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CITIZENS DISCUSS TOWN'S FINANCES

Walnut Cove Tax-Payers Meet With Town Commissioners and An Interesting Session Follows.

Walnut Cove, Sept. 18.—On Tuesday night of this week about 50 of Walnut Cove's most prominent citizens attended the regular meeting of the town commissioners as a committee. G. L. Jarvis, Esq., made the opening address, laying the sentiment of the tax-payers before the commissioners in a most efficient manner. He stated that it was costing the town more to collect taxes this year than the total collections amounted to last year, and explained the exact financial position which we now occupy. Mr. Jarvis was assisted by Mr. J. R. Voss, who was backed up by facts and figures. The tax-payers generally are not aware of the fact that Walnut Cove has borrowed \$100,000.00 and that the interest amounts to \$6,000.00 annually, and that next year we must pay this amount as well as save up for a sinking fund to retire a bond in five years. If we had the dam built and the power and lights in Walnut Cove today we would not sell power enough to pay more than expenses for the running of same for first 5 years. J. G. Fulton spoke about the condition of the streets in Walnut Cove, only places where we hope some day to have streets. Dr. Neal expressed his sentiments in regard to the commissioners doing their duty. Said he thought they were fair minded, intelligent men and would listen to reason. W. G. Dodson was spokesman for the commissioners and admitted that they had employed a chief of police to collect taxes and keep order. He didn't deny that the town has to pay the officers \$1200.00 a year. Said officer admitted on question from Mr. Dodson that he had collected enough on special tax to about pay his expenses \$500 so far this year. It is very true the police has other duties than collecting taxes. In one day our former mayor and one of the last year's commissioners were arrested for speeding and that seemed to end the speed law as the writer has never heard of another arrest for speeding. We all make mistakes and every one hates to admit that they have done so. Any man that has a State, county or town office is a servant of the people they serve and any man that has made a success as an office-holder has been willing to listen to the requests of their constituents. Walnut Cove's charter states and gives the commissioners the right to appoint a constable and pay him for what he does. There is nothing in the charter that says they may hire an officer at a salary. The writer has nothing against Mr. Cooley, our officer. He is a good fellow.

TOBACCO MARKET PUTS OFF OPENING

Winston-Salem Warehouses Announce That Sales Will Not Start Until Oct. 2—Buyers Were Not Ready.

Winston-Salem, Sept. 19.—A meeting of the Winston-Salem tobacco association was held yesterday, at which time it was decided to postpone the opening of the local leaf tobacco warehouses until October 2. The date formerly announced for the opening was placed at September 25, but the change in the date was made at the request of T. W. Carrington, president of the tobacco association of the United States.

Mr. Carrington's reasons for postponing the date were brief and to the point. At this time the big tobacco buyers are on the warehouse floors in other tobacco belts, and will be unable to reach the local markets before the first week in October. It was pointed out that without a full quota of buyers on the market at the opening, the best prices could not be obtained for the farmers, and the local warehousemen quickly sensed the situation and postponed the opening until October 2, in order that the tobacco growers in this section may have all the benefits and increased prices by having a full quota of buyers on the market.

The tobacco crop this season is, according to experts, who have journeyed throughout the Piedmont, the largest and best ever grown. The seasons have been unusually good for tobacco growing and the weed is curing up with a splendid color, and possesses all the qualities that go towards bringing the top-notch prices on the market.

Tobacco curing has been under way for some time, and many farmers report "thousands of pounds of the golden leaf." A Stokes county farmer, stopping in the city recently said: "I have the best crop of tobacco this season that I have ever grown. It is remarkable how well it is curing and I firmly believe that the crop is bigger than it has been in years."

Geo. H. Charles, a former citizen of Stokes, was among the visitors here today.

Who wouldn't like to collect \$100 a month and nothing much to do? Walnut Cove is small town composed of God-fearing and law-abiding citizens and they do not need this added expense. Now let's all get together and do what's right. Let's get bigger—not smaller. Boost Walnut Cove.

Mrs. Mary A. Sanders, of Medford, Miss., is visiting her son, W. H. Sanders, Mrs. Lester L. Wolff, a visitor of Mr. Sanders, accompanied his mother on the trip. Mrs. Wolff's husband is connected with the Hope Webbing Co., of Providence, R. I., the largest narrow fabric mill in the world.

