

**LOCAL NEWS ITEMS**

Miss Pattie Hill is spending some time with relatives here.

Mr. N. A. Martin made a business trip to Greensboro Thursday.

Mr. Weldon Smith, of Campbell, was in Danbury yesterday attending to some business.

Mr. J. Wesley Martin, of Stuart, Va., Route 2, was a Danbury visitor yesterday.

Miss Grace Taylor is visiting Miss Kathleen Simpson in Winston-Salem this week.

Mrs. Walter G. Petree and children expect to leave today to visit relatives in Stoneville for several days.

Miss Katherine Crist, of Winston-Salem, spent the week end here with her sister, Mrs. M. O. Jones.

Miss Lucile Martin has been quite sick for several days with tonsillitis but is improving rapidly.

Miss Agnes Martin, who is teaching at Madison, spent Sunday here with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Humphreys, Mrs. W. E. Joyce and Mrs. William Spough visited King Monday.

Rev. C. E. Crist returned to his home in Winston-Salem Sunday after a visit to his daughter, Mrs. M. O. Jones.

Mrs. Roy E. Leake visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Browder, at Germantown yesterday and was accompanied home by her sister, Miss Viola Browder.

Mr. E. R. Nelson was here today from Piedmont Springs. Ernest is tickled to death that he is to have a better road to his home, and who could blame him.

The name of Mr. John Neal, of Meadows, ex-county commissioner, is being mentioned by his friends as a candidate for the office of Register of Deeds in Stokes.

Forsyth county will likely have as many as two lady candidates for the office of Register of Deeds. The two whose names have been mentioned for the office are Misses Margaret Wureschke and Eva Wall.

A few farmers of the county are beginning to plant some tobacco. The work will begin in earnest within about ten days. Plants are getting too large at a rapid rate and will have to be put out as soon as possible.

It is learned that the hotel at Piedmont Springs will open for guests about the 15th of June. The hotel this year will be under the management of Mr. George Holton and sister, of Winston-Salem.

News was received here today of the death yesterday of Mrs. Banner Hill, an estimable woman of the Campbell section. The deceased had been ill for some time. She was aged about 25 years and is survived by her husband and two small children.

Messrs. J. H. Nelson and Monroe Fagg, of Peters Creek township, were here today enroute home from Walnut Cove. The former stated that he was very proud to believe that his section was soon to have a road so that he could get out from home with a little more ease.

Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Petree and son, Elmo, left yesterday for a six-week's visit to Oklahoma. They expect to spend some time with their daughters, Mrs. Dr. C. W. Martn, at Elgin, and Mrs. Dr. Willie Joyce, at Fletcher, and their son, Mr. Frank Petree, at Altus, Oklahoma. They will probably also visit the brother of Mr. Petree, Mr. Jacob Petree, in Compton, Arkansas, before returning home about July first.

**Announcement.**

To the Republican Voters of Stokes County:

I desire to announce myself a candidate for Sheriff, subject to the approval of my friends in the precinct primaries and the county convention.

In 1918 I was a candidate for the same position, and received the required majority to nominate, but for legal and technical reasons I was advised to withdraw, which I did, and this gave the nomination to Mr. E. O. Shelton, and I might say, I did this with the unexpressed understanding that in 1922 I would again ask you for your support for the same position.

I must again thank you for your very cordial support you gave me in 1918, and assure you that I will appreciate very much all my friends may do for me in the coming campaign. If you nominate and elect me Sheriff, I will strive honestly to do my whole duty according to law.

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**SHOW TRUCKS STUCK IN MUD**

**Elephants Drag Them Out and Up the Hill—Stokes Is Complimented On Her "Dryness" By Show Manager.**

The Haag circus which exhibited here Thursday left early Friday for Sandy Ridge with its long train of 40 or 50 heavily loaded trucks and wagons. They came to Danbury over the State highway from Walnut Cove and had no trouble in reaching this place, but when they began the ascent of the big river hills leading to Sandy Ridge Friday morning they found plenty of trouble, for the entire show was soon stuck in the red clay on the hills. But here was where the elephants with the show played their part. Behind the foremost trucks the showmen put an elephant to each one to push it up the hill and out of the mud, but it was soon found that this would not do as the animals almost pushed them over the embankment, and so log chains were fastened around the elephants necks with wire cable fastened to the chains and the trucks and every vehicle was soon literally dragged up the hill without the least effort on the part of the huge animals. Those who witnessed the performance were amazed at the ease with which the heavy trucks were dragged through the deep mud and up hill at that.

The managers of the circus, which exhibited at several places in the county last week, stated that there was less drinking in this county than any they had visited for some time.

