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THE NEW STATE LIQUOR LAW

Judge Hartman, of Winston-Salem, Gives Interpretation Of New Law—Judge Stack Concur In The Opinion.

Winston-Salem, March 13.—The prohibition law enacted by the general assembly of North Carolina is the source of a great deal of comment in all parts of the State, according to the press. Particularly is this true of Winston-Salem, where the first week-end after the act went into effect caught fifteen or twenty men on two charges, those of being drunk and having whiskey off their premises. There has been considerable speculation concerning the interpretation that will be given the new law by the various judges of the State, and because of this Judge W. V. Hartman, of the Winston-Salem municipal court, was asked to give his interpretation of the law. After careful study of the law Judge Hartman has given out the interpretation that he expects to place upon the act in the trial of cases that come before him.

Judge Hartman holds that it is unlawful for a person to receive or have any amount of liquor except in his home, or the place used and occupied as home, and that the possession of any quantity of liquor is prima facie evidence that it is being kept for the purpose of sale. But, it is not unlawful to possess liquor in one's private dwelling when same is used and occupied by him as a dwelling only—provided such liquor is for use only for the personal consumption of the owner of the home and his family residing in such dwelling, or for his bonafide guests when entertained therein.

But in construing the law, Judge Hartman calls attention to Section 2, which provides that the whole act may be construed liberally, and that the first part of Section 10, making possession prima facie evidence that liquor is being kept for the purpose of sale, puts the burden on persons keeping such liquor in their homes to show or satisfy the court that the liquor is not being kept in violation of the law.

Judge Hartman further calls attention to the fact that it will be impossible for home consumers to possess liquors without violating the law, unless the liquors were stored prior to the ratification of the act on March 1 of this year, as it was made unlawful to purchase or transport liquors after the law went into effect, except for non-beverage purposes, as provided for in title two of the national prohibition law.

It will be of interest to a great many people to know that Judge A. M. Stack, of Monroe, who is now holding Superior court in Greensboro, has given the law the same interpretation that Judge Hartman has and that he is inflicting heavy punishment on persons convicted.

STOKES OFFICERS GET 20 PER CENT

From Sale Of Cars Captured With Whiskey On Them—Constable Mack Wall Is First To Get A Bonus.

In order to encourage the capture of automobiles carrying whiskey, the Stokes Board of Education, at its recent meeting here, made an order that twenty per cent of all money turned into the school fund from the sale of automobiles captured with whiskey on them be paid to the officer making the capture of such automobile.

Constable Mack Wall, of Beaver Island township, who captured the Buick car that was sold here a few days since, is the first officer to profit by this new order of the Board. The car brought \$432.00 and Mr. Wall was awarded 20 per cent of the amount in addition to his regular fees in the case.

This offer of the county school board is calculated to cause some of the officers to keep a closer watch for whiskey cars that might be passing through Stokes.

A REMINDER TO PARENTS

They Should Not Blame Teachers For Failing To Make Good Pupils From Children Who Haven't Had Home Training.

In the discharge of my duties as a member of the Stokes County Board of Education I hear a lot of criticism of all the school officers and teachers. Children are showing less respect for their teachers by disobeying the rules, and it is an admitted fact that the discipline of our schools is not on the high plane that it should be.

Now, the question arises, is it the teachers fault or the parents? The great trouble today is that we are not taking enough interest in our children. Selfish parents believe that after birth their duty to their children is ended. They believe children should be allowed to grow up like weeds in the field, to go any where they like, when they like, stay as long as they like and do what they want to do. And the over-indulgent parent realizes his mistake when the boy or girl violates the laws of the State or society and the name of the family has been disgraced. The damage has been done, and it is too late to remedy the mistake. If good citizenship is to be encouraged and crime diminished, the adult population of our county must take greater interest in the growing children and see that they receive the necessary training in their homes, and insist that one day out of every week they attend some religious gathering and get the benefit of the teachings of God's law. Statistics have proven that two thirds of the crimes committed are by persons between the ages of 16 and 21 years, and their downfall is due largely to the lack of religious training.

It is surprising to know how few boys and girls of today understand the ten commandments. They are the rules of conduct that should and must be known. If all the boys and girls observed and followed them they would undoubtedly be and remain good citizens.

