saturday, April 29th, At 12 O'clock M.--Who Will Be the Winner?

Who will be the winner in the Reporter's voting contest? This is the question being asked on every hand, and with only nine days more of the time to elapse it is impossible for anyone to predict with the slightest degree of certainty who will be the leading candidate at the close.

This week Miss Elsie Sheppard is leading in the contest with 41,500 more votes than Miss Lottie Tilley, the second highest candidate, but the fact that both of these candidates are holding many votes in reserve makes it impossible to say who will be the winner.

As has previously been stated the contest will close at 12 o'clock, M., on Saturday, April 29th, 1916.

The vote as cast up to this time is as follows:

Miss Elsie Sheppard	310,000
Miss Lottie Tilley	268,500
W. L. Hall	205,000
Miss Hattie Reid	71,000
Joe Alley	16,500

a brother of our townsman, Mr. C. M. Jones, spent Saturday and Sunday here with relatives.

Mr. R. P. Sartin, of Burlington, who was buyer for Liggett-Myers Tobacco Co. here the past season, was a visitor Sunday and Monday.

Messrs. F. L. Tilley, Watson Joyce, Walter Vaughn, Harry Martin and Lester Morefield went to Stuart Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dixon, of Chatham, Va., are spending a day or two here, the guests of Mrs. Nannie Fulton. Mr. Dixon was one of the buyers on this tobacco market during its first year.

Mr. Oscar Higgins left Monday for a visit of several days at his old home in Alleghany.

The annual meeting of the stockholders and directors of the Stokes County Tobacco Warehouse Company was held here Saturday and the old officers were re-elected as follows: Mr. A. J. Fair, Pres., R. L. Murphy, Secretary-Treasurer. The financial status of the company was found in perfect condition. Messrs. E. J. Davis & Sons, of Martinsville, will conduct the warehouse during the next season.

Invitations as follows are received from the ladies of the M. E. church, Stokesburg: "The Woman's Missionary Society invites you to attend a Birthday Party to be given at the parsonage in Stokesburg Monday evening, April 24th, from seven to ten o'clock. Admission one cent for each year of your age. Refreshments."

Mr. J. D. Young, a prosperous and thrifty farmer, of Danbury Route 1, was a visitor here Sat-

day, attending the services at the Primitive Baptist church.

Mr. T. W. Tilley, of the good citizens of Smith, was here Saturday in the interest of the candidacy of his daughter, Miss Lottie, in the Reporter's automobile contest. While here he secured many new subscriptions to the county's popular paper.

Messrs. W. A. Southern and Wm. M. Da-nell, two of Meadows' prominent citizens, were here on business Saturday.

Mr. Robt. W. Young, who holds a responsible position with Jones and Gentry in Winston-Salem, was in town Friday on business. He was accompanied by his brother, Mr. Jno. W. Young, who is now a resident of Forsyth.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Saunders and Miss Annie Allen, of Winston-Salem, were visitors here Saturday.

Messrs. A. W. Davis, S. P. Heath and Elder L. T. Tucker attended services at Volunteer Primitive Baptist church Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. T. H. Gerry returned Saturday from a business trip to the New England states, having been gone about three weeks on the extended trip. He will leave this week for Chicago.

Mr. T. S. Petree, cashier of the Bank of King, was here between trains Thursday afternoon.

Miss Kathleen Cahill, of Winston-Salem, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. C. Bailey, Jr., this week.

Mrs. J. B. Woodruff, Mrs. H. H. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Linville, Misses Elizabeth Woodruff and Margaret Wright spent a day last week shopping in Winston-Salem.

Miss Louella Fulp, who has been teaching for several months near Guilford College, has returned to her home near here.

## CORN CLUB BOYS

Making Extensive Preparation For Their Prize Acres In Peters Creek Township --County Demonstrator Holt In Sauratown and Beaver Island This Week.

County Demonstrator W. P. Holt left Monday for Sauratown and Beaver Island townships where he is spending this week looking after the corn club boys and general farm demonstration work.

