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## RICE EAST KILLS FRANK JOYCE

Stokes Farmers of the Wade Mecum Section Quarrel and One Is Dead—East Is Son-in-Law of Joyce.

Rice East, a young white man of the Wade Mecum section of Stokes, Monday night shot and killed his father-in-law, Frank Joyce, a middle aged farmer of the same community. The killing occurred at the home of East, and is said to have been the result of a family brawl of some months standing. East used a shot gun and the entire load took effect in Joyce's head.

It was reported that a son of Joyce was present at the time and that after some words Joyce told East that he had a gun and to use it, where upon East fired the fatal shot.

Immediately after the shooting East disappeared and nothing of his whereabouts has been learned by the officers.

Both men have families and much regret is expressed by the neighbors over the tragedy.

## STOKES TEACHERS HOLD MEETING

Feature of Morning Session Was An Address by Dr. J. H. Highsmith—Play Will Be Repeated.

Germantown, Dec. 16.—The county-wide meeting of teachers, held at the Germantown high school building last Saturday, was largely attended and it was a most interesting and profitable session. Chapel exercises were conducted by G. W. Stafford, of the Germantown high school faculty.

Talks by various teachers present on "Interesting Indifferent Pupils," "The Preparation of Students for High School" and "The High School Literary Society," were of much interest.

The address of the morning session was by Dr. J. H. Highsmith, director of state education, of Raleigh, and was one of vital interest to the teachers present.

Lunch was served by the Parent-Teacher Association of Germantown.

The afternoon session was opened by singing Christmas songs, led by Dr. Highsmith.

Departmental meetings by various groups of teachers made up the remainder of the session. The meeting adjourned to meet the second Saturday in February, the place to be decided upon later.

The play, "A Fortunate Calamity," recently given by the Germantown high school faculty and which was such a decided success, will be repeated next Friday evening, at the Germantown high school building. An added feature will be the singing of Miss Agness Dodson, of Winston-Salem, an accomplished musician. Miss Dodson will have her sister, Miss Nannie Dodson, as accompanist.

Dr. J. C. Small will spend several days of this week with relatives at Sanford.

The Christmas program by the Germantown high school pupils will be given Friday morning instead of last night, as has been previously announced.

Mrs. J. T. Long, of Winston-Salem, has been the guest of Rev. and Mrs. A. Long for several days.

Mrs. R. J. Petree, who has been confined to her bed for several days by a severe attack of grippe, is somewhat improved.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. James and Mrs. E. Alsbaugh, west of Winston-Salem.

## JOHN D. WADDILL VISITS DANBURY

Former County Commissioner Of Forsyth Is Good Friend Of Stokes County—Wants Us To Have Concrete Road.

John D. Waddill, well-known and wealthy citizen of Dennis, was a pleasant visitor here Monday, and dropped in to see the Reporter, Mr. Waddill prior to the first day of this month was county commissioner in Forsyth for many years, but he has now retired from politics to some extent, as well as from business cares, and is offering to sell a thousand acres of his fine land to young farmers and others upon the most liberal terms.

Mr. Waddill is and has always been a strong friend to Stokes county, and while here Monday he stated that he was using his best efforts to help Stokes get a hard-surfaced road to the county seat.

As an instance of his unselfishness and his friendship to Stokes, Mr. Waddill is advocating a hard-surfaced road to Randle via Danbury instead of the route through Madison, notwithstanding the fact that he owns hundreds of acres of fine land on the Madison route and has no property on the Danbury route.

## DOUGHTON FOUND TO FAVOR BONDS

Revenue Commissioner Comes Out For \$35,000,000 Issue By Legislature — He Is Far Sighted.

Raleigh, Dec. 17.—"I believe we ought to go forward with our road program," Revenue Commissioner R. A. Doughton said tonight in recording himself in favor of an extra issue of bonds to complete the state highway system.

"I think the amount of the new bond issue should be determined after a careful investigation of our highway needs and the state's ability to finance it. The program might need thirty-five millions or it might get along with less. An extra cent of tax on gasoline would probably be necessary as we must insure an adequate sinking fund, interest on the bonds and a sufficient sum for maintenance of the highways."

Estimates place the yield for the present year from auto licenses and the gasoline tax at ten million dollars. An extra cent on gasoline would give a million and a half or two millions additional.

