

A WORD FROM H. H. WILLIAMSON

Is Not Against Progress But Thinks That Under Present Circumstances We Should Go Slow On Taxes.

To the Editor of the Danbury Reporter:

I see in your issue of the 6th that we were visited by one of the very worst species of Georgia boll weevil and I do hope prompt steps will be taken to eradicate the pest from the county.

The critter surely ran riot at that county seat on the 6th of July. First it wishes to (or is told) that head and tail lights will be put on the county commissioners. That they are the champion rescinders.

I, as chairman of the board, wish to state in their behalf that one member of that board has rescinded a vote one time. It seemed to be the desire of the people that he did so. He was elected by the people and I for one, glory in his trying to carry out their wishes.

I was elected one of your commissioners. My idea of the duties of that office is to serve the people as best I can regardless of politics. I have never gotten quite big headed enough to think I knew better what the people wanted than the people themselves.

The Georgia boll weevil was told a great deal here, he saw some too, but he failed to tell you that some of the people of some of the Georgia counties had visited their county seat and prevented the sale of their land for taxes. Not once did they go, but just so often as the county authorities put their land up for sale.

We are agricultural people, the very best occupation on God's earth, but the poorest paid. Before I will add one other dollar of burden on the old gray heads and the mothers who bring their suckling babies to the field while they are taking the strength the babe should have, to make a product that is subject to nearly every pestilence known to mankind and every scheme that man kind can devise to rob them of their honest toil, I will walk out and let a better man take my place.

Please do not think I am against progress, I glory in it, but when each year finds our tobacco price a little lower, our land value shrinking and our burden of debt increasing, I cannot but say we should go slow.

Faithfully yours, H. H. WILLIAMSON.

Hugh Stovall May Get Well

Hugh Stovall, young Peters Creek township farmer, who was shot by Zack Campbell, of the same community, more than a week since, is still living at this writing. Though his life has almost been despaired of since he was first shot. Reports from the hospital at Stuart are to the effect that he has a chance of recovery though he was shot through both lungs. He was operated upon soon after being shot. So far no complications have developed and his many friends hope he will soon be on the road to recovery.

Young Campbell is still being held in jail without bond, pending developments in the condition of the wounded man.

Billy Sunday Club At Danbury Church

Team No. 11 of the Billy Sunday club at Winston-Salem, under the leadership of Rev. E. T. Sims, conducted services at the M. E. church here Sunday night. About 25 members of the club came along. The attendance of Danbury people was large. The service was very interesting and greatly enjoyed by those present.

Officers Pour Out 25 Gallons Whiskey

Twenty-five gallons of whiskey was poured out near Campbell Sunday by Sheriff J. F. Dunlap and officers P. L. Flinchum and Henry Dunlap. The barrel of booze was found hidden in the woods and the owner is not known to the officers.

ONLY TWO CASES TRIED SO FAR

Civil Term Of Stokes Superior Court Has Tedious Docket To Dispose Of—May Continue All the Week.

Up to Wednesday afternoon the civil term of Stokes Superior court has disposed of only two cases on the docket, both being rather long drawn out. Judge Michael Schenk, who is presiding, is finding the docket a very tedious one. Quite a number of attorneys are in attendance on the term, but the number of witnesses and spectators is unusually small.

The first case tried was that of J. B. McCreary and J. S. Taylor against Robert Hedgecock and Thomas Grubbs, and judgment was rendered against the two defendants as follows: Hedgecock, \$286.75, Grubbs, \$204.85.

The other case disposed of was that of T. J. Nunn and the Bank of Stokes County against the Dixie Fire Insurance Co., judgment being granted in favor of the plaintiff in the sum of \$2500.00.

The case of W. W. Rhodes against Wade Shelton is now in process of trial. In this case Rhodes is seeking to have a cartway laid out over the lands of Shelton.

After finishing the last mentioned case it is thought that the one of Robin Smith against Nannie L. Smith will be taken up, and the term will probably hold until Saturday.

Among the attorneys attending court, other than the local bar, were noticed: W. R. Badgett, John H. Folger, J. H. Price, C. O. McMichael, William Graves, W. R. Johnson, G. L. Jarvis, J. C. Brown, C. L. Shupp, E. C. Bivens, Judge Brock, C. W. Stevens, C. E. Parker, L. M. Swink, A. E. Holton.

STORM DOES DAMAGE IN SURRY

Corn and Tobacco in Wide Area Are Stripped of Leaves; Windows in Many Houses Smashed But Livestock Herds Escape.

