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## BILL TO REDUCE SHERIFF'S SALARY

Would Shave \$500.00 From Present Compensation Of Office—Other Bills Of Interest To Stokes.

Representative E. C. Gann has introduced a bill in the House to reduce the salary of the Sheriff of Stokes county from \$3,500 per year to \$3,000. The status of the bill at present is not known.

Other bills pertaining to Stokes county have been introduced as follows:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 4180, Article 42 of the Consolidated Statutes, relating to landlord and tenant to make it apply to Stokes county.

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal Chapter 157 Public Laws of 1923, relating to auditing the books of the officials of Stokes county.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the auditing of the books of the various county officers and boards of Stokes county.

## CHANGES IN HIGHWAY BOARD

Dr. R. H. Morefield Qualifies As Member of the Commission—C. E. Davis Will Tender Resignation Soon.

Dr. R. H. Morefield has been appointed a member of the Stokes County Highway Commission to succeed R. W. Barr, who recently resigned. Dr. Morefield was sworn in at the recent meeting of the board. It is learned that C. E. Davis will tender his resignation as member of the highway commission at the next meeting of the board.

M. D. Linville has resigned as county supervisor of roads and E. R. Nelson is filling the position temporarily.

## BUREAU WILL DROP 15 CLERKS

This Being Light Season of The Year The Girls Are No Longer Needed.

Raleigh, Feb. 7.—Another cut in the overhead of the license bureau of the state department will take place within a few days, according to information obtained here today. Another 15 girls will lose their jobs and added to the 13 who were dropped recently will make a total of 28 jobs vacated during a short period. An investigation into the why and wherefores of the cut in the number of employees of this department of the government brought out the fact that this is the light season of the year in that particular department. Within another two months, however, the amount of work will greatly enlarge and by June will be in full swing with the new license year approaching.

The 15 who are to be released in a few days and the 13 already off are of that army which it is necessary annually to hire at the close of the year in December. This year they have been continued on for some time extra due to business rush which up to this year has not occurred at this season.

## Fourth Gasoline Price Increase Is Announced

New York, Feb. 3.—The fourth general advance in gasoline prices this year took place throughout the east today, the Standard Oil company, of New Jersey, Texas, Sinclair, and Atlantic refining companies established new tank wagon prices of 19 and 20 cents a gallon in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, the Carolinas and the District of Columbia.

### Safe

Ella—"Something is preying on Dick's mind."  
Jack—"Don't worry; it will die of starvation."—London Opinion.

### Mild But Fatal

Many minor accidents were reported, though no serious fatalities were recorded in the immediate vicinity.—From a news item in the St. Louis Leader.

## NEW POSTOFFICE AT LAWSONVILLE

Recently Established With Roy A. Martin As Postmaster—Through Mail To Walnut Cove After July 1st.

The postoffice department has recently established a postoffice at Lawsonville, seven miles north of Danbury, and Roy A. Martin, merchant at that place, has been appointed postmaster. It is stated that beginning July 1st a through mail service, or star route, will be established between Walnut Cove and Lawsonville. Contract for carrying the mail will be awarded to the lowest bidder, it is learned.

Citizens of the Lawsonville section say that they do not know the object of the department in establishing this mail line as it will not give any better mail service than they now have from the R. F. D. route which carries mail to Lawsonville. The star route mail from Walnut Cove arrives at Danbury about noon and by requiring the R. F. D. man to wait for it citizens on route one would have the same mail service that Danbury has, they say. Whereas at present the R. F. D. man leaves Danbury early in the morning and carries out mail that came in from the railway the day before.

## TOBACCO CO-OPS PAY FOR 2 CROPS

Final Settlements Start February 7th In East Belt; Will Close Two More Pools Soon.

(By S. D. Frisell.)

Complete settlement on two crops of tobacco will be made with members of the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association in Eastern North Carolina next Saturday, February 7. The checks will be issued to association members from the co-operative warehouse of the Eastern Belt and cover the last indebtedness of the association to its members there, on deliveries both of 1922 and of 1923 tobacco.

The tobacco co-ops of South Carolina and the North Carolina border counties will be the next in line to receive their final payment on the crop of 1923 after next Saturday's settlement, having already received full payment on their 1922 deliveries some months ago. The final settlement by the association with its members in the South Carolina Belt is scheduled to take place on or before March 16, according to the announcement of the tobacco association's board of directors.

The tobacco farmers of the Old Bright Belt of Virginia and North Carolina who are members of the association, will receive their final settlement on deliveries of the 1922 crop on or before March 16, and according to their directors, this settlement will be followed within forty days by payments on all grades of their 1923 tobacco which have been sold and paid for.

The Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association will be the first of the big American co-operative to make full settlement with its members on the 1923 crop of tobacco, as in the case of its members in Eastern Carolina this week and in South Carolina next month. The tri-state organization of tobacco farmers also shows the most successful sales record among the large tobacco marketing associations, having now sold all but 14,000,000 pounds of the 343,000,000 pounds of tobacco received during its first two seasons of operation.

The largest deliveries of the entire season reached the co-operative warehouses during the week ending January 24, when the associated farmers delivered seven and a half million pounds of the weed in Virginia and North Carolina.

### Adjustable

Caller—"So this is the old settle you told me you had picked up at such a bargain. My dear, it's a perfect treasure! It looks as if there might be some real old legend connected with it."

Hostess—"Well, there was, but at the price I offered, the dealer said he would have to keep the legend and connect it with an antique bedstead that he had."—Western Christian Advocate (Cincinnati.)

## DANBURY HAD BIG FIRE SUN. MORNING

Six Buildings Including Three Stores, Postoffice, Two Law Offices, Dwelling and Garage Totally Destroyed—No Insurance Carried By Owners—Loss \$10,000 To \$15,000.

By far the most disastrous fire in Danbury's history occurred here Sunday morning at 11 o'clock when the store buildings of N. A. Martin, W. G. Petree and J. J. Booth, the postoffice, the law offices of Attorneys N. O. Petree and J. W. Hall, and the dwelling and garage of J. J. Booth were completely destroyed within an hour and a half from the time the fire was discovered.

Messrs. Martin and Petree saved a large part of the merchandise from their stores, though it was badly damaged; Mr. Booth saved nearly all his household effects and the cars in the garage, except one, were saved. The contents of the two law offices with their libraries were lost as well as the contents of the postoffice and the store of Mr. Booth.

The loss is estimated at from \$10,000 to \$15,000, none of the owners having any insurance.

The origin of the fire is thought to have been from an oil stove which was used in connection with a cafe in the rear of the store of Mr. Booth. This report is denied, however, and it is not known definitely just how the fire was started.

During the fire a favorable wind kept the flames and intense heat away from nearby buildings, these being the court house, the home of Clerk of the Court A. J. Fagg and The Reporter office.

Since the fire a room in the Citizens Bank is being used as a post-office temporarily. No arrangement for a permanent location has yet been made by Postmaster W. G. Petree.

## W. C. MOORE HIT BY CAR

Knocked Unconscious For Some Hours Near His Home At Campbell Last Sunday—John Lawson Also Hit.

Willie C. Moore, prominent farmer of Campbell, was hit by an automobile Sunday and badly hurt, being unconscious for several hours, it is stated. The car was driven by a young son of Hub Hall, of the same community. Reports from Campbell state that Mr. Moore is in bed and in serious condition.

At the time of the accident Mr. Moore and John Lawson were walking along the highway when the car hit them from behind. Mr. Moore was knocked some ten or fifteen feet, while Mr. Lawson was also knocked from the road, though he was not hurt badly.

## Tobacco Season At Wilson Is Finished

Wilson, Feb. 7.—After repeated postponements of the closing of the Wilson tobacco markets, that the planters might gather up the odds and ends scattered here and there, the doors of the seven local auction houses were closed after Friday's sales and buyers and auctioneers began to scatter to the four ends of the earth.

According to the report of J. H. Petty, supervisor of sales, the number of pounds of the 1924 crop sold on the local market totaled 52,931,466 which sold for \$14,125,168.21, an average of \$26.68 per hundred for the season, which is \$4.51 above the average for the 1923 crop.

## Might H've Been Worse

It was toward the end of a theatrical performance when one man turned to another and said in a harsh, grating voice: "Look here, you have sat on my silk hat. It is ruined."

The other looked at the silk hat. It was indeed a wreck. "I am sorry," he said. "This is too bad, but," he added, "it might have been worse."

"How might it have been worse?" exclaimed the first man angrily.

"I might have sat on my own hat," came the unfeeling reply.—Yorkshire Post.

## TWENTY MILLION HIGHWAY BONDS

Gets Unanimous Favorable Report of House Committee—Mr. Bowie Backs McLean.

Raleigh, Feb. 3.—The house committee on roads tonight voted unanimously to report favorably the bill introduced by Representatives Turlington and Moore providing for the issuance of \$20,000,000 highway bonds, to be financed by an enabling act now in the course of preparation, which will provide a tax of four cents a gallon on gasoline, in the place of three as at present, and, further, for a sinking fund of \$50,000 a year to retire the bonds. Also, the enabling or financing act will provide that all over \$500,000 available to be used in road construction.

