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THE OLD ROCK HOUSE IN STOKES

High School Girl At Reidsville Writes Interesting Story Of Landmark Situated In Quaker Gap Township.

Called upon by her teacher to write a story, Nellie Sheffield, a tenth grade student of the Reidsville high school last week wrote the following about the old Rock House, one of the most interesting landmarks of the county, situated in Quaker Gap township, some 12 miles west of Danbury:

In Stokes county, not far from Moore's Springs, stands a very old house which is three stories high. The house is built of white rock and wood, but all the wood work has decayed, leaving only the rock structure.

During the war between the Whigs and Tories, Judge Byam's great grandmother lived at this old rock house. Her name was Martin, and she was then just a little girl. One day while playing under an old apple tree in the yard a Tory sneaked up and seized her and dragged her away, taking a trail which led to a dark, deep cave, known now as Tories' Den. Though very much frightened she was thoughtful enough to tear small pieces from her red calico dress and drop them along the lonely trail. A short while after she was kidnapped a band of men went to look for her. After many days of searching by means of a compass and the little pieces of cloth from the dress which she dropped on the way the men located this den, where she had been hidden. When they found her she was crouched in one side of the den away down under the huge rock, half starved and nearly frozen. She was taken at once to her mother at the rock house.

This den is of great interest today to the summer visitors in this part of North Carolina. Many have visited the cave but have never followed it to the end for fear of rattle snakes which exist in large numbers in the mountains.

NELLIE SHEFFIELD.
Grade 10, Reidsville School.

New Physician For Sandy Ridge

Matthew Smith, of Snow Creek township, who was a visitor here today, reported that his section had recently been blessed with a new physician. The young man, whose name Mr. Smith could not recall, has located at Sandy Ridge, and at present is living with the family of Mr. Euel Hutcherson. It is hard to secure a physician in some sections of the county, as the few doctors in the county are usually kept going night and day, and a new one is very welcome in most communities.

WHO PAYS THE STATE TAXES?

All The Taxes Paid By the Average Farmer Goes To Support His Own County—Only Auto Tax Goes To State.

Up to the year 1921 a large part of the State taxes were obtained from a general property tax and everyone who had property listed on the tax books paid something to the support of the State government. But the Legislature in 1921 abolished the property tax as a source of revenue for the State and adopted the income tax as the main source. Immediately the support of the State government was shifted to a new and relatively small class of taxpayers.

The general property tax is used exclusively for local county purposes, while the State operates on revenues received from income tax payers, individual and corporation; inheritance, license, franchise taxes, etc., and from earnings from the general departments of the State.

Practically the entire burden of State support falls on our urban dwellers and the corporate businesses of the State. The property tax is all spent locally for county taxes.

The individual who pays only a property tax contributes not a thing to the support of the State government, unless he owns an automobile, and if he does he pays a license tax and a gasoline tax which is used exclusively on the roads for construction and maintenance.

Relatively only a small percent of our people contribute to the support of the State. Except for the auto and gas tax, our farmers pay practically nothing. The support comes from the individuals who can afford it, and from corporations chartered by the State—in general from sources receiving direct services from the State.

It is a fair, sane, and progressive method of raising revenue for the State and it was only through its adoption that North Carolina was able to engage in her program of progress.

But even now we are not spending recklessly or extravagantly in North Carolina. We have finally and with due deliberation entered the group of progressive States, and no State in the Union is getting as much for the money it is spending as North Carolina.—S. H. H. in University News Letter.

John Fez Mabe, a farmer and good citizen of Danbury Route 1, had the misfortune to get his foot badly mashed Saturday when it was caught under a falling tree in the woods where he was chopping wood.

DR. R. G. TUTTLE TO LEAVE STOKES

Will Take Up Practice Of Medicine In Twin City—Engages Offices Over Fairview Drug Store.

