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PEOPLE TO CONSIDER COUNTY CONSOLIDATION

Mass Meeting Called At Court House in Danbury On Thursday, October 18--County Commissioners and Board of Education to Be Present--Question of Schools Now Paramount.

The Reporter is requested by the chairman of the Stokes County Board of Commissioners and the chairman of the Stokes County Board of Education to announce that there will be a mass meeting of Stokes county citizens and tax-payers at the court house in Danbury on Thursday, October 18, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of discussing county school consolidation.

At this meeting it is the idea of the authorities to obtain the will of the people on this paramount question now before the school patrons of the county. The Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education wish to carry out the will of the people, and the mass meeting is to get the consensus of opinion.

In five townships of the county there are now high schools, namely, Sauratown, Meadows, Yadkin, Quaker Gap and Beaver Island. In four townships there are no high schools, to-wit, Big Creek, Peter's Creek, Snow Creek and Danbury. The county's part of the cost of the high school buildings in the five townships enjoying them is being paid for under the new school law out of the general county tax fund. So that if the citizens of Big Creek, Peter's Creek, Snow Creek and Danbury do not want high schools, it will be their privilege to do without them, but they cannot escape the taxation necessary to pay the cost of the buildings in the five townships that do want them.

It is understood that a majority of the board of county commissioners and a majority of the board of education are willing to provide high school buildings in Big Creek, Peter's Creek, Snow Creek and Danbury, and help pay for the same out of the same general county funds, provided the people of the four townships want them, but if the four townships do not want them they will not be provided, and the townships of Big Creek, Snow Creek, Peter's Creek and Danbury are privileged to go on without them, and to continue to pay for the high school buildings in Sauratown, Beaver Island, Meadows, Yadkin and Quaker Gap.

It is hoped that a full and representative opinion may be obtained at the meeting, and every citizen and tax-payer will have a right to be heard.

The authorities are anxious to treat all township of the county fairly, and are quite willing to provide high school facilities in the northern townships at the public's expense as well as in the southern townships. But they do not mean to do so against the will of the northern townships.

Meeting Of Teachers Held Here Saturday

(Written for Reporter).

The teachers of Stokes county had their first meeting of the term at Danbury on Saturday, September 29. Prof. Carson, Supt. of Schools, opened the meeting with a short address of welcome. There followed short addresses by various teachers present. Prof. H. A. Carroll, Supt. of King High School, spoke on "Scholarship as an Element of Control." The main theme of his discourse was that the teachers could not present the subject perfectly without first being thoroughly familiar with it. Being thoroughly familiar with the subject, the teacher is able to keep an eye on the class and thus to keep the interest of every person. This eliminates the necessity of control.

Mrs. Wm. Voigt, also of the King school, gave some interesting points on teaching English in the grades. She impressed the teachers with the importance of making the subject interesting and of teaching those things which the students need; for example, making talks before the class and practicing the use of good English. Prof. Chilton, Supt. of Walnut Cove high school, spoke on the importance of teaching the students to do their work thoroughly. The principal of Pinnacle school talked on "the teaching of spelling in high school." Prof. Hunt, of Pine Hall, also gave a short talk.

Prof. Carroll, President of the local unit of the North Carolina Teachers' Association, took charge of organizing the unit the ensuing year. R. W. Slate, of Walnut Cove high school faculty, was elected President; Alma Chilton, of Walnut Cove, was elected Secretary-Treasurer. The teachers were urged to attend the district meeting of the unit to be held in Greensboro, Oct. 12 and 13.

Prof. Carson then took charge of the meeting to explain teachers' reports and other technical matters. After these were completed, the meeting adjourned to meet again on Oct. 27, at Danbury. Reading circle work will be begun at the next meeting.

Schools Opened In Stokes Monday

The public schools of the county opened Monday. The school here is being conducted by Misses Elizabeth Bailey, of Walnut Cove, and Rosa McCullough, of Mocksville. The attendance promises to be good.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fagg attended the Forsyth county Fair Thursday.

GOLD FOUND IN STOKES

While Building Road To Hanging Rock Development Men Discover Substance Which Closely Resembles Gold.

A substance thought to be gold was discovered yesterday in Saura Town mountain, according to information given out last night by D. D. Smith, the owner of the property, who is developing it for a summer resort. The discovery was made as men worked on the grading of a new road leading to the top of the mountain. The spot where the shiny metal was found is about two-thirds of the distance to the summit of the mountain.

