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STOKES CHURCHES TO TAKE PART

Interested In A Church-Wide Program For Sunday, December 14th.

Presbyterians in Stokes county are very much interested in a Church-Wide Program for Sunday, December 14th, at which time a cash offering will be taken according to the plan of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in every Presbyterian Church in the South, for additional and improved equipment in the Home and Foreign Mission Fields.

The plan adopted this year is for each congregation to be asked to contribute to a designated object and all churches in Stokes county have been asked to accept in connection with this equipment the following causes:

Foreign Mission Fields—Hangchow Christian College in China.

Home Mission Fields—Church Erecting Building and Loan Fund.

The churches in this county asked to participate in this program are: Dan River Church, Francisco, of which Rev. J. D. Smith is pastor; Danbury Church, Danbury; Sandy Ridge Church, Sandy Ridge, and Pine Hall Church, Pine Hall.

The Equipment Fund is set up by the Presbyterian Church in the United States to cover a ten year period and the plan is to raise \$500,000 per year. Other Presbyterian Churches in the different counties have also been requested to accept appropriate causes.

The Young Peoples' or Christian Endeavor Societies in all of the Presbyterian Churches are asked to accept as their own particular causes, — for Foreign Missions—Girl's School, Kwangju, Korea; for Home Missions—Beechwood Seminary, Heidelberg, Ky.

The Presbyterians in this county have shown a co-operative spirit in the great programs set up by the General Assembly's Committees of the Presbyterian Church, and their participation in this Equipment Fund, will doubtless be in keeping with their reputation along these lines.

WOULD ASSIST WEAK COUNTIES

Doubling of Equalization Fund Will Be Recommended—Educational Commission in Session at Raleigh.

Raleigh, Nov. 30.—Doubling the equalizing fund will be recommended to the next legislature in the report on school finances, to be submitted by the educational commission appointed by the special session to conduct an investigation into existing methods of school financing and seek to develop an improved system.

Members of the commission were in session here Saturday, meeting with Superintendent of Public Instruction A. T. Allen. The report, with the exception of a few changes, has been completed, and will be ready for publication next week, it was announced following the meeting.

The present equalizing funds is \$1,250,000, and the commission will recommend its increase to \$2,500,000 as an effort to lighten the school burdens of the weaker counties and provide for further school extension. Superintendent Allen is also advocating the increase.

"I believe the commission has handled the problem of financing our schools in a way that will be satisfactory to the legislature and to the public," Senator Walter Woodson said. No announcement was made as to the recommendations of the commission, but it was learned that one of them will call for the increased equalization fund.

The commission is composed of Representatives N. A. Townsend, of Harnett, chairman; Clayton Moore, Martin county; Tam C. Bowie, of Ashe, and Rodgers, of Hendersonville; Senators Woodson, of Rowan; Emmett H. Bellamy, New Hanover, and Wilson, of Caswell.

Tobacco averaged \$25.14 on the Winston-Salem market yesterday. The market sold 436,000 pounds of the weed.

A forest fire is reported to be raging on Pilot Mountain this week.

HOUSE SHORTAGE IN STOKES TOWN

Citizens At King Paying Rent In Order To Hold Houses—News and Personals.

King, Dec. 1.—Mr. Chas. Hutcherson, of Richmond, Va., spent the week end with relatives here.

A force of men widened, graded and improved Pulliam Street last week. West Avenue was also improved up to Spruce Street.

Mr. Kennis Pulliam, who is in school at Chapel Hill, spent Thanksgiving with his parents here.

Misses Zula Huddle and Blanche Prichett, of Altamahaw, spent the week end with the family of Mr. J. E. Turner in Walnut Hills.

Mr. Tom Garner, of Winston-Salem, spent Thanksgiving with relatives here.

Mr. David Fowler and family, of High Point, spent Sunday with relatives in West View.

Mr. J. R. Bowen, of Danbury, was a business visitor here Saturday.

Heath Bros., of Greensboro, put on a very successful lot sale of a subdivision of the C. F. White property on East Main Street here Saturday. Sixty-nine lots were sold. Several of the parties who purchased lots expect to build on them in the near future.

Mr. W. M. West, manager of the Co-operative Warehouse here, who recently underwent an operation in a Martinsville, Va., hospital, has returned to his duties here.

Mr. Hobson Preston and Miss Lola Jessup were quietly married here yesterday. Squire James R. Caudle officiated. The groom is a merchant of King, while the bride is the attractive young daughter of Mr. Edwin Jessup, a planter of King R. F. D. No. 2.

The co-operative warehouse here had a big day today, approximately twenty thousand pounds of tobacco being delivered.

Mr. S. H. Brown and family and Misses Fannie and Lillie Goff spent Sunday with Rev. David H. Wilcox in Winston-Salem.