Elkin, July 14.—One of the heaviest hail storms ever seen in Surry County visited the Fairview section ten miles east of Elkin, yesterday afternoon about three o'clock. Hail stones from the size of small marbles to as large as hen eggs fell thick and fast for nearly an hour and literally stripped the leaves from all trees in its path. Tobacco and corn in the area stricken will be absolutely worthless, being beaten in many places into a shapeless mass.

The hailstorm extended from the village of Union Cross via Fairview and on to the Yadkin river near Burch station, a distance of three or more miles, and was about one mile in width. A residence standing near the center of the storm area, and containing twenty-six windows, had every pane of glass broken by the whirling, flying hail stones. Many other houses were more or less damaged, and today the farmers are dividing their time between gazing at their ruined crops and repairing damaged roofs. So far as can be learned no live stock was injured seriously by the hail. Very few, if any, of the farmers carried hail insurance, and their crops will be a total loss.

Walnut Cove Items

Walnut Cove, July 15.—Misses Essie Morefield and Louise Swink, students at N. C. C. W. summer school spent the week end here with Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Morefield.

Miss Mildred Morefield is spending the week at N. C. C. W. the guest of her sister, Miss Essie Morefield.

Miss Ursa Simmons has returned to her work in Winston-Salem after a visit to her mother, Mrs. Ellen Simmons.

Mrs. Carl Ray and children are in the Twin-City shopping today.

Nice showers have visited almost every section of Stokes during the past week, resulting in considerable improvement in corn conditions.

SEVERE STORM STRIKES KING

Wind and Lightning Wrought Much Damage—New Drug Store and Office Building

King, July 13.—This section was visited by a severe rain, wind and electrical storm Saturday afternoon. Just South of town trees were blown up and many others were struck by lightning, considerable damage was done to the tobacco crop by the wind.

The roof of a tobacco barn owned by Mr. W. T. Boles was blown off and torn to small pieces. A tobacco barn was also unroofed for Mr. R. A. Newsom. The home of Mr. G. E. Newsom in Walnut Hills was struck by lightning but only slight damage was done. The roof of Mr. Charlie McGee's feed barn was also blown off.

The Rose Killian circus will exhibit here next Saturday, July 18th. This show exhibited here in 1920. It was a good show then and it is larger and better now.

Mr. Hobson Preston has purchased from Mr. W. E. Smith his half interest in the mercantile business of Smith and Preston and becomes sole owner.

Mr. Oscar Calloway, of Louisville, Ky., spent a couple of days last week with his brother, Mr. T. F. Calloway, who resides near here.

Mr. W. W. Boyles, of Roanoke, Va., is spending several days with relatives here.

Mr. L. O. Pulliam, of Atlanta, Ga., is spending a few days with his parents in West end.

Mr. Theodore Newsom has just returned from Boone where he has been attending summer school.

"The Red Goose" team shut out The Jefferson Knickerbockers in a game of baseball played on the King diamond Saturday. The final score stood three and nothing.

Mr. and Mrs. John Collins, of Mt. Airy, spent Sunday with his brother, Mr. A. F. Collins, on South Depot street.

Doctors Grady E. Stone, R. S. Hulsbeck and Messrs. J. E. and G. F. Stone have purchased from John Smith the lot on the corner of Depot and Main streets. These gentlemen have formed a company and will remove the old building that stands on this lot, and erect a new two story brick building with basement. Approximate cost of new building ten thousand dollars. The first floor will be used by the company for an up-to-date drug store, while the second floor will be cut into offices.

Mr. O. L. Pulliam, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with his parents on West Main street.

The Moravian ladies aid met with Mrs. J. M. Alley Thursday, July 9th. The 23rd Psalm was read in concert all engaging in The Lord's prayer. A prayer was read by Mrs. S. W. Pulliam, and John Has, the founder of the Moravian church who was burned at the stake 315 years ago on July 9th, because he would not give up the Bible.

The song "Faith of our fathers living still" which was so appropriate for the occasion was used.

Lois Meadows read remarkable conversions. Mrs. H. H. Leake made a beautiful talk on brightening skies. Five new members were added to the roll. The hot weather did not dull the spirit of the meeting, each one felt that they had been benefited. Next meeting will be with Mrs. Rupert Hulsbeck.

Misses Valley, Virginia and Emily Dalton, of Valdosta, Ga., are spending a few days with relatives here and at Dalton.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Leake and Miss Lillie Goff spent Sunday afternoon with relatives in Pilot Mountain.

Mr. Will Boyles, of Roanoke, Va., was a visitor at the home of Mr. S. H. Brown on West Main street Friday.