Winston-Salem, Jan. 28.—Dr. R. G. Tuttle, who has had a popular practice at Walnut Cove for the past fifteen years, has made plans to move to Winston-Salem, and will engage offices over the Fairview Drug Store, where his brother, Dr. R. D. Tuttle, dentist, has offices, according to announcement made yesterday.

Dr. Tuttle is one of the best known physicians of the country district, both in Forsyth and Stokes counties, having a wide practice in both. He has had a steadily growing practice in Winston-Salem for some time. It was due to the growth of his practice here, in a large measure, that prompted Dr. Tuttle to move his offices to the Twin City.

Travel To Florida Is Heavy Now

Winston-Salem, Jan. 30.—Travel to Florida these days over the Southbound railway and Atlantic Coast Line is heavier than the average person realizes. Winston-Salem people are getting more and more in the habit of spending a part of the time during the winter in Florida, and in a number of different resort in that State now are many Winston-Salem people.

It is stated that on last Sunday twenty-eight Winston-Salem people left on the 1:45 Pullman for Florida, arriving at Jacksonville next morning in time for breakfast. A stop of 30 minutes is made on this trip at Florence for supper, the sleeper going straight through to Jacksonville.

A railroad man stated the other day that from 80 to 85 Pullman cars loaded with winter visitors on the Atlantic Coast Line railway are arriving in Jacksonville practically each day now. He stated that Florida is having a tremendous season, there being every reason to believe that it will be a record-breaker from the standpoint of the number of tourists spending a while there during the winter.

Indications are also that the fruit and vegetable crops will break all records this season, though the large production is affecting prices to some extent.

Supt. of Schools J. C. Carson, of Germanton, was here today attending to some affairs in connection with the schools. Mr. Carson has treated himself to a new car.

G. D. Watkins, of Campbell, was a visitor here today.

DEDICATION OF REYNOLDS SCHOOL

Gov. Morrison, Dr. Rondthaler and Dr. Perisho Are Expected As Guests and Speakers On this Occasion.

Pinnacle, Jan. 29.—Prof. W. G. Nicholson, of the Reynolds Memorial School, reports that the school is progressing nicely. There still remains some work to be done, he said, to complete the school equipment, and it is hoped to have this done in time for the Group Commencement, which is to be held at the school in March.

It is the desire of the committee that the new lighting system, which is a gift from Mr. Reynolds as a part of the equipment for the school plant, be installed at once, in order that the building may serve the people better as a community center.

The Western Group Commencement will be a big event for Stokes county. Governor Morrison expects to attend and deliver an address; Dr. Howard E. Rondthaler, president of Salem College, will deliver the address in formal dedication of the Reynolds Memorial school; Dr. Perisho, of Guilford College, will also be one of the speakers on this occasion, and the program calls for an all-day session.

The date for the exercises has not been fixed, the committee, acting with the county superintendent of schools, J. C. Carson, desiring to fix a date that will be convenient to all concerned.

Following is the tentative program for the commencement and dedication of the building:

Song, America the Beautiful.
Invocation, Prof. Nicholson.
Address, Dr. Perisho, of Guilford College.
Music, Reynolds High School.
Address, Gov. Morrison.

Dedication of Reynolds Memorial School building, Dr. H. E. Rondthaler, President of Salem College.

Basket dinner.

Spelling match, two students from each school participating.

Debate: Resolved, that the Inter-Allied War Debts Should Be Canceled—between Reynolds school and either Francisco or Pinnacle High School.

The declaration contest will then be held, with contests between boy students and also girl students of each school in the western district of the county. Prizes will be awarded to winners in each sex.

During the afternoon athletic contests will also be held. Prof. R. H. Latham, of the Winston-Salem school system, has been asked to provide competent judges for the events. This feature of the program promised to be interesting.

REPUBLICANS TO MEET HERE MCH. 1

Will Hold Convention and Elect Delegates To State Convention, Name Chairman, Etc.—Precinct Primaries Feb. 23.