We must not expect our teachers to make good, obedient and law-abiding citizens of our children if we fail in our duty as parents to teach them the fundamentals of respect and obedience.

J. L. CHRISTIAN.

TWO PATIENTS GO TO HOSPITAL

Miss Ray Venable Will Go To Sanatorium—Son Of Jap Bennett Taken To Winston-Salem Hospital—King News.

King Route 2, March 12.—Miss Ray Venable, of Pinnacle, will start to State Sanatorium within a few days, where she goes in the interest of her health. Miss Venable has a host of friends who wish for her a speedy recovery.

Dr. S. F. Tillotson carried the son of Mr. Jap Bennett to a Winston-Salem hospital for treatment Sunday.

Mr. M. A. Smith, who has been confined to his bed for seven weeks with rheumatism, is improving and wishes for a few warm days so he can get out once more.

The road leading from C. H. Boyles' store via M. D. Ham's to Chestnut Grove will be completed in the near future. The completion of the road will be a great benefit to this community.

Mr. Noah Fulk is teaching a singing school at Olive Grove church.

The protracted wet weather is causing the work on the farms in our section to get behind.

SCRIBBLER.

To Appoint List-Takers First Monday In April

It is announced elsewhere in this paper that the county commissioners will on the first Monday in April appoint the tax listers in the various townships of Stokes, and that applications for this position should be filed with the Board at once.

ROAD CONTRACTS TO BE LET APRIL 5

State Will Award Nearly 200 Miles More—This District Gets Only About 7 Miles—Commission Meets this Week.

Raleigh, March 13.—Nearly 200 miles of new highway construction, representing every district in the State, will be placed under contract April 3, when bids are to be opened on 23 new projects, aggregating 111 miles of modern hard surfaced road, 18.87 miles of penetration macadam, 48.91 miles of gravel, and three projects for the construction of bridges and railroad crossings.

The approximate cost of the 23 projects will be in the neighborhood of four million dollars, bringing the aggregate of expenditures and contracts made by the highway commission since Frank Page became chairman to very nearly fifty million dollars and to the total mileage built or contracted for to nearly three thousand miles. This is the second big letting for the present year.

More than 300,000 barrels of cement will be required in the construction of the 111 miles of hard-surfaced road to be let, and just where and how to get that much cement immediately is the problem that concerns the commission just now. The entire country is in the midst of a cement famine, and mills are unwilling to make new contracts until present obligations have been met.

Chairman Page has already bought the entire output of two of the largest mills in the country, and has contracted for half the output of a third to be applied to contracts already outstanding. These mills, as well as others not under contract with the State, were forced to suspend operations for months during the past year, for a time on account of the coal strike, and later by the railroad strike.

Reserve stocks usually held on hand were entirely depleted, and although conditions in the industry have returned to something like normal, during the past few months, the demand is greater than the supply. Retail dealers for the past several weeks have been unable to obtain cement under any conditions. Work on roads and buildings in many sections has been suspended on account of the cement shortage.

The State Highway Commission will meet in Raleigh on Thursday and Friday of this week, when the chairman of the Board will lay new road problems before the meeting. Plans for the distribution of the new fifteen million dollar bond issue will be discussed, and district commissioners will begin work on selecting the roads to which they desire their part of this money to be directed.

Two new members will sit with the commission at this week's session. A. S. Hanes, of Winston-Salem, will come in the place of Representative R. A. Doughton, who resigned to take his seat in the General Assembly, and A. M. Kistler, of Morganton, will succeed John C. McBe, of the eighth district, who resigned Jan. 5.

The contracts to be let in this (the 7th) district are as follows:

Ashe county, project No. 713, 3.53 miles, between Jefferson and Orion, Hardsurface.

Caldwell county, project No. 723, 3.54 miles, Patterson to Watauga county line. Penetration macadam.

S. W. Alley and family will remove from Hartman to Winston-Salem this week. Mr. Alley has accepted a position with a mercantile firm in the Twin City.

E. R. Nelson, one of the strongest good roads advocates of the county, was here from Piedmont Springs yesterday. Mr. Nelson is a former highway commissioner of this township.

County Highway Superintendents M. D. Linville and Frank Tilley were among those who visited Danbury Monday.

Dr. R. G. Tuttle, of Walnut Cove, was here professionally yesterday.

