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REPORT OF N. S. MULLICAN

On Road Work Being Done In Stokes—Thinks All Townships Will Be Well Served With Funds In Hand.

County Highway Engineer N. S. Mullican has recently made the following report to the Stokes Board of County Commissioners in regard to the road work now being done in the county:

Contractor Bennett has completed the road around Grassy Knoll in Yadkin township and has moved to the Pine Hall-Dillard road. The road that contractor Bennett has just completed was one and six-tenths miles in length. Only about half mile was graded in order to relieve the heavy grade around the steep part of the knoll, but the entire road was surfaced with top-soil.

Another road now under construction in Yadkin township is the road near Pinnacle known as the Forsyth-Surry road. This road is two and one-tenth miles long and is to be soiled throughout. This work is being done by contractor Mikels. The work has not gone to sufficient extent on this last contract to give a very intelligent figure as to the cost of it. However, the cost of the entire Grassy Knoll job was a little less than \$2200.00.

The work of contractor Bennett on the Pine Hall-Dillard road is progressing very nicely. The soiling was started near Pine Hall and there has been four miles of the road completed. The cost of these four miles surface with soil is about \$2,000, or \$500 per mile. Only good grades of soil are being used and it is being placed on of sufficient depth to insure a good surface.

The two outfits that are doing the work on the basis of actual cost are making satisfactory progress and at a very gratifying cost. The Danbury-Hartman road being one on which the work is being done at cost, has been under construction now for about six weeks and they have completed about one and one-fourth miles of the road, and have nearly another fourth graded. The amount of excavation on this section of road was about 5120 cubic yards with a good percentage of hard pan rock. The grubbing has not been a large item, but there has been some. The teams and the tractor have worked right along together and therefore it is impossible to give the cost of the work of each separately, and we will give only the total cost of the road completed. The cost of the completed road is about 23 cents per cubic yard for either soil or excavation, or about \$1589.60 per completed mile of road. We consider this very satisfactory, considering the amount of rock in the excavation and also the trouble that was encountered for the first 4 weeks with the tractor. However, since the tractor is now running so much better and we are better organized we may be able to reduce the cost somewhat below what it has been up to the present time.

Work on the Flat Shoal-Capella road is also progressing satisfactorily. This is another one of the roads that are being built at actual cost. The tractor having been broken down for some time it has been on the job for only one week, but in that time the tractor and road machine have graded three-fourths of a mile of road. The amount of excavation is about 1700 cubic yards at a cost of about \$90, or a little more than 5 cents per cubic yard. The teams have been on this road for about three weeks and have moved about 6700 cubic yards on very rough ground. The distance graded was one and one-fourth miles between the top of the hill at Mr. Carrolls and the top of the hill at Mr. Gordon's, which consists of the roughest part of the entire road. The cost of the grubbing has been about \$150 and the cost of grading has been about \$1026, or about 15 cents per cubic yard. At this rate this road will not cost in excess of \$1200 per mile for grubbing, grading, draining and soiling, which will be an extremely good figure considering certain parts of the territory over which the road had to pass in order to secure a satisfactory location with reference to grade and alignment.

The survey work on the Lawsonville road, the Wade Mecum road and the Hairston Ford road is being

GETTING READY FOR STOKES FAIR

Prof. H. A. Carroll Is Principal Of King High School—Prof. Highsmith Puts School On Accredited List—Other News.

King, Sept. 11.—Work on Stone & Heilsbeck's new drug store and office building is well under way.

Miss Nell Hines, of Stoney Point, is spending a few days here with relatives.

Miss Alta Kirby, of Walnut Hills, returned home today after a stay at the sea side in Norfolk.

Mr. James Mitchell Boles, of Strasburg, Va., is spending a few days with relatives here.

Mr. Silas Barr, of Winston-Salem, was here on business today.

The High School opened here this morning with Prof. H. A. Carroll, of Mizpah, as principal, and six assistant teachers. There were 181 pupils in attendance at the opening session.

Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, State Supervisor of High Schools, was here last week and pronounced this an accredited high school. Students here can be prepared for college now.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Slate and Messrs. J. R. Hutchens and C. O. Boyles attended a Sunday School meeting at Lambsburg, Va., yesterday.

Prof. J. T. Smith and family will leave next week for California, where they expect to make their home.

Mr. S. S. Boyles, of Hamlet, spent Sunday with his parents near here.

Big preparation is being made here for the Stokes County Fair, which takes place this year Oct. 17 to 21. Arrangement has been made with a big fire works concern for a display each night. The J. L. Kronin Shows have been engaged, which will fill the midway with high class shows and amusements. They also have several of the latest riding devices. Everything points to the biggest and best fair ever held here. All white pupils attending public schools in Forsyth, Yadkin, Surry, and Stokes counties will be admitted to the grounds free on Oct. 17th.