Mr. B. E. Wilson, of Rural Hall, has purchased a nice lot on East Main Street on which he expects to erect a new dwelling at once.

This growing little town is suffering from a shortage of dwelling houses. There are people here every day looking for houses but there are no houses to be had. In many instances people are paying advanced rent months ahead to hold houses.

Mr. C. W. Hutchins and family, of Winston-Salem, were among the visitors here yesterday.

Bankers Will Aid In Farm Program

Raleigh, Dec. 1.—The North Carolina Bankers' Association will help in improving farm conditions in North Carolina next year.

This action comes as the result of a conference held in the offices of Dr. B. W. Kilgore at State College last week when representatives of the American Bankers' Association and of the North Carolina Bankers' Association met with representatives of the College to plan work that the bankers might do. As their contribution to the farming progress of the State, the bankers agreed to engage in nine different activities.

These are as follows:

1. Promote the establishment of farm and home agents in counties where such work is not already established.

2. Co-operate in the organization of county agricultural councils with a definite extension program.

3. Encourage diversified farming with special emphasis on producing food and feed crops for the farm.

4. Study and development of markets for home products.

5. Support of co-operative marketing when economically sound and well managed.

6. Support of Boys' and Girls' club work.

7. Encourage the ownership of a family cow and aid safety in financing the project.

8. Encourage bank credit as a substitute for other forms of credit.

9. Encourage additional Federal appropriation for research work in Agriculture. (This has reference to the Purnell Bill now before Congress.)

Worry is the most expensive pleasure that some people have.

DAMAGE CLAIMS AGAINST COUNTY

Citizens Of Sauratown Township Bitten By Maddog Belonging To Rockingham County Man.

Claims for damages were filed against the county Monday by O. J. Stone, Matt Chapman, Jonas James, Walter Sapp and Mrs. J. O. Mounce for alleged injury and expense they have suffered by reason of being bitten by a maddog. The claims range to \$150.00 down to \$30.00. The dog is owned by a Rockingham county man, it was stated. All of the parties reside in the section east of Walnut Cove.

The county commissioners appointed a jury, composed of W. W. Fulp, Calvin Fling and J. L. Murray, to investigate the matter and report the facts to the board at the next meeting.

UNBROKEN STRING OF LEGAL GAINS

Won By Tobacco Co-Ops—Within Six Weeks Tobacco Association Wins Seventy-Five Jury Cases and Gains Fifty-nine Injunctions.

The Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association has recently established the most successful court record in its history. Out of a total of seventy-five jury cases the association has gained favorable verdicts in every one during the past six weeks. In no case tried during that time has an unfavorable verdict been returned against the association.

In addition to the seventy-five jury cases recently won by the association it has secured forty injunctions in North Carolina and nineteen in Virginia restraining their tobacco outside of the association. In three contempt cases argued by attorneys for the association, two have resulted in jail sentences of twenty days each, and another in a fine of \$100 and costs.

According to Col. W. T. Joyner, resident counsel of the tobacco association at Raleigh, the associated tobacco farmers have gained important legal ground during the past six weeks.

Among the results gained by the association's unbroken string of legal victories are the rulings that a mortgage is no defense against the performance of the association's contract by its members; the decision that a member who failed to sign the contract but authorized another to do so shall be held strictly accountable for the performance of all its terms and an injunction in Person County, N. C., which establishes the fact that a member who rents his tobacco land for cash rent may be required to pay liquidated damages for tobacco grown upon it which is delivered outside of the association.

Contrary to rumors the tobacco association is more active in protecting its loyal members against breaches of the contract today than at any time in its history, according to the statement of its attorney.

Devoe's Weather Forecasts December

1st to 2nd, cold and squally. 3rd, a great storm from lower Mississippi valley. 4th to 5th, blizzard over northern and rain over the southern states. 6th to 7th, cold and squally. 8th to 9th, clearing. 10th to 11th, cloudy. 12th, a great storm will move up the Mississippi valley. Blizzard west and rain east of the Ohio valley. 13th to 14th, clearing and warmer. On the 15th a storm will form over the Missouri valley. 16th to 17th, the storm from the Missouri valley moving southeastward; rain and snow. 18th to 19th, cold wave. On the 20th a great storm will form over Texas and move northwestward. 21st to 23rd, snow from Texas to Maine. 24th to 25th, a blizzard—providing real "old-fashioned white Christmas" weather. 26 to 27, northwest gale, 28 to 29, clearing and cool. 30 to 31st, clear and pleasant.

Capital punishment may be a failure, but it never has been tried in this country. Out of 1,800 murders in New York in six years there were only 54 executions!

