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## PENSION CHECKS FOR EX-SOLDIERS

Being Sent Out To Old Confederates of Stokes This Week—Number Grows Less Each Year.

The pension checks for the old Confederate soldiers were sent out last week by the State to the clerks of the Superior court in the hundred counties of the State.

The checks for the Stokes confederates were received by Clerk of the Court Fagg last week and are being mailed out this week.

The old soldiers now receive checks twice each year. There are fifty-eight in the fourth-class in Stokes and none in the 3rd, 2nd or 1st classes. The fourth-class receive \$52.50 semi-annually.

In the county there are 72 widows in the fourth-class and one in the first-class.

The total amount paid to soldiers and widows in Stokes is about \$6,900.00 for each six months.

Each year the number of soldiers and widows in the State grows less, as the old veterans are rapidly answering the final roll-call.

## Stokes Commissioners May Buy Mules

It is learned that the county commissioners are considering the purchase of a number of teams with which to do road work in the county. The work now being carried on is all being done by contractors who are furnishing their own teams. The proposed plan of buying teams would probably not interfere with the contract work being done, but the new equipment would be put on other roads to be built.

## Death of Mrs. McBride.

Mrs. Cleve McBride, who resided four miles north of Walnut Cove, died Saturday after an illness of a short time with influenza. She was aged about 24 years and is survived by her husband and several children, as well as a number of other relatives.

## County Commissioners In Special Session

The Board of County Commissioners were in special session at the court Saturday, settling with ex-Sheriff H. D. Turpin.

## Former Stokes Lady Dies In High Point

Mrs. Thelma Hylton, wife of Mr. Tom Hylton, died Friday morning at her home in High Point, following an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Hylton are natives of Stokes, having removed to High Point a few years since.

The remains were brought to Stokes and interment made at the family burying ground near Campbell on Saturday.

## STUART MAYOR IS VINDICATED

Former Stokes Man Made Member Virginia Board Of Health—Other News Of Our Neighbor County Of Patrick.

Stuart Enterprise. The theft of 50 gallons of brandy from the office of Mayor F. P. Burton sometime ago was aired and completely investigated at this term of the circuit court.

Judge Clements announced from the bench that from what he had seen in the newspapers and had heard since coming here concerning this matter, that in justice to both the officers on whom suspicion had been cast and the commonwealth as well, it should be thoroughly investigated, and he delivered a special charge to the grand jury to make such investigation and report their findings to the court.

On Wednesday afternoon and Thursday the grand jury heard a number of witnesses on the matter and returned an indictment against Mayor F. P. Burton for storing and transporting ardent spirits and against Constable B. P. Phillips for aiding and abetting in the theft of the liquor, and against Hunter Eanes for the theft of the liquor in question. It should be stated at this point that there was not a syllable of evidence introduced before the grand jury charging either of the officers with participation in the crime but the indictments were returned purely upon hearsay, largely as a result of skilfully conducted propaganda against the officers and by a divided vote of the grand jury.

Mayor Burton and Constable Phillips immediately appeared in court and demanded trial at once of the charges brought against them, and this was granted by the court. However, the attorney for the commonwealth asked that the cases be laid over until Monday, Dec. 11th, to give him time to summon witnesses, which was granted.

On Monday the defendants appeared again, delayed on motion of the prosecution on the grounds that Hunter Eanes, a witness against the officers, had not been found. He was brought into court Tuesday afternoon, and the cases were put on trial. No jury was called, but the cases were presented directly to Judge Clement himself. The commonwealth introduced two witnesses against Phillips, namely T. C. Barksdale and W. S. Gilbert, and one witness against Burton, namely Hunter Eanes. At this point the Judge announced that the commonwealth had failed absolutely to make any case against the defendants, that it was not necessary for the defendants introduce any testimony and that the charges against them were dismissed.

The friends of these officers, who have been very active in enforcing the prohibition law in this county, will be glad to learn that they have been thus com-

## STOKES MEN GET INTO TROUBLE

John A. Young and Ross Gann Reported To Have Been Arrested By Federal Prohibition Officers Last Week.