Mr. Paul Johnson made a business trip to Winston-Salem today.

Farmers in this section are about through sowing tobacco.

Mrs. Anne Grabs went to Winston-Salem today on a shopping tour.

Prof. Smith To Leave For California

The many friends of Prof. J. T. Smith and family of King will learn with regret of their leaving for California, to make that distant country their future home. Prof. Smith has long been a prominent figure in Stokes county life. For many years he was head of the county's public school system, which he handled with ability and skill. The best wishes of our people go with the family to California.

Attorneys N. O. Petree and J. D. Humphreys visited Greensboro today on professional business.

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The ten-ton tractor has just completed its work of preparation of sub-grade for the soiling of the Pine Hall-Dillard road and is now doing a little maintenance work on a road up though Snow Creek and Peter's Creek townships, before starting the grading on the Hairston's Ford road.

Up to date there has been more work done in Yadkin and Beaver Island townships than in any of the other townships.

If the road work is not rushed too rapidly and is watched very carefully and the tractors are permitted to do all the work that a tractor is capable of doing and then see that the team outfits work on the most economical and efficient basis, there is no reason why every township shouldn't be well served with good roads from the present funds, and I believe it can and will be done.

N. S. MULLICAN,
Highway Engineer for Stokes Co.

J. H. SPEAS RAPS THE ANTI-CO-OPS

Asks Many Questions Of Those Who Would Fight Co-Operative Marketing—Success Of Association Assured.

Editors Reporter:

We are at the forks of the road. One sign says: To Co-operative Marketing; the other says: To the Same Old Auction System. No farmer can hesitate here but a few days. This is a very busy place for those who are fighting co-operative marketing, and we believe it should be for those who favor it. This being true we rise to submit a few questions to those pinhookers, speculators, warehousemen, warehouse pets and auctioneers, who are fighting so desperately from ambush, and for the consideration of the honest farmer who is yet hesitating.

1. Why should you fight? Why do you worry about what we do with what we have made by the sweat of our own brow under the scorching rays of the sun while you were resting serenely at some cool summer resort? Why should it be any of your business if we choose to place our tobacco (as one has said) in cold storage at the north pole and sell it to the Eskimos, or why should you care if we should reddy it under the blazing sun of the tropics and sell it to the Hottentots of the South sea islands?

2. In case you are going to fight, why is it that you do it all from ambush? Why is it that time after time in scores of places you sat as silent as dummies when challenge after challenge and invitation after invitation had been issued from the public platform for you to come out in the open and publicly defend your position as men?

3. If the auction system is the only way to dispose of tobacco, as you try to persuade farmers to believe, why is it that the R. J. R. and other big companies do not sell their finished product by this method?

4. Why is it that the merchant employs this wonderful method of dumping his goods only occasionally when he finds himself overstocked with old goods that must be moved regardless of price?

5. In case the auction system spells prosperity, comfort, and happiness for the tobacco producer why is it that there has been a constant increase in farm mortgages and tenancy throughout the tobacco belt during the last fifty years?

6. If co-operative marketing is the rotten, abominable thing you tell farmers it is (when you get them out one at a time), why is it that farm mortgages and tenancy has constantly decreased in California and Denmark, the real homes of co-operative marketing, during the last twenty-five years?

7. Why is it that the State bankers' association of California and of Kentucky endorse co-operative marketing after seeing it tried out in their own States?

8. If co-operative marketing of farm crops means lower prices, why did the prune growers of California sign a 7-year contract almost unanimously last year, upon the expiration of their first year's contract?

9. If it won't work with tobacco, why is it that thousands of farmers have signed in Kentucky this year who last year waited to see?

10. Why is it that in our sister State Virginia a larger per centage of farmers have joined our association than either North Carolina or South Carolina, if that little association of farmers up there, controlling only about 12 per cent of a 10,000,000 pound crop of sun cured tobacco made such a mess of things last year as the Tobacco Board of Trade of Winston-Salem would have us believe it did?

11. May I ask of the Board of Trade mentioned above (since you have been such a successful, kind, loving and affectionate guardian of the tobacco growers and never desire to be unfair in giving them advice, especially in regard to co-operative marketing), why did you go in among the members of the Sun Cured Growers' Association of Virginia last winter and drag out the sorriest individual bill that you could find and spend much money in having it published instead of getting the average price that this association had netted

TWO MEN TAKEN AT BLOCKADE STILL

Arrests Made By Deputy Cabel Joyce In Beaver Island Township—Still Also Captured and Beer Destroyed.