**Announcement.**

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Stokes county, subject to the action of the Republican primary and convention. The support of the Republican voters of the county will be appreciated.

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**MUST CUT OUT GRADE CROSSINGS**

**Railroads Discuss Matter With State Highway Commission. Haven't Got Necessary Funds To Do the Work.**

Raleigh, May 5.—The highway commission is holding a conference with a number of railway officials regarding the elimination of grade crossings on the roads that are being constructed in the State. There is ample law on the statute books to require the railroads to eliminate all of these grade crossings, but the railroad officials declare the roads are unable to raise the money to meet this additional expense.

The North Carolina law has never been tried out in the courts, but the decisions on similar laws going to the supreme courts from other states uphold the validity of similar laws, and it is believed there is little possibility of an adverse decision on the North Carolina grade crossing law.

The railroads point out to the commission that in addition to being unable to secure the money with which to eliminate all of the grade crossings in North Carolina, the work of the commission in constructing roads is taking business away from the roads.

Some of the railroad officials who were here for the conference were willing to assume their part of the obligation for eliminating many grade crossings if the State could find a way to finance the work. They declared that they did not know where they could get the money because the bankers were not anxious to lend money for additional investments by the railroads of the country.

**LAWYERS ROAST COUNTY OFFICERS**

**C. O. McMichael and W. Reade Johnson Raising A Dust In Rockingham County This Week.**

Leaksville, May 8.—Developments verging on the sensational have grown out of the special session at Wentworth. What at first seemed to be an ordinary session of court called to clear up a congested docket has developed into an arraignment of conditions existent in Rockingham county.

Attorneys C. O. McMichael and Johnson, of Winston-Salem, have been unusually severe in their criticism of the conduct of the county officers, and have gone so far as to say that the "Prussian Army had nothing on the officers of the law in Rockingham county."

It was brought out in court this morning through testimony on the stand that one of the deputies is drawing \$1,500 per year from a local mill in addition to the fees he collects as deputy, which, it is said, have been unusually large during the past few months.

As a means of bringing about arrests for blockading in this county the officers, it is alleged, have resorted to obstructions placed in the road at night to halt the passing motorists. Alleged brutal treatment on the part of the officers figures prominently in testimony presented in various cases tried for this offense.

Mr. Wallace Joyce, of Winston-Salem, spent the week end here with home folks.

**SHERIFF SANDS FREED OF BLAME**

**Solicitor Porter Graves and the Rockingham County Commissioners Hold Conference In Regard To Murder Case.**

Leaksville, May 8.—Following a conference between District Solicitor Porter Graves and the county commissioners of Rockingham county yesterday afternoon, and resultant presentation of data to the Superior court in session now Sheriff A. P. Sands, under indictment on charges of murder growing out of the death of young Albert S. Cook, of Winston-Salem was absolved of all blame in the crime.

Affidavits presented by Solicitor Graves, and testimony given on the witness stand, showed that Sheriff Sands was in Raleigh on October 3 and 4, and therefore could not have been at the scene of the shooting on the night of October 3. On the strength of this testimony all criminal charges against the officer were dismissed.

Sheriff Sands, with four of his deputies, were charged with shooting to death Albert S. Cook, of Winston-Salem, when the latter, with a friend, was passing through the county with about 60 gallons of liquor on the night of October 3.

Sheriff Sands has been made defendant in a damage suit for \$100,000 growing out of this affair, the charges being brought by the father of the dead man.

This suit stands, while the criminal charges against the four deputy sheriffs will be prosecuted to the limit, it is said.

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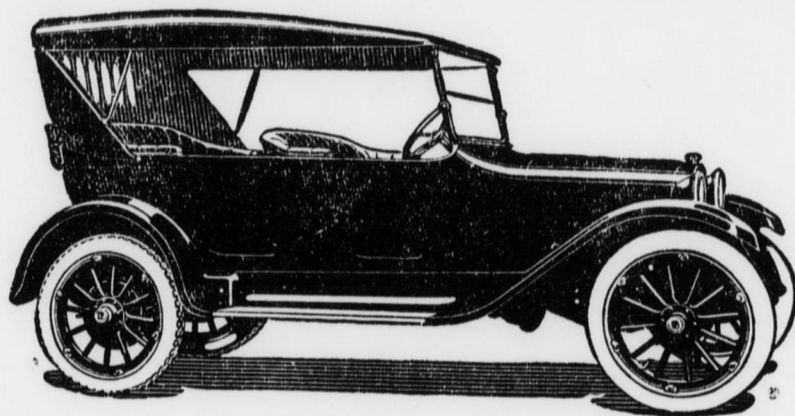
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