JOHN A. BURTON SERIOUSLY ILL

Walnut Cove Investigating the Power Sites On Dan River—Home Place of Dr. J. W. Slate Purchased By E.A. Rothrock.

Walnut Cove, March 13.—The home place of Dr. J. W. Slate, which was sold at auction here Saturday, was purchased by E. A. Rothrock at the price of \$4200.00. Several lots adjoining the home place were also sold and brought good prices. It is learned that Dr. Slate and family will remove to High Point. The people of this community will regret very much to see these good people leave. Dr. Slate is interested in the box-making plant which was some time since removed from here to High Point, and it is learned that he had assumed entire management of the plant.

The town commissioners here are having several power sites on the Dan river investigated by engineers with a view to developing one of them and bringing electric current to Walnut Cove.

The many friends of Mr. John A. Burton will regret to know that he is seriously ill at his home here.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Episcopal church met with Mrs. J. H. Fulton Tuesday evening. This being a business meeting no program was carried out at the meeting. It was decided to have a supper and bazaar at the close of the Lenten season for the benefit of the church.

Mrs. C. J. Lamb and little daughter, Nancy Katherine, of Greensboro, and Mrs. Herbert Smith and daughter, Frances, of Liberty, are visiting Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Carter, of Mount Airy, spent the week end with Mrs. Carter's parents here, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Fulton.

Have We Been Tested?

On the first Monday of this month my husband brought a friend of his in to dinner. They came hurriedly, ate in a hurry and left in a hurry, but I was impressed with one thing the man said. That was that he was sending all his children to college and was also sending an orphan child who had finished high school. Later I was told that the man was a road-contractor and worked five hundred mules, and that he did not curse, use tobacco in any form or drink a drop of whiskey.

I said in my haste that I wish they would let him have all the road building in Stokes county. One mule is enough to make some folks bring forth the vilest oaths.

I was also told that it had been tried in every way to make him drink liquor, but that he was man enough at all times to refuse it.

My Christian friends, Satan and many of his followers were turned loose here in Danbury on last first Monday. They were here from the "four corners" of the county and many of them had brought (as they called it) their "tea" with them and they begged not only the old man to have a "sip" for "their stomach's sake" but the younger men and even the boys were invited to partake.

My dear friends, are we going to stand this? Or are we going "to come to the help of the Lord against might."

Let us, as God's children, use the Danbury Reporter more as a medium to warn our people against the danger of drink and other evils.

"Satan meets us on the threshold Of our secret place of prayer, To delude us and deceive us, Or he loads us down with care, To divert us from our purpose To insist some other way, Will be better far than simply To kneel down and humbly pray."

The novelists and poets make much of wine, but the "cup of cold water" has been hallowed by the words and lips divine.

There is hardly a form more frequently used than that "he took too much." We hear it even from temperance mothers.

I have frequently been told that we have mothers in Stokes county who like a little "tea" and sometimes

KING MAY HAVE LIGHTS AND POWER

Ernest Phillips Considering Proposition of Building A Power Plant On Little Yadkin River Near Dalton.

King, March 12.—Ernest Phillips, of Dalton, was here Saturday interviewing the business men of King relative to putting in a power plant on the Little Yadkin river, near Dalton, and furnishing the town of King with electric lights and power for manufacturing purposes.

Mr. Grady Southern, of Pinnacle, and Miss Ola Falk, of King, were quietly married here yesterday, Esquire Jas. R. Caudle officiating.

The King high school basketball team snatched a game from the Pilot Mt. team here Friday, the score being 17 to 8.

Jesse E. Falkenbury has purchased from Mr. Ruskin Holder a nice residence lot on east Main street, on which he will erect a nice residence in the near future.

Ovid Boyles, of St. Louis, is spending a few weeks with relatives here.

J. E. Slate and W. J. Johnson have purchased from G. E. Gravitt a lot in east King on which they will erect a modern new home. Work will be commenced and once and rushed.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Caudle, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday here with relatives.

H. W. Newsom is preparing to erect a new home on his farm west of town.

L. O. Pulliam, who holds a position with a Winston-Salem firm, and who is traveling the western part of the State, spent Sunday here with his parents.

Theodore Newsom, who is teaching at Oak Grove, spent Sunday with his parents in Walnut Hills.

Elsie Moser, who is building roads in the Vade Mecum section, spent Sunday with his family here.