As head of the revenue department and one of the most level headed and experienced in public affairs, Governor Doughton's support will play an important part in insuring favorable legislative consideration of the proposed new issue. He was one of the authors of the state highway act of the 1921 session authorizing the fifty million dollar bond issue.

## BALTIMORE TO NORTH CAROLINA

Ship Line To Be Established To Our State Ports At An Early Date.

Baltimore, Dec. 10.—Establishment of a new ship line between Baltimore and North Carolina points have been promised by Mason Weems Williams, president of the Baltimore and Carolina Steamship Company, as a result of a conference yesterday between a party of North Carolina business men and the Baltimore Chamber of Commerce.

The establishment of such a line was urged by the North Carolina delegation who urged that the Virginia ship lines and certain railroads are discriminating against certain shippers of their state.

Plans were laid by the Carolina delegation to have the legislature of that state to authorize a \$3,000,000 bond issue of five members of the Baltimore Association of Commerce is to be named to co-operate in the plan with a like committee of North Carolinians. The bonds will confer within a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanders Smith and children were here today from Route 1. Mr. Smith has recently treated himself and family to a large car.

## THREE MEN ARE TAKEN AT STILL

John Ed Mabe, Walter Bennett and Anderson Bennett Give Bonds For their Appearance At Federal Court.

Federal prohibition agents continue to harass those citizens in Stokes who would have a little spirits ready for the Christmas holidays. On Monday night Agents White and Finchum arrested John Ed Mabe, Walter Bennett and Anderson Bennett, hardworking farmers, at a still near their homes on Danbury Route 1, while they were in the act of making a little whiskey for their personal use. The still and a small quantity of whiskey was also captured.

The men were tried here today before Justice N. A. Martin who fixed the bond of each at \$500. All of them furnished bond promptly and were released.

## HIGHWAY BOARD TALKS FINANCES

State Commission Studies Audit As Basis For Proposed Bond Issue.

Raleigh, Dec. 13.—Meeting in executive session here yesterday the State Highway Commission spent the greater part of the session, which lasted from early morning until late at night, in a discussion of a new audit of the organization upon which recommendations to the general assembly for a third bond issue will be based. No division as to the exact size of the bond issue to be recommended, which will be \$35,000,000 or less, was reached yesterday.

The letting of contracts for the sixteen projects for which bids were received on November 26 was postponed until today in order to give all the time possible to the discussion of financial matters which will go into the making of legislative recommendations.

The new audit which was presented yesterday shows the financial history of the organization from the spending of the first dollar of the federal bond issue up to date. Preliminary audits of the road commission have been made annually but this is the first to show the whole financial history since the beginning of the State Highway Commission. Members of the commission stated that the audit was highly satisfactory.

Linsey Warren, congressman-elect from the first district, and E. C. Kugler, chairman of the Beaufort county board of commissioners, appeared before the commission and asked that a road which the county is building from State Highway Route No. 91 to Bath, the oldest town in the state and the first capital, be placed on the State Highway system. The request will be considered later.

The commission convened shortly after 9 o'clock yesterday morning and was in session until 10 o'clock last night. Mr. Page entertained the members at a dinner at the Sir Walter Hotel last night. The body will be in session again today when contracts will be awarded and citizens from all sections of the state will be heard on road matters.

## WAREHOUSES TO CLOSE ON FRIDAY

Will Re-Open Again Jan. 6—Four Sets Of Buyers Will Not Continue On The Market.

The Winston-Salem Tobacco Association announces that the tobacco warehouses of the Twin City will close for the Christmas holidays on Friday, Dec. 19th, and will re-open on January 6th.

It is also announced that the sales will continue as usual, with four sets of buyers and upon the schedule of first and second sales as announced at the opening of the present season.

For a few days last week, during a glut on the market, an extra set of buyers operated. The report was current at that time that the extra set of buyers would remain on the market until the close for the holidays, but this was an error.

## CHANGING N. C. COURT DISTRICTS

Stokes and Guilford May Compose One District—Senator Sharp Working Out Plan For 30 New Judges.

Senator-elect J. M. Sharp, of Reidsville, has been busy for some time past securing data from the various superior court clerks concerning the condition of the courts throughout the state. He says that he is going to present his findings to the legislature next month and will make an appeal to that body to revise the several judicial districts and create 30 judges. This he thinks, will be necessary in order to relieve the congested condition of the courts.