STOKES HAS REAL WAR MOTHER

Mrs. Dollie Wilson Wins This Distinction For North Carolina—She Had Nine Sons Subject To the Draft.

Editor Reporter:

Stokes county has the distinction of possessing the winner in the North Carolina War Mothers' contest.

Mrs. Dollie Wilson, widow of the late James H. Wilson, and who resides on her farm at R. F. D. 1, Pilot Mt., is the mother who it has been found, is entitled to this signal honor which was hoped for by many other mothers in North Carolina, who gave several sons to the cause.

The North Carolina American War Mothers' Association set about seeking the name of the Tar Heel mother who gave the most sons to her country during the recent World War. Some mothers gave as many as four and hoped to be declared the "War Mother."

Mrs. Wilson was nominated and the record she made forwarded for consideration. The matter was threshed out carefully, and she has just received a letter from Mrs. Hugh Montgomery, of Charlotte, which reads as follows:

"As you have perhaps heard, it has been decided that you are the North Carolina War Mother, who sent the most sons to the war. You are therefore invited to be an honor guest at Kansas City Convention of American War Mothers on Sept. 29th to Oct. 5th, inclusive, with all expenses paid."

Her record shows she had nine sons covered by the draft, and they responded as called for service.

Their names are in order of their ages, beginning with the oldest: Peter H. Wilson, C. Robert Wilson, Charlie F. Wilson, Jack T. Wilson, Floyd H. Wilson, Raleigh C. Wilson, Claude R. Wilson, Elijah L. Wilson and Elijah T. Wilson.

Elijah and Elijah are twins. Charlie, Floyd and Raleigh went to France. Elijah L., and Claude were in the camps, making five that were in uniform, Peter, Robert, Elijah T. and Jack were covered by draft but they were not called out after being registered.

Floyd was gassed and wounded by shrapnel. Raleigh was hit near his heart by shrapnel. The nine sons are all living.

Mrs. Wilson has one other living son, Roy, and five daughters.

Pictures of all the nine drafted, and that of the mother, have been forwarded for a group picture when the association wishes to arrange for same.

It will be interesting to learn how Mrs. Wilson's record compares with winners from other states, at the Kansas City convention, for her's will be hard to beat.

It is worthy of note, that while President Wilson was prosecuting the war with all his might, there were nine Wilson brothers toeing the mark in Stokes county ready at the word of command to demolish the enemy.

I. M. GORDON.

CLEMMONS' FORD ROAD SURVEYED

Will Begin At Once Survey Of Danbury-Walnut Cove Highway, Presumably With View To Hard Surfacing It.

The corps of State highway engineers, who have been engaged in surveying the Danbury-Clemmons' Ford road for several weeks, finished their work today and will begin at once the survey of the road between Danbury and the Forsyth county line at Fulp. This work will undoubtedly require several weeks and the engineers will be located at Walnut Cove while the survey is being made.

It is presumed that this highway is to be surveyed for the purpose of hard-surfacing the road, and the large number of citizens of the county who use this road are highly pleased over the prospect of having it hard-surfaced.

It is not known just what will be the next move in regard to the Danbury-Clemmons' Ford road, as two surveys of the road over different routes have now been completed. The people of the county are very anxious to see contract let for the building of the road.

Walnut Cove Personals.

Walnut Cove, Sept. 15.—Rev. O. E. Ward, of Winston-Salem, new pastor of the Missionary Baptist church, filled the regular appointment at that church Sunday morning and evening.

The Young People's Class of the Methodist church met at the home of Miss Sadie Hutchison Saturday evening. After the business part of the program the young people looked for articles hidden in the room. Miss Annie Rierson, who found the most, won the prize. Another contest was also given, Miss Elizabeth Wall being the winner. After the contests a delicious ice course was served.

Misses Annie Rierson, Willie Mae Catas, Elizabeth and Sadie Fulton left Monday for Greensboro where they will enter the North Carolina College for women.

Misses Myrtle Burge and Elizabeth Bailey spent Friday in Greensboro.

Miss Carrie Moore Neal left Wednesday for Salem College to resume her studies.

Ralph Slate, of High Point, was a visitor here Tuesday.

Miss Alma Chilton spent Thursday and Friday in Greensboro.