Mr. Smith is not sure that the yellow material is gold, but its color, weight, and general characteristics indicate that it is the precious metal, he said. The vein of the metal was opened up to some extent after the discovery and appears to be very rich in the substance. Mr. Smith will have the metal tested at once to determine its species.

Mr. Smith learned several hours after the startling discovery was made that residents of Stokes county were confident that the mountain contains gold. One man especially seemed to know a good deal about the treasure supposed to be stored in the mountain, but for some reason kept still about it.

A Birthday Party.

Little Misses Miriam and Ellen Prather Hall entertained at a delightful party Saturday afternoon from three to five o'clock. Games were played and a contest was enjoyed in which Easley Joyce won the prize, a box of stationery.

Mrs. Hall and Miriam served ice cream, cake and candy. Those present were Walter and Hazel Petree, Fred and Emorie Pepper, Mary and William McCannless, Marjorie and Vance Pepper, Frances and Estelle Humphreys, Easley and H. M. Joyce and Nancy Lee Dunlap.

The Wonderful Horse.

Oh, horse, you are a wonderful thing; no buttons to push, no horn to honk; you start yourself, no clutch to slip; no spark to miss, no gears to strip; no license buying every year, with plates to screw on front and rear; no gas bills climbing up each day, stealing the joy of life away; no speed cops chugging in your rear, yelling summons in your ear. Your inner tubes are all O. K. and, thank the Lord, they stay that way; your spark plugs never make us fuss. Your frame is good for many a mile; your body never changes style. Your wants are few and easy met; you've some things on the auto yet.—H. R. Elliott in American Forestry.

Mr. T. J. Hutchens, of High Point, former citizen of Stokes, was a business visitor here today.

CO-OPS OPEN HOUSE NOVEMBER 1

Farmers In King Section Will Hold Tobacco For Opening of New House—Big Preparation For Fair Being Made.

King, Oct. 1.—Mr. Thomas E. Smith has purchased from Mr. L. J. Kiser a nice lot on which he expects to erect a nice home.

A force of brick masons went to work this morning laying the foundation for Dr. H. G. Harding's nice new home on West Main street.

Mr. Ulysses Boyles, of Pilot Mountain, ran his Chevrolet car into a telephone pole just north of here Friday, the car was turned over then caught on fire and burned up. The accident was caused by the steering gear getting out of order.

Messrs. James R. Caudle and E. P. Newsom have returned from the national encampment of The Spanish-American war veterans at Chattanooga, Tenn., they report a fine trip.

Work on Mrs. S. R. Slate's new home is well underway.

There will be speaking at the high school building here next Saturday night Oct. 6th. The subject will be co-operation, everybody is invited.

The new two story cement building of Mr. Thos. E. Smith is nearing completion.

Farmers in this section are about through taking care of their tobacco crop.

Work on the big co-operative receiving station which is being built here is being pushed forward at a rapid rate, a large force of men are being worked and it is expected that the building will be completed by November 1st. Many co-operative farmers in this section are going to hold their tobacco until this warehouse opens.

Big preparations are being made for The Stokes county Fair which takes place here October 16, 17, 18 and 19th. The attractive premiums being offered on exhibits this year is causing the farmers to make big preparations this year.

Mr. Joel Jackson, of Pinnacle, is among the business visitors here today.

We are having a fine school here this year with nearly two hundred pupils enrolled and nine teachers.

"Thunderbolt Tom," the evangelist of this place, is holding a two weeks meeting at High Point.

The Needmore theatre where Mr. William H. Voigt of New York is giving two moving picture shows per week is being crowded every show night.

A Birthday Party.

Masters Easley and H. M. Joyce each celebrated their birthday Wednesday afternoon by entertaining about twenty of their friends at a lovely party. Each one was asked to say a mother goose rhyme and Marv McCannless was given a book of Mother Goose Rhymes for saying the best one.

Maude Lawson won the prize in a contest for pinning a tie on a large picture of Harold Lloyd.

Various other games were played on the lawn after which they were invited into the dining room where birthday cakes were attractively arranged, one with eleven candles for Easley and one with nine candles for H. M. Ice cream and cake were served by Mrs. E. P. Pepper and Miss Luna Taylor.

A large number of farmers were in attendance at the meeting of the Co-operative Marketing Association here Saturday.