Len Smith, white, and Ernest Dalton, colored, were arrested Tuesday night at a blockade distillery near K-Fork, in eastern Stokes, by Deputy Sheriff Cabel Joyce, assisted by Luz James and Robert Joyce. The white man gave bond in the sum of \$300.00 and will be tried here Saturday. The negro was given a hearing here yesterday and put under a \$300.00 bond, which he was unable to give and was put in the county jail to await the October term of Stokes court.

The officers came upon the men at the still while they had the copper off the fire mending a leak that had appeared in the still. When arrested both men had Colt automatic pistols on their persons.

The still was taken and brought here to the jail, while six barrels of beer were poured out. No whiskey was found as the operators were just starting to make a "run" when the officers captured them.

its numbers and compare it with the price that non-members had received for the same crop on auction floor?

But since you preferred to use individual bills instead of dealing in averages, why was it that you did not take one of the many bills made out at Winston during the last two years, which failed to pay the warehouse charges, and publish it along with the bill from Virginia?

12. Will some one tell us just why tobacco doubled in price in Kentucky last year over the previous year?

13. Why is it that tobacco should bring three times as much in South Carolina this year as it did last year when the crop this season is much larger than the one last season?

14. If our association is a "peanut game," as rotten as dirt, and sure to go "cofunk" in less than six months, why should the War Finance Corporation trust us with thirty millions of dollars? Or why would such men as Mr. Patterson leave the American Tobacco Co. and come with us?

15. If you are sure that it will not last more than six months at the most, why are you spending so much time and cash fighting it? (Perhaps I should answer this one for you, because modesty on your part might make it slightly embarrassing for you.) Of course it is all because you are such a true, warm, loving and affectionate friend of the farmer and hate hate so much to see us gouged for this one year. You have cared for us so tenderly during the past 25 years that you know that we are not at all accustomed to pinches and in case we should get slightly pinched for this one year it would be so strange and so new that we would not be able to stand the shock.

15. Why is it that our entire State Department of Agriculture, our entire U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, every farm paper and journal throughout the entire country, nine-tenths of our Congressmen and Senators and our President himself endorse co-operative marketing with the strongest of terms at their command, and along with them such farmers as the late John Galloway and hundreds of thousands of other farmers who read and think for themselves? While on the other side we find warehousemen, warehouse pets, pinhookers, speculators, auctioneers and along with them the noted Dr. A. Q. Alexander, ex-president of the Farmers' Union, who has always been noted for knocking everything in sight that was progressive?

In conclusion let me suggest, fellow thinking farmer, that co-operative marketing has already made good here in our own State and many cases could be given where tobacco has been divided and the man on the inside got almost as much for his first advance as the man on the outside got altogether. And more than this, we have seen that the first advance through the association in South Carolina was more than the whole crop brought last year. The biggest question, however, with me is not so much what I get this first year or

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PERSONAL ITEMS OF WALNUT COVE

Meeting Of Missionary Society—High School Opens—Sunday School Picnic—Other News Items.

Walnut Cove, Sept. 12.—William L. Woodruff, of Wilkesboro, spent the week end here as the guest of the Woodruff family.

Ira Tuttle, of Elkin, was in town a short while Sunday.

Mrs. K. D. Shockley is spending some time in South Boston, Va., with her parents.

Edwin Carter, of Mt. Airy, was a Walnut Cove visitor Sunday.

The Young People's Missionary Society of the M. E. church held a very interesting and enjoyable meeting at the home of Misses Gladys and Eugenia Wheeler last Friday evening. A very interesting program was rendered, and during the social hour a tempting ice course was served. Those present were Misses Claude and Stella Rierson, Lucy Burton, Alma and Nellie Chilton, Willie Cates, Sadie Hutcherson, Messrs. Reeves Jones, and H. R. McPherson.

A. W. Davs, of Winston-Salem, was in town Friday afternoon.

Mrs. S. W. Rierson has returned home after several days stay with relatives at Stokesdale.

T. D. Meador, of Madison, spent Friday here on business.

Elder J. A. Fagg, of Winston-Salem, was in town Friday.

W. L. Nelson, who has been on the tobacco market at Fajrmont, has returned to his home.

Glenn Fair, who has been confined to his room for several days, is out again.

Misses Thelma and Carrie Moore Neal spent Monday afternoon in the Twin City.

J. A. Weisner, of the T. D. Meador Grocery Co. here, spent Saturday in Madison.

The high school opened here Monday morning. While the new building is not completed, comfortable quarters have been provided for the many students until it can be occupied. The trustees have been fortunate in securing a very competent corps of teachers for the work this session. Each teacher is well qualified and will leave nothing undone to make this year's work a great success.