Miss Mildred Morefield left Wednesday for Greensboro where she will enter the N. C. C. W.

Miss Nellie Chilton and Evelyn Neal left Tuesday for Guilford college where they will attend school this year.

Dr. E. Fulp left Sunday for Johns Hopkins hospital to take treatment.

TEAM TAKEN WITH WHISKEY

Quaker Gap Deputies Bring In Outfit Captured Near Francisco Yesterday—Men Make Their Escape.

Deputies Henry Wright and Sam Nunn, of Quaker Gap township, yesterday captured two horses and a wagon on which was found about three quarts of whiskey, the load having been sold out before the officers got it. Two men accompanied the team but they made their escape. The outfit was brought here yesterday and turned over to Sheriff Dunlap, who is advertising it for sale in this paper on the first Monday of Superior court.

The officers are of the opinion that the men and team came from Virginia and that they have been bringing whiskey into Stokes for some time.

Smith-McCollum.

A marriage of interest to the people of the county occurred in Greensboro yesterday when Miss Grace McCollum became the bride of Mr. Ausby Smith, Rev. C. G. Smith, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Danbury, officiating.

The marriage of the young couple was not a surprise to their close friends as it has been known for some days that the event was to take place at an early date.

The bride who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. McCollum, of Rockingham county, taught in the public school here the past winter and has a host of friends here.

The groom is the assistant cashier of the Bank of Stokes County at Danbury, and is popular among a large circle of friends throughout the county.

The couple left immediately after the ceremony for a short trip, and upon their return will make their home in Danbury.

The following announcement of the marriage was received here today:

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. McCollum announce the marriage of their daughter, Emma Grace, to Mr. Raymond Ausby Smith, in Greensboro, N. C., Tuesday, Sept. 18th, 1923 7:30, p. m.

At home in Danbury, after September 24th.

Many Students At State University

Chapel Hill, Sept. 18.—Chapel Hill tonight is all agog with old and new students. More than one thousand matriculated on this, the first day of registration, according to the latest estimates. This breaks all records. Another thousand are expected tomorrow.

R.R. King and Posey Flinchum were out with "the pack" again last night and caught another fox near the Tan Yard farm, a mile west of Danbury. The race was a lively one but lasted only about 40 minutes.

HOMICIDE IN QUAKER GAP

Lacy Mechum, Foreman Of Road Construction Forces, Kills Negro Laborer In Self Defense.

Jeter Carter, col., was shot and killed Saturday in Quaker Gap township by Lacy Mechum, foreman of the road building forces engaged in the construction of the Reynolds school road in this county. The negro was a laborer in the employment of Mr. Mechum.

Immediately after the killing a corner's jury was summoned and an inquest held over the body of the dead man, resulting in the exoneration of Mr. Mechum, the jury finding that Mr. Mechum acted in self defense.

The negro, who was drinking, first fired several shots from his pistol at Deputy Sheriff J. R. Nunn, who chanced to be passing the road camp, and then opened fire on Mr. Mechum, who shot and killed the negro.

MAY ASK FOR TWO MAILS DAILY

Between Danbury and Walnut Cove—Would Greatly Improve Our Mail Service—People Want It.

Two mails daily between Walnut Cove and Danbury is being agitated by citizens here. It is learned that the postmasters as well as the people here and at Walnut Cove favor the movement, while Uncle Sam East, the carrier, is more than willing to make the extra trip.

Next month the postoffice department will again ask for bids on carrying the mail between this place and Walnut Cove for a term of four years and it is stated that now is the proper time to ask for the additional mail.

That an afternoon mail is badly needed is known to everyone who has given it a thought. Most of the mail coming to Danbury and going out from here by R. F. D. comes to Walnut Cove in the afternoon after our mail carrier has left there with the mail and it has to lay over until next day.

The postoffice department is endeavoring to render just as efficient service as possible and if our folks will ask for the additional mail after showing the facts it is reasonably certain that it will be granted.

Lost Barn Tobacco By Fire Monday

James Stephens, of Danbury Route 1, had the misfortune to lose a barn filled with good tobacco by fire early Monday morning about 4 o'clock. It was not known just how the barn caught fire.

Andrew H. Joyce, of the engineering force of the State Highway Commission, is visiting his parents here this week.