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## DAMAGE WROUGHT BY HAIL STORM

Thirty-Six Tobacco Crops Damaged One-Half To Two-Thirds—Only One Farmer Had Insurance.

A hail and wind storm Thursday afternoon that began at Lawsonville and extended to a point five miles south-east of there did terrific damage to tobacco and other crops in its path. The storm reached over a territory only about one mile wide and five miles in length. Parties from that section state that 36 tobacco crops were damaged from one-half to two-thirds. Only one farmer—John W. Shelton—had insurance on his tobacco. Shelton carried \$1,800.00. Very few of the farmers had primed any tobacco.

A partial list of the farmers whose crops were damaged by the hail and wind:

- Jack Alley.
- Percy Morefield.
- Judge Collins.
- Rufus Shelton.
- Dick Joyce.
- Joe Martin.
- Walter Robertson.
- Frank Robertson.
- George Sisk.
- Will Abe Shelton.
- John Shelton.
- Shores Hall.
- Cleve Lawson.
- Mody Bullin.
- Will Stephens.
- Jesse Bill Lawson.
- Jesse Joyce.
- Jim Joyce.
- Mrs. P. D. Nelson.
- Jim Throckmorton.
- Jule Priddy.
- Arthur Priddy.
- Flem Priddy.
- John Priddy.
- Rae Priddy.
- Alfred Mabe.
- Hub Moore.

## REIDSVILLE MAN KILLS BURGLAR

Was First Shot By Burglar But Reached Shot Gun Before He Got Away.

Reidsville, Aug. 22.—Ed Carter white, was killed here shortly before 11 o'clock Friday night when caught burglarizing the home of E. R. Franklin. Carter had removed valuables belonging to Mr. Franklin from under his pillow when he happened to touch Mrs. Franklin's foot, causing her to awaken. Mr. Franklin was immediately aroused and then Carter is alleged to have begun shooting, two bullets striking Franklin, one in the breast and one in the leg, while Mrs. Franklin was wounded in the thigh.

Despite his wounds Franklin grappled with the burglar and finally half pushed and dragged him to another part of the house where a shotgun was kept. Three times this gun was fired, Carter striking the barrel and causing the shots to go wild, but on the fourth he turned a run and as he did so, the contents of the barrel caught him in the breast causing instant death. Neither of the Franklins were seriously wounded.

Another white man accompanying Carter fled when the shooting started and had not been apprehended at noon today. Carter had quite a police record here and was just recently involved in a serious affray. Franklin is a well known local barber.

An investigation revealed that Carter had removed his shoes which were found outside the house he was attempting to enter and rob.

## Stokes Man Is Bitten By Dog

King, Aug. 25.—Romie Edwards of the Stony Ridge section was bitten by a dog which was acting strangely last Friday. The canine was killed and his head sent to Raleigh. The report came back today that the dog had rabies. Mr. Edwards will start taking the pasteur treatment tomorrow which will be administered by Dr. G. E. Stone of this place.

Franklin James, of Meadows was in town yesterday.

## THE SITUATION AS TO SCHOOLS

J. L. Christian, Of the County Board of Education, Gives Some Enlightenment On the Subject.

Editor Danbury Reporter: I am not capable of writing front page articles, but will appreciate it if you will allow me some space in your paper for expressing my views on the school situation in Stokes county.

In his article last week Mr. McGee in an open and frank way expressed himself as opposing the program as laid out by the Board of Education. I have known Mr. McGee personally for a number of years and know he is a fearless and bold opponent of schools. I can readily understand why a selfish, uneducated miserly man opposes schools, but why a man of intelligence (who lives in a community where one of Stokes county's most modern schools is located and paid for out of the general school building funds of the county, not costing the people of the community a penny more than it does the tax-payer who lives on the other side of the county) would oppose schools, leads me to believe that there can be but two plausible reasons. One is, he does not believe in education, and the other reason is, he is not willing for his fellow countrymen to have the privilege of educating their children.

As has been often told, the school buildings belong to the county. It makes no difference where located, it costs every tax-payer the same and is it fair for one community to have a well equipped, up-to-date school and let another community's children slobber in an old dilapidated one-room school building?

Mr. McGee in his article said the Board of Education asked for \$100,000 for buildings. He missed it by the small margin of \$20,000, not a big mistake for a man of affairs. He has the county's indebtedness almost \$300,000 too high. Not a bad mistake for a man to make when he needs the difference to drive home his point.