During the past week Mr. Holt visited the farms of Messrs. Jarvis Smith, W. J. Cardwell, and Lee Francis, doing considerable terrace work on the farms of these citizens. He also visited about twenty corn club boys in those sections, and reports that the boys are very much interested and are making extensive preparations for their prize acres.

## STOKES ELECTION BOARD

Met At Danbury and Organized--Registrars and Judges To Be Appointed Next Saturday.

The County Board of Elections, recently appointed by the State Board of Elections and composed of Messrs. J. A. Lawson, chairman, J. H. Fulton and James Smith, met at the court house in Danbury Saturday and organized.

The board will meet here again next Saturday at which time they will appoint the registrars and judges for the State primary to be held on Saturday, June 3rd.

The registration books will be opened on April 27th.

## Over 1,000 Attend Funeral Of Mrs. Caudle At King

King, April 18.—The relatives and friends of Mrs. J. H. Spainhower gave her a surprise birthday dinner Sunday. Over one hundred people were in attendance and all seemed to enjoy themselves to the utmost. This was Mrs. Spainhower's fifty-fifth birthday.

It was estimated that over one thousand people attended the funeral of Mrs. E. H. Caudle at the Baptist church here Sunday. This was decidedly the largest crowd that ever attended a funeral here. Mrs. Caudle committed suicide by shooting herself in the head at Rural Hall late Saturday afternoon. No cause is assigned for her rash act, except that she was in failing health.

Born unto Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Newsom, a son.

Mr. Grover Wright, of Mount Airy, is spending a few days with relatives here.

Mr. S. O. Schaub, of High Point, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. B. J. Stone, who resides near here.

Misses Phebe and Virginia Edmonds, of Winston-Salem, are expected here this week to visit relatives.

## PROSPEROUS YEAR

Bank of Stokes County Stockholders and Directors Meet.

## TO PAY DIVIDEND

Eight Per Cent. Goes To The Stockholders and Balance To the Surplus Fund—Board of Directors Strengthened.

The annual meeting of the stockholders and directors of the Bank of Stokes County was held at the Walnut Cove bank Tuesday. Nine of the eleven directors were present, besides quite a number of other stockholders. All the old officers were re-elected, as follows: M. T. Chilton, President; Dr. J. Walter Neal, Vice-President; J. H. Fulton, Cashier and C. E. Davis, Assistant Cashier of the Walnut Cove bank, and N. E. Pepper, Cashier of the Danbury bank. Mr. Samuel Hairston, of Wenonda, Va., was elected a director for the ensuing year. The remainder of the old directors were re-elected, as follows: M. T. Chilton, J. W. Neal, J. B. Woodruff, T. R. Pepper, J. H. Fulton, J. A. Fagg, P. H. Linville, J. A. Lawson, J. Wesley Morefield, John H. Marshall, N. E. Pepper.

The report of the officers of the bank showed the institution to be in excellent shape, with the loans well secured, and an ample cash reserve.

The report of the Cashier showed that the stockholders, during the 10 years of the bank's existence, had been paid \$19,000 in cash dividends. A dividend of 8 per cent. was voted to be paid the stockholders for 1916, the balance of the year's profits to be kept in the bank in the surplus fund.

While the past year has been close with our people generally, following two poor crops, the bank has had a prosperous year. The policy of the directors has been conservative, and this policy will be continued.

## Personal News Notes Reported From King

King, April 17.—Mr. J. W. Stout, of Winston-Salem, passed through here Friday enroute to Moore's Springs in the interest of his health.

Mr. J. W. Spainhower, of Greensboro, is spending a few days with relatives here.

Messrs. J. S. D. Pulliam and S. G. Lomax went to Danbury on business last week.

Mr. F. H. White has opened a grocery store in the Butner building at the corner of Depot and Main streets.

## No Marriage Licenses In Month Of April.

Register of Deeds John G. Morefield reports that so far he has not issued a single marriage license during the month of April.