A call has been issued for the assembling of the Stokes county Republicans in convention at Danbury on Saturday March 1st, for the purpose of electing delegates and alternates to the State, Congressional, Judicial and Senatorial conventions, and to elect a county chairman, and to attend to any other business that may come before the convention.

The Republicans voters are asked to assemble at their respective voting places on Saturday before the convention, Feb. 23, and elect delegates and alternates to the county convention. One delegate will be elected for each fifty votes cast for governor in the 1920 election.

DeVoe Predicts Bad Weather In February

DeVoe, the famous weather prophet, predicts that there will be some bad weather during the coming month. His predictions follow:

1st to 2nd, cold and clear. On the 3rd a storm will form over Texas and move northeastward, causing snow over the northern and rain over the southern states. 4th to 5th, snow and rain. 6th to 7th moderating. 8th to 9th pleasant. 10th a storm will form over Texas and move eastward; rain in the Gulf states, and a cold wave over the northern states. 11th to 12th snow and rain. 13th to 14th cold wave. 15th to 16th pleasant. 17th a great storm over the middle west, traveling eastward, causing a blizzard over the northern and rain over the southern states. 18th to 19th snow and rain. 20th to 21st cold wave over northern states. 22nd to 23rd clearing. 24th to 25th pleasant. 26th cold wave advancing from the Pacific coast. 27th to 28th a storm forming over the lower Mississippi valley. 29th cold and unsettled.

Co-Ops Pay Cotton Growers In Full

Raleigh, Jan. 30.—Over a quarter of a million dollars has gone out from the Raleigh headquarters of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association to members of that organization who delivered long staple cotton, according to officials of the organization here.

This was the final payment on long staple cotton and closes the business of the association in the matter of the 1922 crop.

Farmers are preparing beds for tobacco plants now.

ROAD OFFICIALS VISIT STOKESBURG

Find It Necessary To Cut Out Grade Crossings To Conform To Highway Law—Location Definitely Settled.

Walnut Cove, Jan. 28.—Our town has about recovered from the shock of Thursday night's fire, when the stock of goods of C. B. Brody and the building in which the goods were located went up in smoke. The Jones drug store building, near by, was also burned. Both buildings were owned by J. B. Woodruff, and it is stated that neither Mr. Brody or Mr. Woodruff carried any insurance. The stock of goods was valued at probably \$10,000, while the buildings were worth half that much. The origin of the fire is not known.

State Highway Commissioner A. S. Hanes, accompanied by O. B. Bester, chief locating engineer for the State, and C. S. Currier, district engineer, visited Stokesburg or South Walnut Cove a few days since with a view to seeing if it was practicable to make some changes in the State's survey for a hard surface road from Fulp to Danbury. It was decided, after a careful investigation of the matter, that it would not be conforming to the State road law if they failed to cut out the two grade crossings on the N. & W. railway, and the report of the engineers to the highway commission will confirm the survey as already made. It was stated that the matter was definitely settled so far as the State is concerned. It was not stated when contract would be let for the construction of the road, but it will likely be in the early spring.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sanders entertained at quite a delightful dance at their lovely home in South Walnut Cove Monday evening. Dancing was enjoyed until a late hour, when delicious refreshments were served.

Miss Sadie Hutcherson has entered Lawrence hospital to study nursing.

Mrs. Grace Matthews and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Joyce and children, of Winston-Salem, were the guests of friends here Sunday.

Misses Dollie and Sadie Fulton, students at the N. C. College, Greensboro, spent the week end at home here.

Miss Estelle Rierson, of the Twin City, spent Sunday here with home folks.

Mesdames P. W. Davis, H. H. Davis, Jacob Fulton and Miss Luey Burton were shopping in the Twin City Monday.

Mrs. W. J. Snow, of Elkin, is spending a few days here with relatives.

Miss Velma Burge expects to leave next week for Asheville where she will enter a hospital and take training as a nurse.