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NEW TOWN OFFICERS

Mayor J. N. Young and the Newly Elected Commissioners At Walnut Cove Take Charge.

MASS MEETING SOON

To Devise Ways and Means For Improving High School Facilities—Steve Hester Probably Captured—Various Other News and Personal Items.

Walnut Cove, N. C., May 10.—The new town officers, Mayor J. N. Young; Commissioners E. O. Creakman, K. A. Johnson, S. H. Stewart and W. L. Nelson, were inaugurated Monday evening with suitable ceremony, to succeed ex-mayor O. N. Petree and ex-commissioners W. F. Bowles, W. G. Dodson and A. J. Barker, who were not candidates for re-election. The old officers in charge of the town's affairs for the past year by having had cement sidewalks placed along Main street have no doubt shown more progress in their work than any of their predecessors along this line. Under the administration of Mr. S. C. Rierison a great deal of good work was done in the grading of the streets. It now remains for the present administration to attempt some improvement for the continued advancement of the town's interests. We await with keen anticipation the pleasure of the present board and feel sure that Mayor Tobe Young will not keep us waiting long before he starts something.

News has reached here this week of the capture of a man supposed to be Steve Hester at Martinsville, Va., Monday. Hester is said to be a desperate character and is charged with various crimes in several different sections of the country. His home until a few years ago was a few miles south of here and his relatives still reside at the old homestead. During the many robberies committed at this place two years ago Hester was strongly suspected and several efforts were made to capture him but without result. It seems that the most of his criminal depredations have been committed in the state of Texas where he will be carried for trial.

A mass meeting of the citizens will be held the latter part of the week for the purpose of effecting some plan whereby the high school building may be enlarged sufficiently to accommodate the students seeking admission to the school each year. Last year the state appropriation was reduced presumably on account of the inadequacy of the building and unless some immediate steps are taken it is probable that the entire appropriation will be taken from the district. The board of education at a recent meeting agreed to put up funds equal to half the amount donated by the patrons of the district and some means of raising the funds will be

At this time a bond issue appears to be the only solution of the problem and this method will doubtless be adopted and an election called for the purpose of voting the bonds. An election of this kind was held here last summer but was defeated by a big majority. It is thought that sentiment concerning the issue has changed considerably since that time.

Owing to the continued dry weather the tobacco crop in this section will be considerably decreased. Dealers are selling very little guano and farmers have assumed an air of uneasiness regarding the unfavorable season. Nevertheless a good rain, which is almost sure to come, even ten days from now will bring great changes. We have always noticed that the rain always comes just a few days before it is too late to raise a crop and the farmer who keeps cultivating and plowing and conserves the moisture of his fields has nothing to fear from a much longer drought than this has been.

Mr. T. P. Bailey today sold his cafe and confection store to Mr. J. E. James, who has moved the fixtures to the building formerly occupied by the bowling alley. Mr. James will open his store and cafe the latter part of the week. Mr. Bailey has not decided upon his future occupation.

Elder J. A. Fagg requests that we announce that Mr. Matt Mabe will be baptised next Sunday morning at nine o'clock at Red Shoals ford near Meadows.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fulton and Miss Sallie Eulton spent Tuesday in Winston-Salem.

Messrs. Sanders Rierison, Paul Taylor, J. C. Joyce, C. E. Davis and Geo. L. Jarvis went to the Primitive Baptist association at Bassett, Va., Sunday. The trip which was mostly over a rough mountain road was made in a Ford without so much as a puncture.

Mr. C. J. Tinsley, representing the Simmons Hardware Co., spent Monday in town.

Messrs. Cary L. Carroll and Jno. L. Christian, of Winston-Salem, were business visitors here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fair, Elder J. A. Fagg, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Morefield and Miss Bessie Morefield attended the Primitive Baptist association at Bassett, Va., Sunday.

Mr. Roy L. Vaughn, of Roanoke, spent Monday and Tuesday with relatives here.

Mr. S. H. Stewart went to King Saturday, returning Monday.

A great many Coveites attended the county commencement and educational rally at Danbury Saturday. They were highly pleased with the splendid exercises of the day and it is hoped that this will become an annual event.