This plan has been suggested many times in the past, but always met with stubborn opposition by solicitors who reaped a rich harvest from the system, and by some others for causes best known to themselves. Now that the solicitors are on a salary basis Mr. Sharp thinks his recommendation to the legislature will meet with almost unanimous approval.

In the new alignment which will be proposed, Guilford and Stokes will probably be linked into the same district; Forsyth and one small county will be combined, while Rockingham, Caswell and Person will be merged into one district.

At the present time Rockingham is in a district which reaches from Tennessee to the Person county line. As a result that county gets only 10 weeks of court when it should have 36 weeks. The calendar has become so congested in the county until now there are close to 2,000 cases on the docket. This condition is now general in many districts of the state, and Mr. Sharp is of the opinion that some relief should be forthcoming.

Guilford county representatives are reported also to have a plan to make a separate district out of Guilford. If this should be done then Davidson would have to be placed with some other county, it now being with Guilford and Stokes. Since Davidson does not touch Stokes, any plan to separate it and Guilford would eliminate Stokes from the same judicial district.

## J. R. COOK, OF KING, HAS DISAPPEARED

Stokes Farmer Left Home On Thursday, Saying He Would Return Sunday.

King, Dec. 17.—J. R. Cook, who resides in Walnut Hills, left his home last Thursday morning, stating to his wife that he was going to Mount Airy and would return Sunday. Sunday came and Mr. Cook did not put in his appearance. His wife waited until Monday and still Mr. Cook did not return. Then his wife became alarmed and got in connection with relatives at Mount Airy but they had not seen him. Later in the day she made a trip to Mount Airy but no trace of her husband could be found.

O. L. Rains, the railway agent here, states that Mr. Cook purchased a ticket to Mount Airy and boarded the train. This was the last seen of him. He disappeared as if the earth had swallowed him up. It is feared that Mr. Cook met with foul play.

## FIRST SALES AT ALL WAREHOUSES

From Now Until the Holidays All Warehouses Will Sell Simultaneously.

To relieve the congestion on the local auction market from now until the time for closing for the holiday season, an enlarged staff of buyers has been provided by the firms bidding on the current crop of tobacco. A complete complement of buyers has been provided for each warehouse, and from now until the holidays there will be no second sales.

The addition of this one set of buyers greatly facilitates the handling of the offerings by the growers each day, and will prove a great convenience to the growers and until the holidays there will be no "second sale" on the local auction leaf market.

## SAFE CRACKERS VISIT KING

Big Safe Of the Boyles Co. Is Rolled Into the Back Yard and Blown Open, \$300 Being Taken From It.

King, Dec. 16.—On Wednesday night thieves broke into the Boyles Co. store on east Main street. Entrance was gained through the front door, and the thieves opened the back door rolled out the 2,000 pound safe into the yard, blew it open and took the cash, which was about three hundred dollars. The checks in the safe were not bothered except some which were mixed in with the currency which they did not take time to separate. Some of those were found west of town near the end of the side track. A five dollar bill was also found near the side of the railroad track but this had been run over by the train and cut in two. Nothing in the store was molested except the safe and its contents. The whole job had all the earmarks of the professional safe cracker. So far there is no clue to the guilty parties.

Dr. and Mrs. Gilbert F. Petree, of West Main street, are glad recipients of a fine boy.

Will Moore, of Winston-Salem, was a visitor here Saturday.

Material is being placed on the site preparatory to erecting a nice addition to the Baptist church on East Main street.

The King Manufacturing Co. began the operation of their furniture plant this morning. They expect to work full time, employing about fifty men when they get in full swing. They will make a nice line parlor furniture.

The farmers co-operative warehouse here had a very busy week, approximately 150,000 pounds of tobacco being delivered during the past week. Deliveries have been heavy for some time. Farmers all seem well pleased with their advances. The warehouse will close Friday, Dec. 19, for Christmas and will re-open Jan. 5.

The King High School played the Green school a game of basket ball here today, resulting in a score of 28 to 4 in favor of King.

## CONTRACT LET FOR STOKES ROAD

State Highway Commissioner Hanes Inspects New Westfield-Danbury Highway and Is Delighted With It.