Mrs. Lula Hutcherson, of Richmond, Va., is spending a few days with relatives here.

TEACHERS' SCHOOL FOR STOKES

Time and Place Not Yet Announced—R. K. Long, Of Yadkin Township, Charged With Violating School Law.

The Stokes Board of Education at its last meeting here made an order that a summer school for teachers be conducted in the county this year for a term of six weeks. The time and place for holding the school has not definitely been decided upon, but it is learned that it will likely be held at Danbury some time during July and August.

Supt. of Schools J. C. Carson thinks that there will be more of the teachers in attendance this year than attended last season's school, and there will probably be an additional instructor for the school. He hopes to make the school this year even better than last year's school.

It is learned that R. K. Long, a citizen of Yadkin township, is being charged with failure to keep his children in school and that a warrant has been issued in the case. A hearing in the matter will likely be had this week.

Miss Essie Morefield spent the week end with Miss Grace McCollum at the latter's home near Reidsville.

serve it. God pity them and pity us all who are not doing all in our power to stamp out this gigantic evil that is threatening, even under our splendid temperance laws, to rob us of being fit temples of the Holy Ghost."

Frances Willard used to say: The liquor traffic is protected by the peoples ignorance. . . . Go after it into the Sunday schools, and public school. Thus sayeth nature, thus sayeth reason, thus sayeth the Lord.

"To serve the present age, My calling to fulfill, O, may it all my powers engage, To do my Master's will."

(MRS.) J. SPOT TAYLOR.

HIGHWAY BOARD MET HERE MONDAY

Germanton-Meadows Road Will Be Widened—Several Delegations Ask For Roads—Funds May Be Exhausted When Projects Let Are Finished.

The Stokes Highway Commission was in session here several hours on Monday afternoon, members present being S. P. Christian, chairman; C. E. Davis, T. G. New, John D. Smith and C. D. Smith.

A number of delegations from different sections of the county appeared before the Board and asked for the improvement of the roads in their respective communities.

Frank S. Ross and other citizens of Meadows township asked that the highway from Meadows to Germanton be widened. The Board agreed to use the tractors on this road and widen it as soon as possible.

R. P. Glidewell headed a delegation from the Flat Shoal section who asked that a road be built from Danbury to Flat Shoal church to intersect with the Germanton road near the church. This matter was left open but the commissioners promised to give it further consideration at an early date.

D. V. Wood and others of the Hartman section requested that a road be built from Hartman directly east to some point near Wheeler James' to connect with the highway running from Dillard to Pine Hall. The distance is three or four miles, and the Board stated that this road would likely be built as soon as they get in position to take the matter up. This road, it was stated by the men asking for it, is a direct line from Danbury to Madison.

An order was made to let contract on April 16th for the construction of four small steel bridges with concrete floors and plans were drawn and notice of the letting advertised. The bridges will be located at the following points in the county: One over the south prong of Little Yadkin river in Yadkin township, one on the Chestnut Grove road in Yadkin township, one over Matthews creek on Germanton-Walnut Cove road, and one over little Belevs creek on the Craig road in Sauratowa township.

An order was made that contractor Cornatzer transfer his road force from the Boles road in Yadkin township to the Chestnut Grove road in the same township.

An order was placed by the Board for the purchase of two Ford cars with slip on bodies for the use of the maintenance forces of the county.

The road leading from Five Forks to the Forsyth county line in Yadkin township was declared a public road and subject to maintenance by the county.

The highway commission adjourned to meet again on the first Monday in April.

It was stated by members of the Board Monday that there would likely not be any more road contracts let at present as the contracts already awarded will likely consume all of the available funds of the county for road work. The Board is authorized to issue \$60,000 bonds this year for road building, but it is not known when this will be done. Judging from the number of roads being asked for in all sections of the county \$60,000 will be far from sufficient to build the roads asked for.

The Record Of The Ground Hog

A Danbury citizen took the pains to keep a record of the weather for forty days after the ground hog saw his shadow this year on Feb. 2, by making note on his calendar each day as to the kind of weather. The forty days expired yesterday and an examination of the calendar kept by the Danbury citizen shows that the forty days consisted of 27 days of fair weather, 7 days of rain, 3 days cloudy and cool and 3 days brought snow, hail and sleet. It is left to the reader to say whether or not the ground hog sustained his reputation as a weather prognosticator.