NEW BOARD COUNTY FATHERS

Sworn In Monday and First Session Held—Several Matters Acted Upon—Officers File Bonds For Coming Terms.

The new board of county commissioners elected last month, composed of H. H. Williamson, W. S. Hart and J. W. Moorefield, held their first meeting at the court house here Monday, after taking the oath of office. The board unanimously elected H. H. Williamson chairman.

The newly-elected Register of Deeds, J. John Taylor, and Sheriff J. Frank Dunlap, who were re-elected, were sworn in also.

Quite a large number of citizens of the county were present to see the new officers installed.

The new board of commissioners went into executive session immediately after being sworn in.

One of the first acts of the board was to employ counsel and Attorney J. D. Humphreys was employed to represent the board for the coming year.

The bonds of the incoming county officers were passed upon and ordered filed in the county records.

Claud Wise and Ann Lawson were ordered admitted to the county home.

In the matter of making final settlement with ex-Sheriff H. D. Turpin, the audit of the books made Oct. 4, 1924, was gone over, and the ex-Sheriff agreed to settle by the audit, \$1,344.00 being due the county, according to the audit. The board agreed to deduct the interest on this amount from time audit was made up to present.

An outstanding note against the county for \$10,000 was renewed for 30 days.

H. M. Joyce was re-appointed vital statistics registrar for Danbury township.

J. W. Moorefield, of the board, was instructed to examine the annual report of Clerk of the Court A. J. Fagg and report at next meeting of the board.

An order was made that the claims paid by the board at each meeting be printed monthly instead of yearly, as at present.

Counsel for the board, J. D. Humphreys, was instructed to investigate the law in regard to auditing the books of the county.

News Items Of Germantown Route 1

Germantown Route 1, Dec. 2.—Mr. Callie Tuttle entertained a great number of his friends by giving a birthday party Saturday night, Nov. 29. After the guests had gathered they were assembled in the parlor room where a health contest was given, the winners being Mr. Jones Newsom and Miss Ethel Boles. Several other games were played. After the games were over the guests were ushered into the dining room which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. After the guest were ushered into the dining room cake, pickles, fruits, and coffee were served. Everybody enjoyed themselves to the very best.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Tuttle from Sage Garden, spent Sunday with home folks, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Fowler.

The Friendship Sunday School is preparing to give a Christmas exercise and tree.

Mr. James Kiser from Winston, spent Sunday with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rutledge and children visited Mrs. J. R. Tuttle at Friendship Sunday.

Miss Irene Baker, of King High School spent Sunday with home-folks.

Messrs. Gilmer, Callie and Roland Tuttle visited Miss Uma Kiser Sunday p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Meadows from Kernersville, spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Meadows' parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Tuttle.

Miss Nannie Boles spent Saturday night with Miss Irene Baker.

BLUE EYES.

Highway Board Held Short Session

The Stokes Highway Commission held a short session here Monday the business being of a routine nature. The trial of Rhodes against Shelton was again postponed until the first Monday in January.

ROAD CONTRACTS TOTAL \$1,100,000

80 Miles of Asphalt and Graded Road Is Contracted For—Also Several Bridges—Several Projects Located Near Here.

Raleigh, Nov. 27.—The last big job of highway construction of the \$65,000,000 building program authorized by the 1921 and 1923 legislatures was let to contract by the state highway commission yesterday involving approximately 80 miles of asphalt and graded roads and several bridges, to cost \$1,155,397.

Except for a few scattered jobs, all projects mapped for construction in the road building program have been turned over to the contractors or completed. About half the program is finished, and the other half will be completed in another year.

Meanwhile, the 1925 legislature is expected to authorize \$25,000,000 additional for highway construction. The proposal has the support of the commission and administrative and legislative leaders.

Construction work let to contract yesterday takes in 15 projects in the nine construction districts. The list of projects, low bidders and the cost follow:

No. 646-B, Lincoln county, 9.88 miles of asphalt between Lincolnton and Gaston county line; P. R. Ashby, Raleigh, \$194,938.20.

No. 648-B, Lincoln county, 5.03 miles of asphalt, connecting with the project 646-B; P. R. Ashby, \$106,265.50.

No. 982, Swain county, 6.81 miles of grading near Almond; Dickus Bros., Waynesville, \$53,120.20. Structures to E. A. Wood and Rews, \$19,308.

No. 941, Haywood county, 8.89 miles of grading between Waynesville and Transylvania county line; Dickus Bros., \$113,426.21. Structures to Boozie Boyd and company, \$23,533.

No. 792, Yadkin county, 6.29 miles of grading from Brooks Cross Roads to Yadkinville; W. A. Graham, \$22,744.80. Structures to Hagedorn Construction company, \$21,527.15.

No. 753-A, Stokes county, 2.37 miles from Forsyth county line to near Danbury, C. A. Helig, Winston-Salem, \$13,396.