Lost Tobacco Barn By Fire Sunday

R. Meggs Campbell was here today from Peters Creek township and reports the loss of one of his tobacco barns by fire Sunday night. Mr. Campbell thinks the barn was set on fire and he has some evidence as to who did it.

JOHN M. FLIPPIN KILLED BY MULE

Francisco Man Died At Mt. Airy Hospital Yesterday After Being Injured Monday When Mule Ran With Him.

John Milton Flippin was fatally injured at his home near Francisco Monday afternoon when his mule ran while being hitched to a wagon, throwing Mr. Flippin against a fence and crushing his skull. He was immediately rushed to the Mt. Airy hospital where he died Tuesday at 11 o'clock a. m.

The deceased was aged 38 years and was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Flippin, of Francisco. He is survived by his wife, who was a daughter of Lam Fry, and by three children. The father and mother, five brothers and one sister also survive.

The funeral will be conducted at the home today by Rev. Dr. Rose, and interment will be made in the family burying plot near the home.

CURING TOBACCO DOWN EAST

Quality of Weed Is Better Than Last Year, While Quantity Is Not So Great.

Kinston, July 13.—The potential wealth that will bring greatest prosperity since the war days to eastern Carolina is being gathered from a thousand tobacco fields in the country contributory to the market here. The curing of the 1925 crop is in full swing. The next four weeks will be the busiest of the year on the plantations. A crop of average proportions but of better quality than last year is being gathered in this district. Millions of pounds of the weed already cured or ready for the process, and additional millions rapidly maturing, the growers are expected to have the last of the crop out of the fields shortly after the markets' opening September 1. May and June developed a production of good texture and weight and rich color.

Warehousemen will spend much of the next eight weeks "drumming" in the rural districts. It is believed that the fall sales here will exceed those of 1924 by several million pounds. Tobacco will be brought here from more than a dozen counties, including Lenoir, Greene, Onslow, Jones and parts of Craven, Carteret, Wayne, Pitt and Duplin.

Walnut Cove's Water Supply Is Running Low

Walnut Cove, July 15.—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sanders, of Asheville, were intown several days this week. It is understood that Mr. Sanders will move back to town soon as he disposes of his property in Asheville. J. Ervin Bolt has returned to Walnut Cove to spend the summer. Mr. Bolt spends the winters in Florida, and on his return to Walnut Cove he usually gives several interesting plays during the summer months.

C. W. Crutchfield was shocked considerably Tuesday afternoon during the electric storm.

Mrs. Wade Davis, of South Walnut Cove, was taken to the Baptist hospital at Winston-Salem, Friday afternoon.

Friday was the hottest day experienced in several days. The thermometer reached as high as 100 degrees in the shade Saturday about three o'clock in the afternoon. The crops of this section are in a critical condition on the account of drought.

Walnut Cove's water supply shows up to be short. Only about 25 gallons per minute is all the water the plant produces at present time. No doubt but what an additional well will have to be sunk before any satisfactory results will be obtained from the town's water supply.

Truck Wrecks On Walnut Cove Road

The truck of the W. C. Tising Co., of Winston-Salem on the road just south of Danbury yesterday and the driver, whose name was not learned, was badly bruised. The truck was damaged considerably.

HAIL STORM AT WALNUT COVE

Tobacco and Corn Destroyed—Capt. R. L. Murphy Critically Ill—Revival At Baptist Church.

Walnut Cove, July 15.—This vicinity was visited by a severe hail storm on Monday, tobacco, corn and truck patches being literally torn to pieces. The lightning struck and instantly killed a valuable bird dog belonging to P. W. Davis.

The streets of the town are now being graded and fixed preparatory to pouring the concrete.

The meeting which has been in progress at the Baptist church here the past ten days has been well attended and much interest shown. The song services conducted each evening have been much enjoyed. There has been so far twenty-two additions to the church. The pastor, Rev. Ward is being assisted by Rev. Snow.

Captain R. L. Murphy, a prominent and well known citizen is critically ill at his home here. Little hope is entertained for his recovery.

Mrs. S. C. Rierson and guest, Mrs. Lella Babbington, of Shelby, visited their sister, Mrs. L. M. McKenzie, at Germantown this week.

Messrs. Paul Fulton and Geo. Fulton are visiting in Elkin this week.

Misses Lucile Snow and Sadie Fulton, Messrs. S. C. Austin, Slick Hartman and Geo. L. Jarvis, were dinner guests Friday of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fulton.

Misses Myrtle and Velma Burgo, Sadie Fulton and Mrs. P. W. Davis spent the week-end at Moore's Springs.