Reports reaching here this week are to the effect that John A. Young and Ross Gann, prominent citizens of Beaver Island township, Stokes county, were arrested near Sandy Ridge one day the past week by Federal prohibition agents when ten gallons of whiskey was found in the car they were driving. It is also learned that the men were given a hearing at Madison and placed under bonds of \$500 each. The car was also seized, it was reported.

John A. Young is a former deputy sheriff of Beaver Island township, having served under both Sheriff Shelton and Sheriff Turpin, while Ross Gann is a prominent merchant and farmer of the same community.

## Work Started On Road To Campbell

One of the county's road forces was last week placed on the road leading from Lawsonville to Campbell and on to the Virginia line. One of the county's big tractors and several of the county prisoners are at work on the road.

pletely vindicated and the charges against them found to be utterly without foundation.

The case against Hunter Eanes was continued until the next term of court upon motion of the defense.

Com'th vs. Roy Tatum, indicted for murder of Ernest Gray, tried by jury and sent to the penitentiary for 15 years. Cutler Hylton indicted in connection with the same crime, was sent to the penitentiary for five years by agreement and George Hill given six months in jail also by agreement.

In this connection it might be stated that there are now eight prisoners in jail here awaiting transportation to the penitentiary.

An injunction was granted against L. P. Grogan restraining him from selling any more of his tobacco outside of the Organization.

Our townsman, Mr. T. J. George, received a communication from Governor Trinkle last week advising him of his appointment as a member of the State Board of Health for the fifth Congressional District. It is learned that this honor came very unexpectedly to Mr. George.

The State Board of Health has charge of all the health and sanitary work carried on in this State under the chairmanship of Dr. Ennon G. Williams.

The friends of Mr. George have been urging him for member of the State Highway commission for which he is well qualified and this section of the State is clearly entitled to representation.

## KOHLLOSS WANTS MORE OFFICERS

With An Officer For Each County He Thinks There Can Be Real Enforcement of the Prohibition Laws.

Salisbury, Dec. 16—"If the federal prohibition force in North Carolina were doubled and state and county officials doubled their resolution to co-operate with us, it would be possible to have a real enforcement of the Volstead act," R. A. Kohloss, federal prohibition director for North Carolina, declared today.

Instead of approximately 50 men operating in different sections of the state, the enforcement brigade should be large enough to place a man in each county, the director said.

"Making raids is one of our easiest duties when compared with others," he continued. "The difficult job is obtaining correct information as to the location of stills, bootleggers and liquor runners. With our men on the jump most of the time, we are handicapped in this respect.

"At present we are centering our operations in the western part of the state, and in many counties are receiving excellent co-operation from county and state officials."

Reports from Washington officials are to the effect that prohibition enforcement in North Carolina leads a number of other states and that the year's operations will establish a record here.

"With our force doubled," said the director, "and with every county and state official cooperating with us, we could better our present record and show other states a real, far-reaching enforcement of the dry laws."

## Ill In Hospital At Winston-Salem

Manie Stephens, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Stephens, of Route 1, who recently shot himself in the arm accidentally and was carried to Lawrence hospital in Winston-Salem, is reported to be desperately ill with pneumonia.

## Announcement.

Owing to rain, The Old Maid's Club will be given again at Flat Shoal school house Wednesday night, Dec. 27, 1922, at 7 o'clock. If it is raining Wednesday night it will be given the first clear night. Hot chocolate, coffee, cake, pies and sandwiches served after play. Everybody is invited.

MRS. MILDRED ALLEY, Teacher.

The Danbury school closed December 20th for the holidays and will open Jan. 2, 1923. Miss McCollum will spend the holidays at her home near Reidsville, and Miss Morefield will spend the Christmas at Walnut Cove and Greensboro.

H. H. Leak, cashier of the Bank of Stokes County at King, was a business visitor here today.

## ASK LEGISLATURE FOR \$15,000,000

To Recommend Three Cent Tax On Gasolene—Legislative Committee Of Highway Commission Holds Meeting.