State Highway Commissioner A. S. Hanes, of Winston-Salem, came up to Danbury Sunday afternoon and drove over the newly-finished State highway between here and Westfield. He was accompanied over the road by J. Spot Taylor, of Danbury. Mr. Hanes expressed himself as being delighted with this new road. He thinks it is one of the prettiest drives in this section of the State.

Mr. Hanes stated that contract was awarded Saturday last for the grading of the two mile stretch of State highway between Walnut Cove and the Forsyth line, and that work would be started right soon.

## MR. MOREFIELD AND WIFE DEAD

Shrdlu etain emfwyp shrdlu h Aged Couple Of Quaker Gap Township Pass Away—Only One Day's Difference In Time Of their Deaths.

John R. Moorefield, a prominent and highly respected citizen of Quaker Gap township, died Tuesday of last week following a short illness, and his wife, Mrs. Rachel Elizabeth Moorefield, died following day. Mrs. Moorefield had been ill for years, but her death was as unexpected as that of the husband.

The news of the deaths of these excellent old people was a great shock to the friends and neighbors of the family as well as to the relatives.

They were the parents of Dr. R. H. Moorefield, a prominent physician of the county, and John G. Moorefield, former Register of Deeds of Stokes.

## BROOM FACTORY FOR WALNUT COVE

Machinery Being Installed For New Manufacturing Enterprise — Building Rental Houses.

Walnut Cove, Dec. 13.—Machinery is being placed this week in the Allen building on North Main street, preparatory to getting the new broom factory in operation, which will turn out about one hundred dozen brooms per week. The owners, C. E. Davis, I. S. Voight and Numa Knight, are hustling young business men and the people of Walnut Cove feel proud of their new industry.

Messrs. John L. and Powell Gilmer, of Winston-Salem, are having some nice five and six room rental houses built on their property in East Walnut Cove. They have already finished three and they are being occupied as fast as completed.

The Walnut Cove Motor Company (Ford dealers) are now moving into their new building just being completed, on Main street. Their stock and sales rooms are large, roomy and light and they will have a repair department that will be a credit to, as well as a great convenience to this section.

Workmen are now ditching and laying the water and sewer lines under the two railroad crossings here on Main street. After much difficulty, they have been laid under Town Fork creek. The section of town known as London is yet to be ditched and laid with pipe lines which will about complete the work of laying water and sewer pipes in town. Workmen are also busy pouring concrete for the foundation for the large water tank.

The stock of merchandise of W. G. Dodson, deceased, is to be sold at auction beginning today. Mr. Dodson carried a large and varied assortment of merchandise and it will no doubt take several days to sell out the stock.

Dewey Johnson is building a nice home near his father in the northern part of town. Mr. Johnson married about a year ago and his friends are glad to know that he intends to make his home here. He holds a position with the Farmers Union Bank here and is a promising young business man.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Fowler, of Kentucky, are visiting in the home of the former's father, J. H. Fowler, of near Walnut Cove.

Luellen Whicker, of Kenesville, was in town a few days ago.

C. E. Davis and Jas. W. Manuel have formed a partnership for the handling of a real estate and rental business. They will operate under the firm name of Walnut Cove Realty Company. Their office is in the building next to the Junior Order building, on Main street.

D. A. Stanley, engineer for the Southern Railway out of Winston-Salem, was in town for a short while one evening recently.

## STILL CAPTURED AT VADE MECUM

Copper Was Found Near Home Of Joel East, Where Stokes Prisoners Are Boarding—Some Whiskey Found.

A copper still and a small quantity of whiskey was captured near Wade Mecum Springs Sunday afternoon by officers Fletcher, Finchum, Dunlap and others. The still was found where it had been hidden near the home of Joel East, at which place several Stokes prisoners have recently been boarding while they worked on roads, etc., near by.

The officers stated that a still site was found near the place where the copper was located, and that a path led from the home to the still site. Whiskey and empty bottles were found hidden around the tractor which the prisoners had been operating. No arrest have yet been made.

The Quarterly Conference for Danbury circuit of the M. E. Church was held at the Methodist church here Monday. In the absence of Presiding Elder J. H. West, the conference was presided over by Rev. T. J. Ratledge, pastor of the Stokesburg M. E. church.