Mr. John Lewis, proprietor of the Lewis Cafe, is quite sick at his home here.

Attorney W. F. Carter, of Mt. Airy, was a business visitor here yesterday.

VIRGINIA STARTS TO BUILD ROADS

Interest In Improved Highways Grips People of Southwestern Section.

Mount Airy, July 9.

Virginia seems very much in earnest about building the necessary links to connect up the Lakes-to-Florida highway which when completed will pass through Mount Airy but North Carolina seems slow to begin work on the five-mile link between this city and the Virginia line which will be necessary to make it a complete hard-surface route.

The surveys from Hillsville, Va., to the Virginia-Carolina line have been completed by the Virginia engineers and this week they are placing the grade stakes and the grading will begin in earnest the latter part of the week.

The people of Mount Airy have been invited to Hillsville, Va., Friday when the people of that place will stage a good roads rally in connection with a speech by Senator G. W. Mapp, candidate for democratic nomination for governor of Virginia against Mr. Byrd, also a democratic candidate.

So great is the interest in good roads in Virginia that Senator Mapp is staking his candidacy on a good roads platform.

Children's Day At Davis Chapel

Children's Day exercises will be held at Davis Chapel next Sunday at 10:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Greensboro Boy Pays Small Fine

W. H. Boone, of Greensboro, was taken by Stokes officers at Piedmont Springs Saturday night, charged with violating the prohibition laws. Justice N. A. Martin heard the evidence Sunday and taxed the young man with \$20 and the cost.

The Pinnacle and Buffalo ball teams will play on the Pinnacle diamond today. These teams played last Friday on Buffalo's ground and Pinnacle was defeated 10 to 2.

ROAD BOARD CUTS EXPENSES

Salaries of All Employees of Stokes Highway Commission Are Cut Ten Per Cent—Board Met Here Friday.

Since its recent ruling to leave off further road construction in the county for this year, the Stokes County Highway Commission has made an order cutting the salaries of all employees of the board ten per cent. The order was made at a special meeting of the board here Friday and is effective August 1.

The meeting Friday was held primarily for the purpose of going over the accounts of the board and ascertaining the exact status of its finances.

The highway commission is finding now the sentiment is against any extensive road building program, and that the attention of the board should be given more to the maintenance of the roads already built. It is learned that the board will adopt a system of maintenance similar to the State in some respects in order to get efficient service at the lowest outlay of money.

KIWANIANS ARE COMING TODAY

Members Of Mt. Airy Club, 100 Strong, Will Picnic In Danbury On Get-Acquainted Tour.

A hundred members of the Mt. Airy Kiwanis club will come to Danbury today on a "get-acquainted" tour. They will be welcomed by a large number of the business men and prominent citizens of Danbury and the county at large. At noon today the Danbury ladies will serve dinner picnic style to the entire delegation of Kiwanians and citizens, two hundred or more in number. Country ham, fried chicken, stuffed eggs, ice cream, watermelons, cakes, pies, pickles, sandwiches, soft drinks and other things will be included in the bill of fare.

The object of the visit of the Kiwanians, it is learned, is to celebrate the completion of the excellent State highway between Mt. Airy and Danbury and to become better acquainted with the people of Stokes, who are more and more making Mt. Airy their trading point.

The Mt. Airy's Kiwanis club is made up of the live business men of the Granite City who are ever on the alert in their efforts to turn more business to their thriving city.

Robert Flippin and His Car Are Taken

Prohibition Officers Sebum Shelton and Posey Flinchum captured Robert Flippin, of Pilot Mountain, near the Virginia line, in northern Stokes, yesterday as he was coming into North Carolina with 10 gallons of whiskey on his car. Flippin gave bond in the sum of \$550.00 and was released. The Ford car is being held here and will likely be sold.

Death of Wm. Hall

William Hall, of Pine Hall, died Sunday at 4 o'clock after an illness of several weeks. The deceased was aged about 64 years and is survived by three children. He also leaves two brothers, and two sisters, Mrs. Sol Woods, Mrs. Annie Corns, J. H. and Raleigh Hall.

Interment was made at North View church graveyard Monday. Elders J. A. Fagg and Watt Tuttle preaching the funeral.

Sunday School To Picnic Soon

The Union Sunday School of Danbury voted last Sunday to go on an outing to Guilford Battle Ground probably next week, the date to be fixed next Sunday. The school will take supper along, leaving here soon after dinner.

Jim Smith, colored, was arrested here Sunday night by officer P. L. Flinchum on the charge of having liquor in his possession. He is being held in the county jail in default of bond.