Raleigh, Dec. 15—The state highway commission will ask the general assembly to increase the state highway bond issue from fifty to sixty-five million dollars, increase the tax on gasolene from 1 to 3 cents on the gallon, place all interest money from highway funds to the exclusive credit of the commission for its own use and empower the commission to compel the construction of underpasses or overpasses at dangerous grade crossings and to force the railroads to pay one-half the cost of construction.

The legislative program was agreed upon at a meeting today of the commission's legislative committee, composed of chairman Frank Page, Gov. Rufe A. Doughton, W. A. McGirt, J. Elwood Cox and W. C. Wilkinson. Presentation of the program to the general assembly has been left by the committee to Chairman Page. Governor Doughton and the commission's attorney, Walter Cahoon.

The committee took no action on Governor Morrison's recently announced proposal to ask the general assembly to provide a sinking fund to meet state bonds as they come due. It was explained that a majority of the commission favor the principal of the sinking fund but look upon it as purely a legislative matter and not falling within their realm of recommendations.

The legislative committee met especially to prepare its program for the next legislator but while in session it authorized two pieces of road work entirely as a means of relieving the labor problem at New Bern as the result of the recent fire. Commissioner Cameron procured authority for a ten-mile hard surfaced stretch from Ft. Barnwell to Jasper, east of New Bern, to cost \$300,000 while Commissioner McGirt received authorization for the construction of a 15-mile stretch, sand-clay, between Jacksonville and the Jones county line costing approximately \$150,000. Contracts for these stretches will be let in January. The Fort Barnwell-Jasper stretch nearly completed the hard surface authorization from Raleigh through to New Bern, while Commissioner McGirt's new road will open construction on the entire highway from Wilmington to New Bern, the other stretches being now under contract.

The increase in the bond issue had previously been decided upon by the commission in order to wind up odds and ends of the highway program but today's action brings it definitely into the general assembly's program of work. The tax increase on gasolene is for the purpose, it was announced of fully providing payment of expenses of the com-

## TOBACCO SALES FOR THIS YEAR

Average Price In North Carolina So Far this Year Has Been \$27.66 Per Hundred Pounds.

Raleigh, Dec. 16.—The independent tobacco markets operating in North Carolina this year have reported 166,600,589 pounds of producers' tobacco sold to December 1. Last season the producers' sales, to the same date, were 179,601,628 pounds, when all the farmers' tobacco was being disposed of at the sales of warehouses.

The average price of all sales for the season, to date, is \$27.66 per hundred. Last season all sales for the year averaged \$24.57 per hundred, or three cents per pound less than this season.

## King News Items.

King, Dec. 18.—Fred E. Shore, who has been very sick at his home for several days is able to be back on the job at his store.

L. R. Newsum's new home south of town is nearing completion.

S. W. Pulliam has purchased from J. E. Newsum ten acres of farm land lying just west of town, consideration \$1500.

## Personals From Sandy Ridge

Sandy Ridge, Dec. 11—People around here are very busy fixing for Christmas.

Misses Nannie Ethel Mitchell and Mr. Fred Mitchell, of Dillard, spent the week end with Miss Georgianna Hawkins.

Those who visited Miss Nellie Wall Sunday were Misses Vera Berry and Fannie Wall; Messrs. Joe Stultz, Tallie Martin and Jim Ward.

Those who visited Miss Nannie Steele last Sunday were Misses Alpha Hutcherson, Iunice and Fannie Steele; Messrs. Carless Martin, Otis and Harry Steele.

mission, interest on the bonds and the maintenance of an adequate fund to keep up the constructed roads without resorting to an ad valorem tax.

The law the commission wants empowering it to force the construction of underpasses and overpasses will provide that "when it becomes necessary to avoid danger to life, property or limbs of citizens" on state highways to construct overpasses or underpasses the commission shall have the power to compel the railroads to construct it upon the condition that the commission itself agree to pay one-half the cost.

The commission will also ask additional powers to enforce regulations of the commission, and several minor changes in the highway act as now constituted will be asked to clarify the statute and empower the commission to more fully execute the demands of the law.