Getting back to the subject of education. We propose to build at Sandy Ridge, Lawsonville, Francisco and build additional rooms at Pinnacle and King. These buildings will cost around \$80,000 which we can borrow from the State at 4 1/2 per cent interest and repay in twenty yearly installments. By complying with the State requirements, to which end we have been working for the past six years, the State Board of Education has increased our Equalization Fund from \$18,000 to \$29,000. This extra amount is to be used for paying teachers' salaries. We had to raise this by taxation last year to meet the salary expense of teachers which made our rate 81 cents. By letting the rate remain 81 cents we will have the same amount to pay teachers and provide interest and sinking fund on the amount of cost of building program. Anyone can see by working under this plan, the State actually furnishes the money to build. There are a good many people who oppose this building program and I am sure they have been misled by unreliable men who are spreading false propaganda all over the county.

As I see it, my first duty is to the children of Stokes county regardless of where they live and who their parents are. A girl or boy who grows up these days without education is soon crowded out to the ragged edge of a bare existence. Education is something that you cannot compare with your tax receipt. Scientists tell us that the chemicals composing the human body are worth only 98c at current market quotations. An individual's body contains fat enough to make seven bars of soap, iron enough for a medium sized nail sugar enough to fill a small shaker, lime enough to whitewash a chicken coop and enough sulphur to make a match. (Of course the gas some have is not counted.) But when an individual is educated and developed to his possibilities, just what is he worth to himself or society? One decision of the trained brain of an expert may be worth more to humanity than a whole lifetime of exhaustive muscular labor by an uneducated man. There are 3,000 different employments listed in a publication of

## AMOS HEGE IN TROUBLE

Former Prohibition Officer Is Caught With Whiskey On His Car—Other Charges Against Him.

Winston-Salem, Aug. 25.—Amos Hege, former United States prohibition officer, was arrested last night about 10 o'clock in the Youngstown section of the city by Policemen C. L. Anderson, R. G. Simpson and L. R. Steelman and lodged in the city lock-up under four different charges as a result of the alleged drawing of a revolver on the officers. He is charged with assault with a deadly weapon, carrying concealed weapons, violating the prohibition law and drunkenness.

Policemen Anderson, Steelman and Simpson were in the Youngstown section of the city to serve a warrant, and a car driven by Hege stopped in front of them. Hege hailed the officers asking them who they were. The officers replied that they were policemen. It is said that Hege drew his pistol saying that he was an officer of the law and for them to put up their hands. This remark was addressed to Officer Anderson who immediately put his hands above his head.

Officer Steelman slipped up behind Hege, it was said, and over-powered him. His car was searched and about a half gallon of whiskey was found. It was stated that he was drunk.

The officers brought Hege to police headquarters where the charges were preferred against him. He was placed in the city lockup to wait until he was sober enough to be allowed his liberty under \$1,500 bond. He will be tried this morning in municipal court.

While an officer and through a long and checkered career many charges of violence and atrocious conduct have been made against Hege. After an affair in Stokes county in June, 1923, he was accused by the county superintendent of roads of firing upon him in an automobile. Last year two men from Greensboro said that Hege held them up in Yadkin county by puncturing their tires with a spiked plant, fired several times in their direction and abused them verbally.

Many other charges of violence have been made against Hege, and while a prohibition officer he was the center of constant criticism from a large number of citizens.

## Zack Campbell Is Given Hearing

Zack Campbell, the young man who had been held in the county jail here for the past several weeks on the charge of shooting Hugh Stovall, has given a hearing Friday before Justice N. A. Martin and released on a bond of \$5,000 for his appearance at Superior court in October.

It was thought that Stovall would die for some time after the shooting but he was able to attend the hearing Friday and Campbell was allowed to give bond. Only a few witnesses were examined.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Flinchum, of Danbury Route 1, spent a short while here yesterday.

The United States Government Department of Labor. After every occupation that our ambitious young people would want to follow, the following words are printed: "A high school education is a valuable preparation." I saw a calf tied by a rope to a stake. It had eaten all the grass in the circle as far as the rope would reach. Just outside the circle the grass waved mockingly and temptingly. Our young people who are uneducated are tethered by a rope. It is up to you to say how long the rope shall be. Will you let the enemies of your children shorten the rope, or will you make it longer by aiding us in putting over the program and provide for educating your children?

Mr. McGee referred to the article by W. W. Sanderford as being a burlesque. I am convinced now that it was since seeing his three ring performance of straddling the State legislature, Board of Education and Democratic party.

J. L. CHRISTIAN.

## "BROWN MTN. BILL" WRITES

Submits Some Comments On Article By Mr. H. McGee, Appearing Last Week.