The principal address before the committee tonight was that of Mr. Bowie, introducer of the \$35,000,000 bill. He said he yielded to the change, having been assured by the governor that, if the credit of the state is not strained, the executive will recommend an addition \$30,000,000 two years from now. Further, he said, the governor had assured him that, in addition to the \$20,000,000 proposed in the Turlington-Moore bill, the sum of approximately \$11,000,000 would be available for the next biennium, derived from federal aid and the unused portion of bonds already authorized.

Mr. Bowie said he did not want to be understood as having been working in opposition to the governor at any time; that all along there had been only an honest difference of opinion, and that, after conferring with the governor, he was willing to yield to the situation.

A bill similar to that introduced in the house today by Turlington and Moore was introduced in the senate. A compromise also is expected in the upper branch, where, it is said, the \$20,000,000 bill will be favorably reported.

## WHEAT DROPS ELEVEN CENTS

Government Reports Will Probably Forecast Big Crops On Way—Price Expected To Go Much Lower.

Chicago, Feb. 10.—General selling out of wheat holdings today resulted in tumbling prices down 11 cents a bushel as compared with yesterday's top figures.

The government reports on the condition of the wheat crop are expected to be issued soon and will likely show a fine crop on the way, in which case prices of wheat are expected to take a still greater drop.

## Hard-Surface From Winston To Greensboro

Greensboro, Feb. 5.—The next state road building project will be a hard surface highway between Greensboro and Winston - Salem, Frank Page, chairman of the state highway commission, declared in a talk here today before the good roads' bureau of the chamber of commerce. Mr. Page declared that the present road bond indebtedness of the state will have been paid up in 21 years.

## Salesmanship Plus

The new salesman, although very enthusiastic, could not be described as altogether convincing.

"This," he said, "is one of the finest blankets produced today. In material and in construction it is far above anything at present on the market. For the price there is nothing to touch it."

"What is the price?" his customer inquired.

"Just a minute and I will inquire," was the reply.—Pittsburgh Chronicle Telegraph.

## Mystery

"How do you sell this Limburger?" "I often wonder myself, ma'am."—Medley.

Attorney J. D. Humphreys, Sheriff J. F. Dunlap, J. Spot Taylor, M. O. Jones, R. R. King and N. S. Mulligan visited Raleigh the past week and looked in on the Legislature.

## STOKES COUNTY FARES BADLY

Pays More State Road Tax Than Any County In Seventh District Except Forsyth and Surry and Yet All Counties Except Stokes Have Some Hard-Surface Road.

According to the statistics on road work in this district, just given out by District Engineer C. S. Currier, of Elkin, Stokes is the only county in this district which has not been given some hard-surface road by the State Highway Commission, although Stokes has more automobiles and pays more State road tax than any of the nine counties in the district with the exception of Forsyth and Surry.

Engineer Currier's report shows that, including work now under construction, the counties of the seventh district have hard-surface as follows:

Forsyth, 38 miles.  
Yadkin, 24 miles.  
Surry, 18 miles.  
Watauga, 1 miles.  
Alleghany, 19 miles.  
Ashe, 7 miles.  
Caldwell, 5 miles.  
Wilkes, 13 miles.  
Davie, 11 miles.  
Stokes, 0 miles.

All taxes for paying the bonds issued for road building and for maintenance of the roads comes from automobiles, and below is the official report on the number of cars in the counties listed above:

Forsyth, 12,487 cars.  
Surry, 3,354 cars.  
Stokes, 2,497 cars.  
Wilkes, 1,359 cars.  
Yadkin, 1,763 cars.  
Davie, 1,742 cars.  
Ashe, 783 cars.  
Watauga, 487 cars.  
Alleghany, 490 cars.

## YOUNG MEN GIVE DANCE

Several Walnut Cove People Are Ill—Commissioner Hanes Inspects the Roads.

Walnut Cove, Feb. 11.—Miss Elizabeth Sparger, a popular member of our school faculty, is ill at her home in Greensboro. Her many friends wish for her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fulton have returned from their bridal tour through northern cities. They are making their home temporarily with Mrs. Nannie Fulton.

Miss Lorene Snow, of G. C. W. spent the week end with Mrs. Geo. Fulton.

The young men of the town gave a most enjoyable dance in the show room of The W. C. Motor Co. Friday night. The music was furnished by Bill Ford's orchestra, "Carolina Red Devils." Many guests from out of town were present.