The Parent-Teacher Association will aid a great deal this year in planning and helping to bring to pass great work for the school here this session.

Miss Bessie Mitchell spent the week end in Winston-Salem with Misses Nannie and Mollie Lasley.

Ralph and Marvin Slate left last week to enter school at Wake Forest. Misses Nina and Essie Morefield and Mary Dunlap spent Monday in Winston-Salem shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Davis spent the week end at Moore's Springs.

John G. Fulton, of the Stokes Grocery Co., spent Thursday in Winston.

The members of the M. E. church Sunday school enjoyed a very nice picnic at Dunlap Springs last Wednesday. Several cars and one truck carried the members over to the springs. A bountiful supper was spread and the occasion was enjoyed by all the members and the visitors in attendance.

Eugene Dodson is spending a few days in Richmond, Va.

Little Miss Ethel Nelson has been right sick but is some better now.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Sartin, of Winston-Salem, spent a short while here on Sunday with relatives.

Misses Nina and Essie Morefield were the week end guests of Miss Elizabeth Matthews at Leaksville.

The series of revival meetings, which have been in progress here at the Methodist church since Sunday week, will likely continue through the present week. Pastor J. J. Eads has been assisted in the meetings a part of the time by Rev. C. E. Crist, of Winston-Salem. There have been several professions and two additions to the church so far, and much good has no doubt been accomplished.

Mrs. R. A. Joyce and Miss Nellie Joyce, both of whom will teach in the graded school at Winston-Salem, left this week to enter on their duties.

CONTRACTS LET FOR SCHOOL HOUSES

At Meadows and Pinnacle—R. A. Hedgecock Is Lowest Bidder—Work Started Monday—Total Cost About \$30,000....

Contracts were awarded the past week to R. A. Hedgecock by the Board of Education for the erection of the school buildings at Meadows and Pinnacle. The contracts specify that the buildings are to be completed by Jan. 1, 1923.

The Meadows building will be a frame structure, with six rooms and auditorium, contract price being approximately \$10,000.00.

The Pinnacle building will be of brick with six rooms and auditorium. The contract price on this building is approximately \$20,000.00.

At Meadows there will be 220 children enrolled, and five teachers will be necessary. The Pinnacle school will have practically the same number of pupils with five teachers also.

Contractor Hedgecock started work Monday on the Meadows building.

Messrs. R. R. King and other local hunters had an exciting fox race near town early Monday morning, one fox being caught in the race and another being torn to pieces by the dogs before the hunters arrived.

Mr. Golden Riddle, of Germantown, visited friends here Sunday.

BOX COMPANY MOVES MACHINERY

Walnut Cove Industry Will Locate In High Point—High School Opened Monday—Personal Items.

Walnut Cove, Sept. 12.—The American Collapsible Box Co. loaded their machinery Thursday for shipment to High Point, where the plant will be located in the future. The building has been sold to the Co-operative Tobacco Marketing Association, and some additions will be made to it at once to have it in readiness for the opening of the tobacco season.

The high school here opened yesterday with excellent attendance, however the attendance will be larger a little later on. Prof. E. F. Duncan, who was here last year, is principal again this time.

E. O. Creakman, who has recently been undergoing treatment at Winston-Salem hospital for blood-poison, returned home Saturday, much improved.

Rev. J. R. Mallet, former rector of the Episcopal church here, and who is now serving a Wilmington church, is spending a few days here visiting friends. He is accompanied by his sister.

Rev. J. T. Rattleidge, pastor of the M. E. church here, is engaged in a series of revival meetings at Pine Hall.

Rev. C. G. Smith Leaves.

Rev. C. G. Smith, who has been spending several months in Danbury as supply pastor of the Presbyterian church here, leaves next Monday for Richmond where he will finish his preparation for the ministry at Union Theological Seminary. Mr. Smith has recently held a number of successful meetings in the county at Sandy Ridge, Vaden's School House and other places, at which there were a number of conversions and additions to the church.

Mr. Smith's stay in Danbury has been very pleasant to our people to whom he has greatly endeared himself.

The Tobacco Crop.

In another week the tobacco crop will be practically all housed and cured. Most farmers are finishing up this week. Cures are reported in a majority of cases as unusually good. Weight is about the average.

The tobacco warehouses in Winston-Salem will open for the sale of leaf next Tuesday. Announcements of the warehouses indicate that they are expecting prices to be good. A number of farmers in this section expect to carry down truck loads on the opening day and try out the market. The crop in this section is said to be exceptionally fine.