Mr. R. R. Rogers, formerly cashier of the Bank of Stokes County at this place, but who now holds a responsible position with a well known firm in North Carolina, spent Saturday in

WHEAT AND TOBACCO

Both Promise To Be Short This Season On Account Of Dry Weather.

WHEAT IS "HEADING"

Some Fields Being Plowed Up and Planted In Corn—Watering The Tobacco Plants.

Farmers who have been here recently from nearly every section of the county report that tobacco plants are very scarce and it is generally predicted that even if it should rain soon there will not be more than a half crop of tobacco planted.

The wheat crop is also being seriously injured by the dry weather. It is "heading" before it gets high enough. Some of the wheat on some farms has been turned under and the land planted to corn.

Many farmers are making a desperate effort to save their tobacco plants by watering the beds and the method is proving very successful.

County Commissioners Meet Friday and Saturday

The Stokes Board of County Commissioners will meet here Friday and Saturday in special session for the purpose of making settlement of the past year's tax money with the Sheriff and county Treasurer.

town shaking hands with old acquaintances.

Mr. E. W. Carroll, of Mizpah, was here on business Monday. Mr. Carroll reports that tobacco plants are somewhat scarce in his immediate section.

Mr. T. H. Gerry has recently returned from a business trip to Chicago, Ill.

Mr. John G. Fulton left today for Yadkin county in the interest of the Stokes Grocery Co.

Mr. Dolph Slate, a prominent citizen of King, was in town a short while Monday enroute home from Dennis.

Mr. M. T. Chilton, of Danbury, spent a day here last week on business.

It is learned that a deal has been made for the sale of the machinery of the Dry Prizery property. It is probable that after the machinery has been removed that the building will be used for a furniture plant.

Mr. P. W. Gunter left this week with his family for Mt. Airy where he has accepted a position. His barber shop here has been placed in the hands of his son, Dewey.

Mr. E. D. Matthews, of Stoneville, the popular book-keeper of the new warehouse last year, was a visitor here Sunday and Monday.

Miss Beulah Sheppard, of Sandy Ridge, spent a few hours in town Sunday afternoon.

Miss Jettie Morefield, who holds a position in High Point, was here a short while Monday enroute from the association at Bassett, Va.

THE COMMENCEMENT

Teachers, Pupils, Corn Club Boys and Others Spend Profitable and Pleasant Day.

AT DANBURY, MAY 6

Splendid Addresses By Prof. T. E. Brown, Prof. Z. H. Dixon and Miss Grace Shaffer—Certificates and Prizes Delivered To Seventh Grade Pupils—Dinner Served By Domestic Science Class—Large Attendance.

The County Commencement held in Danbury Saturday was well attended by the teachers, pupils and others. The exercises were held in the court house and the auditorium of the building was taxed to accommodate the large audience.

The principal feature of the exercises of the forenoon were the addresses delivered by Prof. T. E. Brown, of Raleigh, and Miss Grace Shaffer, of Greensboro. The former is manager of the Boys' Corn Club of North Carolina, and the subject of his address was "Education and the Purposes of the Boys' and Girls' Demonstration Clubs." Miss Shaffer, who is assistant superintendent of Home Economics for the State, spoke from the subject of "The Demand for Training in Home Economics and What It Will Mean To Our Girls." Both addresses were highly entertaining and instructive, and will no doubt prove an inspiration to many of the boys and girls who were present.

Immediately following the addresses lunch was served the speakers and others in the vestibule of the court room by the Domestic Science Class of the Danbury public school.

In addition to the large number of teachers and pupils in attendance on the commencement there were seventy or more of the county's Corn Club boys present, and at one o'clock the entire body assembled in the grove at the M. E. church and forming a procession marched to the court house. The Corn Club boys were led by County Demonstrator W. P. Holt who carried a huge stalk of corn, and all of the boys were attired in overalls and wore broad-brimmed straw hats.

At 2 o'clock the audience again assembled in the court room when an address on education was delivered by Prof. Z. H. Dixon, principal of the graded school at Elkin. Prof. Dixon is among the leading educators of the State and is an entertaining speaker. His remarks were listened to with closest attention and were thoroughly enjoyed by the large audience. His advice to the young men and young women was good, to say the least.