Mr. Alec Hanes, of Winston-Salem, was in town Monday inspecting the roads.

Misses Willie and Lois Dodson spent the week end with relatives in Pilot Mountain.

Mr. Dave Tuttle returned Monday from a visit to Florida.

Miss Dorothy Thorne, of Salisbury, attended the dance here Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Matthews spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Vaughn.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bevin, of Thomasville, were guests of Miss Nell Hutcherson this week end.

Mrs. Paul Fulton spent Tuesday in Greensboro.

Mr. Minnie Wheler is confined to his home with pleurisy. His friends hope he will soon be out again.

Mr. John Durham visited friends in Hillsboro this week.

Mr. Duff Linville is very ill at his home.

Miss Annie Redman spent the week end at her home in Pilot Mtn.

Mr. Tom Preston, of Belevs Creek, was in town Sunday.

Mr. Zeb Davis was in town Saturday.

There was a large attendance at church Sunday, services being conducted by the pastor, Mr. Ward.

Messrs. Hicks and Jarvis attended the Geraldine Farrar concert in Greensboro Monday night.

## STOKES ONLY HAS NO CONCRETE

All Other Counties Of This Road District Are Blessed With Hard-Surface Road.

Elkin, N. C., Feb. 6.—\$50,000,000 and \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000 and then some other millions expended by counties for North Carolina highways. Some money and, what there is of them, some roads! There is much interest in North Carolina's highway system, but a great deal more in the "highway district roads."

For this reason the following facts taken from the records of the seventh highway district, of highway construction and maintenance constitute an interesting story for the people of this territory.

According to a statement prepared by Engineer C. S. Currier covering the work of the district to January 1, 1925, there are in the ten counties of the district 741.3 miles of road being maintained by the state highway commission, as follows:

Alleghany, 48.2; Ashe, 53.6; Caldwell, 73.7; Davie, 53.7; Forsyth 98.8; Watauga, 73.5; Surry, 79.8; Wilkes, 123.1; Stokes, 74.2; Yadkin, 66.7.

The record of completed hard surface and surface-treated roads by counties to date, with the mileage, runs from zero in Stokes county to 38.37 miles in Forsyth, 11.35 of this amount having been constructed by the state, but paid for by the county. The figures follow: Alleghany, 19.62; Ashe, 6.78; Caldwell, 5.00; Davie, 13.53; Forsyth, 38.37; Stokes, 0; Surry, 7.25; Watauga, 4.00; Wilkes 13.47; Yadkin, 10.15. In addition to this record of completed projects there are two other projects under contract—10.54 miles in Surry and 13.39 in Yadkin, making a total of 118.37 miles of roads actually completed and 23.93 under contract, a grand total of 142.30 miles in the seventh district.

There are two other roads in the district that are known as "Oil Treated" roads, one in Caldwell county 8.5 miles in length, and one ten miles in length, 3.5 in Surry and 6.5 in Wilkes. These oil roads, constructed by the layer method, have been closely studied during the past few months when the top soil roads generally have given away. These oil roads have held up to such an extent, it is understood, that at the recent meeting of the state engineers it was decided to proceed to the construction of several hundreds of miles of this type of road during the next few months. One of the experts of the highway department declared the road to be "highly satisfactory." The ordinary top soil road can be treated with this oil-asphalt composition at a cost of about \$2,000 per mile. Three layers of sand oil are usually required to complete the road. The road is now passing out of the experiment class, and promises to the people of the state unusual possibilities, especially in the matter of construction of the "year round secondary highways."

## Merchant Kills Negro Burglar

Winston-Salem, Feb. 5.—"Justifiable homicide" was the verdict of the coroner's jury in the investigation into the killing last night of a negro man by A. Cory, an Assyrian merchant, who runs a grocery store in partnership with Thomas Hailey, on the corner of Eighth street and Highland avenue.

The negro had entered the store about 8:30 o'clock, just before it was closed for the day, and had held Mr. Cory, who was alone at the time, at the point of a pistol while he took the cash receipts of the day, amounting to about \$32.70.

Then with cold calculation, a neat trick and pure nerve, Mr. Cory managed to turn the tide of affairs and securing his own pistol shot the negro four times, killing him instantly.

Further investigations into the identity of the negro today by the local police revealed the fact that he was known as John Jackson. For some time he was a resident of this city, but for the past two years he has been out of the city, and information received was to the effect that he had only been back here for about a week.

J. A. Weisner, of Walnut Cove, was here Thursday of last week on business.