Editor Reporter:

I notice an article in your paper from Mr. McGee on county finances. I wish to say we all as citizens and tax-payers feel very much benefitted by the full explanation of how things are going on in the county and how things should go to meet with his approval, and he makes it very plain just how his "SQUARE DEAL SLOGAN" would come in at this particular time, and help out things so much. We have been looking and waiting for this "ICEBERG" to come to the surface for some time.

Mr. McGee spoke of how well he enjoyed good roads and good schools, yes, we all enjoy the same thing, but we all do not have the pleasure of living in a beautiful quaint old town surrounded by 37 miles of top-soil roads in his township with good bridges across every little stream, and first-class high school and other things that go to make life happy, while the north side of our county is short on both roads and schools.

If Stokes county should have depended on Mr. McGee's vote while he represented this county in the legislature we would still be in the mud. We learn that he voted against the State road bill when he had every reason to know and believe it was going to pass, thereby killing the prospects that Stokes county had to get good roads paid for by the state without raising our taxes one cent. How is this for a man who stands for a "Square Deal," economy and for his people?

We further learn that only FIVE votes were cast against this road bill in the entire legislature, and TWO of these votes against it were the Stokes county representatives. Doesn't that seem like a man who loves his people and who is progressive.

What has been the results of such actions as these. It is plain to everybody, this county has been denied hard surface roads that we are entitled to by the State Highway Commission on the grounds that Stokes county said by their representatives we don't want them. Everybody knows this is true.

Citizens of Stokes county, can't you read between the lines of Mr. McGee's article and his purpose of shooting his gun at this time? He says that favoritism should not be known. I wonder when he learned this valuable sentence. But I suppose he learned this while in his political career, since in Stokes county, he felt victim trying to get his ideas before the toilsome masses of the people. His last defeat was handed him by a school boy of Mt. Airy, Surry county, the home county of Mr. McGee, but now he is trying to do good for evil.

I notice in his article he took a mild dive at the Democratic party, very cautious as to what he said, just sufficient to let those who are suffering with political carbuncle, know where he stood, but they know and the people know who fired the fatal shot that assassinated the Republican party in Stokes county, and in turn the people put him on cold storage and now we are fifty fifty with the flag at halfmast.

I don't believe in over taxing the people, neither do I believe in going beyond what we can't safely pay. I don't believe in wasting money, I believe we should economize our public money in every way possible, and be exceedingly careful in every particular, but the people know that it takes money to build good roads and keep them up, money to build bridges and keep them up, money to build schools and keep them up.

I don't believe the people of Stokes county realize what has been done for them along these lines. I know the tax-payers of Stokes county don't want to go back to the old mud roads and hills, with no schools for their children for nothing in the world, so don't get alarmed at these kickers, they are in every progressive county and will be as long as time lasts. They are out of a job and they must have employment.

It is a funny thing how a few old sore backs will get together and poison the minds of a few people over

## ROBT. COLEMAN DIED YESTERDAY

Had Been Ill Only Few Days With Blood Poisoning—Passed Away At Winston Hospital.

Robt. Coleman, a well known and respected citizen and farmer of Sauratown township, died yesterday in a Winston-Salem hospital after a short illness with blood poisoning. A few days ago Mr. Coleman injured his hand slightly and it became infected with fatal result. His death is a great shock to his relatives and a host of friends.

Only last Sunday Mr. Coleman passed through Danbury enroute to Snow Creek church to attend services.

## MARRIED HERE LAST MONTH

John A. Kennedy Pleads Guilty To Bigamy Charge—Mind May Be Affected.

Justice N. A. Martin and Register of Deeds John Taylor went to Lexington Monday to appear as witnesses in Davidson Superior court in the case against John A. Kennedy, charged with bigamy. Kennedy married Mrs. Kate Davis, of Stokes county, last month, and left her after a few days. He was arrested in High Point a week ago.

Kennedy, who is 70 years of age and a citizen of Davidson county, pleaded guilty to the charge of bigamy. Judge Oglesby, who is holding Davidson court, withheld judgment until later in the week. There was some question as to Kennedy's sanity.

## Prof. J. T. Smith Returns To Stokes

Prof. J. T. Smith, who removed to California a few years since, has returned to Stokes with his family, his many friends will be pleased to know. Mr. Smith will reside at Francisco and has accepted the position of principal of the Francisco school, it is learned.

absolutely nothing, except some little deal in which they have an ax to grind, like the sale of a truck or something similar the ball starts to roll and hell gets in the wind, high taxes in the minds of the people, here comes a tornado, like that which is billed for Danbury September 7th.