MORE ROADS AND BRIDGES

Stokes Highway Commission Will Soon Award Contracts—Road Building Outfit To Be Sent To Yadkin Township.

Two more roads were ordered let to contract by the Stokes County Highway Commission at the meeting of the Board here Monday. These were the roads between Campbell postoffice and Francisco, and a section of the Piney Grove road about one and one-half miles in Peter's Creek township. Letting will be made on Oct. 24th.

The fourteen mules and the road-building machinery recently purchased by the county was ordered removed to the Dry Springs road in Yadkin township.

Four new bridges were ordered built as soon as plans and specifications can be drawn and contracts let. The bridges will be located as follows: One across Dan river at R. T. Joyce's roller mill, near Asbury, in Big Creek township; one on Dry Springs road, in Yadkin township; two on the Oak Ridge-Priddy road in Snow Creek township.

The road from Clemmons' ford to Covington's store, in Quaker Gap township, was ordered put on county road map and repaired at once.

H. A. Fulp and others asked for a road in Meadows township, via the home of Mr. Fulp. Engineer Mullican will investigate and report to board soon.

A delegation was also before the board asking for a road in Peter's Creek township. Member C. D. Smith and Supt. Linville will investigate and report to the board.

The Venable road in Quaker Gap township was ordered put on county road map. This is same road which the county commissioners were restrained from building some time since.

Tobacco Prices Low At Reidsville

Reidsville, Oct. 2.—The Reidsville tobacco market opened for this season Tuesday morning with a very large break at both houses. Over 100,000 pounds were sold here the first day.

Opening prices were disappointing to the farmers. It was generally thought the average would be around 20 cents whereas it was only sixteen or seventeen cents. Prices stiffened in the afternoon and the average was at least a dollar higher than during the forenoon.

Prices ranged from \$1 to \$40 per hundred. The commonest grades seem relatively higher than the medium and better grades. The first offerings include a lot of rough, dingy colored tobacco, though the general average compared favorably with last year's crop in quality.

All the tobacco companies are represented and there is a strong corps of buyers on the local market.

FORSYTH LINE TO DANBURY

Survey Being Made Will Probably Shorten Distance Two Miles—An Efficient Engineering Corps.

The distance between Danbury and Winston-Salem will be shortened probably two miles by the State Highway Commission's survey now in progress between this place and the Forsyth county line at Fulp, while practically all the sharp curves on the Danbury end of the road will be eliminated. As this survey is for hard-surface construction, the distance is being shortened everywhere possible. The engineering party, which is in charge of Mr. Helpburn, is said to be the most efficient one in the district, if not in the State, and they are laboring faithfully to get the very best survey possible for this important highway.

Former Stokes Man Dies In Guilford

Greensboro, Oct. 2.—James W. Morefield, 72 years old, died suddenly at his home near Pomona yesterday at noon after an attack of acute indigestion. A week ago Mr. Morefield suffered a similar attack but had apparently recovered and was up about. The second attack came quickly and he died in a few moments.

Mr. Morefield was one of the best known men in the county. Born in Stokes county, he moved to Guilford at an early age and lived here virtually all his life, part of the time at Guilford College, the remainder at his last home. He was highly esteemed among a wide circle of friends.

Surviving are his widow, six sons, four daughters, one one brother and one sister. Mrs. Morefield was, prior to her marriage, Miss Mary Mills. The sons are J. R. Morefield, of Nashville, Tenn. W. J. and G. H. Morefield, of Greensboro; J. L. Morefield, of St. Petersburg, Fla.; L. J. Morefield, of Mt. Airy, and C. H. Morefield, of Winston-Salem.

The daughters are Mrs. A. S. Mitchell and Mrs. J. W. Hill, of Hillsboro, Mrs. J. L. Mitchell, of Walnut Cove, and Mrs. C. H. Bonkemeyer, of Guilford College. A brother, Thomas Morefield, lives in Oklahoma City, and a sister, Mrs. Susan Welch, at Mt. Airy.

Funeral services will be conducted at the home Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Raymond Lanier, of the Guilford Baptist church, of which Mr. Morefield was a member, Rev. W. H. Wilson and Rev. C. F. Sherill will be in charge, and interment will follow in the church burying ground.

Oldest Fox In Flat Shoal Caught

John Golden, col., of Danbury, caught a fox last Saturday morning with his pack of fine fox hounds. It was said to be the largest one ever caught in the Flat Shoal mountains.