Following the address Miss Bernice Woodruff recited "Mammy's Little Boy," and it is safe to say that no feature of the commencement was more thoroughly enjoyed.

The last number on the program was the delivering of prizes

and certificates to eighty-one high school students of the county who finished the seventh grade this year, this being done in a most appropriate manner by Prof. Dixon and Supt. of Schools Smith.

At intervals during the day's exercises the audience sang a number of patriotic airs, "America," "The Old North State," etc., with Miss Mary Taylor presiding at the organ which had been provided for the occasion. Several instrumental selections were also rendered by Miss Taylor during the day, adding much to the enjoyment of the audience.

At the close of the commencement, in a short speech of thanks to those who had assisted in the day's exercises, Supt. of Schools Smith said that while this was the county's first commencement he was very much gratified at the large attendance and the interest shown and that next year it was hoped to have a commencement that would be at least the equal of that of any county in the State.

THE CORN CLUB BOYS

Being Looked After Closely By County Demonstrator and Good Results Are Expected.

County Demonstrator W. P. Holt spent the past week in Meadows, Sauratown and Danbury townships looking after the work of the Boys' Corn Club and other demonstration work, and conducting spraying demonstrations.

The club boys are very enthusiastic over the preparation of their prize acre plots and are working hard.

With fair seasons these hundreds of boys in Stokes are going to accomplish something in the way of corn-growing. The demonstrator is looking after the work carefully and giving the boys full instructions and excellent results are expected.

STOKES JURORS.

Drawn To Serve At Next Term of Federal Court In Greensboro.

Among the jurors drawn for the June term of United States court, at Greensboro, we note the following from Stokes: Charles G. Huff, Walnut Cove; James W. Jones, Pinnacle; Jas. H. Nelson, Danbury; William R. Petree, Germanton; N. A. Martin, Danbury, and E. J. Grogan, Ayersville.

Carried To Hospital.

Mrs. C. H. Sheppard, of Sandy Ridge Route 1, was carried to St. Leo's hospital in Greensboro Sunday where she underwent an operation on Monday. At this writing Mrs. Sheppard is getting along nicely. She was accompanied to the hospital by Dr. C. M. Martin, of Danbury, and her daughter, Miss Beulah Sheppard.

TELEPHONE NEWS

Danbury - Piedmont Springs Line To Be Built This Week.

BY THE BIG CREEK CO.

Quickstep Lines Being Put In Good Condition—Excellent Service Now Given By the Various Companies.

The telephone line between Danbury and Piedmont Springs, which has recently been in bad condition, will be rebuilt at once by the Big Creek Telephone Co. Mr. Dixie Nunn, manager for this company, was here today for purpose of letting the contract for the work. Other lines of this company around Danbury will be repaired.

Mr. H. C. O. Hall, manager of the Danbury division of the Quick Step Telephone Co., was here today with a force of men putting in new poles and otherwise repairing the lines of that company coming into Danbury.

It is gratifying to see that the officials of all of the telephone companies whose lines reach Danbury are taking greater interest in them and giving the public good service.

Revival In Progress.

A series of revival meetings were started in the Danbury M. E. church Sunday night. Evangelist W. L. Dawson, of Guilford College, is assisting Pastor O. P. Routh in the meetings. Mr. Dawson is accompanied by Mr. Newsom, who is director of the choir.

Services are announced for each morning at 10 o'clock and 8 o'clock at night and will continue for probably a week or more.

Gard of Thanks.

Editor Danbury Reporter: Please allow me to extend through the columns of your paper my sincere thanks to my many friends in Stokes and surrounding counties, in North Carolina and Virginia, for their cordial support in the contest. To one and all I hereby return grateful acknowledgement.

LOTTIE TILLEY,
Smith, N. C.

Mr. Rufus Bennett Ill.

Mr. Rufus Bennett, a good citizen of the Capella section, is critically ill with pneumonia and a message yesterday stated that very little hope for his recovery was entertained.

Marriage Here Monday.

Mr. D. A. Walker and Miss Anna Cates, of Belews Creek, were married in Danbury Monday evening by Justice N. A. Martin. The young couple were accompanied by a number of their friends.

Dr. J. L. Haynes, of Pine Hall