I expect to hear some of the greatest speeches on that day that has been heard in many days. I expect to see on that day a man who will try to imitate Henry Clay when he said, "Give me liberty or give me death." I expect to see and hear Daniel Webster with Solomon's wisdom applied to a poor wooden headed people who don't know nothing but truth and honesty.

While I am no prophet, yet I predict that in the near future a gathering will convene composed of these self-righteous fellows that never did a wrong, but would not hesitate to do everything in their power to stop all progress in our county in order that their whims may be satisfied.

Now suppose that our county leaders and county officials that compose all the boards was of the ideas of Mr. McGee on roads and schools, what kind of a road and school system would we have in this county compared with our sister counties, and all other counties in North Car. I don't think Mr. McGee means anything serious in his letter, but rather think he wants to let the people know that he is still living with the faint hope that he might go to Raleigh some day and assist in making some law for us that we can get our money's worth.

Mr. McGee's ideas of the various county boards reminds me very much of the Patent Medicine man, who was selling two preparations of medicine made from poplar bark, one was "Hypopopolodum" skinned from the bud down, and the other was "Lorophydum," skinned from the roots up. One would cure one half of human ills, the other would cure the other half of the human ills. But the specific has not been found that would cure his complaint.

BROWN MOUNTAIN BILL.

## NEWSY LETTER FROM KING

Meeting of Co-ops Aug. 29.—Burns—Other Items. A Marriage—Barn Tobacco

King, Aug. 24.—Mr. Otis Hampton, of High Point, is spending a few days with his parents on Pulliam St.

The high school here will open September 14th. Prof. H. A. Carroll, of Mispah, has been employed as principal.

Mr. C. C. Meadows, of Roanoke, Va., is spending a few days with relatives and friends here.

Mr. Thomas E. Smith has purchased from E. P. Newsam a nice business lot on east Main street on which he expects to erect a new building in the near future.

The meeting recently held at the new Christian church on west Main street closed Wednesday night. There were fourteen additions to the church.

Rev. John Spainhower, of King and Miss Alva Bowen, of Tobaccoville, were quietly married here last Wednesday, Rev. L. K. Pulliam officiating.

Rev. Mrs. David H. Wilcox and sons, David, Jr., and Westbrook, of Winston-Salem, are spending a few days with relatives here.

A large attendance is expected at the Co-operative Tobacco Growers' picnic which will be held here Saturday, August 29th. Some good speakers will be present and deliver addresses. A brass band will also be on hand and make music for the occasion.

Mr. Marvin West, of Lakeland, Florida, is spending a few days with his cousin, Mr. W. M. West, on west Main street.

The Modern Woodman ball team of this place defeated Seward in a hard fought game played on the Seward diamond Saturday. The final score stood five and three.

Mr. A. H. Newsam, of Clemmons, was among the visitors here Sunday. Mr. Ernest Smith, who resides just west of town had the misfortune to lose a barn of fine tobacco by fire Saturday. It is not known just how the barn caught. Mr. Smith went to dinner and when he returned he found the barn on fire.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. White, of Roanoke, Va., are spending several days with Mr. White's parents on east Main street.

The "Red Goose" ball team of this place took one away from Dry Springs here Saturday. They beat them to the tune of twenty-one to four. Not a single feather was knocked out of the geese.

Mr. Banks Turner, who operates a mercantile business in Winston-Salem and resides here spent the day Sunday with his family in Woodland Heights.

Mr. C. W. Hutchins and family, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Mr. Roy Lemons, who holds a position with the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco company at Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with his family here.

Mr. W. W. Grubb and family, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with the family of Mr. C. B. Moore on Pulliam street.

Dr. Lee Kiser, of Statesville, spent Sunday with relatives and friends here.

Mr. T. J. Rierson and family have just returned from Wilmington, N. C., where they spent a few days at the sea shore. They report a very pleasant trip.

Rev. Paul Herman Newsam, of this place, filled his regular appointment at Brown Mountain Sunday.

Refreshments will be sold at the big picnic here next Saturday by the ladies of The Christian church. Proceeds to go to the new church which has just been completed on west Main street.

## Reduction Made In Price Of Gas

Chicago, Aug. 24.—The Standard Oil company of Indiana tonight announced a cut of two cents a gallon on gasoline and all naphtha products and a cut of one cent a gallon on kerosene tomorrow. "Competitive conditions" were given as the reasons for the price slash.

Miss Luna Taylor left today for Forest City where she will teach in the high school.