No. 484, Wake county, 5.42 miles grading; C. B. Hester, \$25,703. Structures to Boozie Boyd and company, \$25,195.26.

No. 451-A, Harnett county, 3.62 miles grading; J. A. Morrow, \$27,529. Structures \$2,700.

No. 418, Franklin county, 2.94 miles grading; J. A. Morrow, Clarksville, Va., \$29,818.

205-B, Wake county, connecting Chatham and Lee counties, Atlantic Bridge company, \$98,006.40.

No. 155, New Hanover county, 7.59 miles grading; J. F. Mulligan, \$51,496.50. Structures to Atlantic Bridge company, \$47,683.48.

No. 205-A, Craven county, structure.

No. 149, Hertford county, grading; E. Ray James, \$52,060.80. Structures, Atlantic Bridge company.

1,207 Deserted Navy During Present Year

Washington, Dec. 1.—Naval courts martial on charges of desertion increased more than 350 per cent in the fiscal year 1924. Rear Admiral J. L. Lattimer, the judge advocate general, announced today in his annual report. Against 352 listed in 1923, the report showed 1,207 in the year ending June 30.

Admiral Lattimer did not comment on the increase, but it is known that Secretary Wilbur recently ordered an inquiry to determine if possible the underlying cause.

Considerable increases were shown in other offense classifications.

Tom Tarheel says that no home convenience he has ever bought his wife was more appreciated than the new full length mirror he put in the closet door of her bedroom last Christmas. Now she can tell exactly how her clothes look.

We are very thankful for the good fortune that has been ours during the past year, but nevertheless we hope for better things to come.

AUTO WRECK AT SANDY RIDGE

Car Driven By Luz James Runs Into Car Of James Mabe and Members of Mr. Mabe's Family Are Injured.

Sandy Ridge, Dec. 1.—Miss Eva Ziglar and George Wilkins were married at Stuart on the 27th inst.

The Stoneville and Sandy Ridge basket ball teams played a hard fought game last Wednesday afternoon on the latter's court. Stoneville boys won the game.

Miss Marian Clark entertained the children in her school room at a marshmallow roast on the Glistening Rock a few days ago.

Misses Emma Lee Shelton, Alma Dodson and Lemna Martin, Messrs. Randolph Hall, Clarence and Ed. Shelton spent Sunday with friends in Leaksville.

Rev. and Mrs. Orrell Lindeberger attended Thanksgiving services at Davis Church.

Mr. Jack Lanaster and a party of friends from Winston-Salem, were here Thursday.

Mrs. J. A. Scales and children, of Stoneville, spent the week-end at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hutcherson spent Friday in Winston-Salem shopping.

While returning home Friday night Mr. and Mrs. James Mabe's car was run into by an automobile driven by Mr. Luz James. Some members of the family were badly injured and Mr. Mabe's car was completely demolished.

The ladies of the neighborhood will give a play, "The Bachelor Girl's Husband Hunting Club," at the Sandy Ridge Academy on Saturday night, December 13th. Music will be furnished by the Delta orchestra. They hope to have a large crowd.

BAILEY BROTHERS SUED FOR \$100,000

Bank of America, of New York, Starts Proceedings to Recover Amount of Two Notes.

Winston-Salem, Nov. 29.—The Bank of America, with offices in New York City, has instituted suit in Forsyth superior court against Frank R. Bailey and M. D. Bailey, officers of Bailey Brothers, incorporated, tobacco manufacturers of this city, for \$100,000.

The complaint alleges that they loaned the Bailey brothers, who filed a petition in bankruptcy a year ago, the sum of \$50,000 on two different occasions, each time the above firm giving promissory notes, payable on demand, and indorsed by the defendants in this action. One of the notes dated May 15 and one June 18, both in 1923.

The complaint further alleges that nothing has been received on either of these notes and they are asking judgment in the sum of \$100,000, with interest on each note from the date it was issued.

Lacy M. Butler is the lawyer for the plaintiff.

Remarkable Remarks: By the Master Barbers Association, of Chicago. "Such a fashion (that of growing whiskers) would so utterly deface America as to make American citizens difficult to distinguish from Russians."

Our idea of honor unruffled comes from Italy, where a member of the house of deputies, challenged a fellow member to a duel after an "insult," and after being wounded six times insisted that his honor was not assailed.

A 14-year-old boy in California has confessed to starting more than 69 fires in the past three years, with losses of more than \$4,000,000 to the property owners. A little closer investigation into all fires might stop such work.

Thirteen years ago a man was convicted of killing his wife. He was recently paroled and another woman married him to reform him. The other day he shot her and then killed himself. There are lots of people in the world willing to risk anything once.