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## KING SUFFERS BIG FIRE

Several Stores Burned Before Fire Could Be Checked—Max Samet Under \$10,000 Bond On Charge Of Starting The Fire.

King, Aug. 31.—Fire broke out here last Thursday night about 9:45 in the King Supply Co.'s building on North Depot St. People rushed to the building and broke the door down. The fire was in the upstairs part of the building and had gained such proportions that it was uncontrollable, but there seemed to be no fire or smoke below. The closest door under the stairway had been left partially open and a small light was noticed in the closet and upon investigation two lighted candles almost burned up were found with a quantity of excelsior around them. These were removed and it was not until the upstairs fell in that there was any fire on the lower floor of the main brick building but the frame building which adjoined the brick building and which belonged to the same concern was on fire at the same time that the brick building was burning. This building burned very quickly and the flames began to spread to the adjoining building. In the mean time the telephone had been put in use and the whole country-side had been notified. A message was also sent to Winston-Salem for help. Within a short time people began to arrive. Bucket details were formed bringing water from all the nearby wells. A continuous line of buckets of water was passing to the roofs of the buildings and men were all over the roofs throwing water. Also a large number of both men and women were at work removing stocks of merchandise from the nearby stores and furniture and household effects from the dwellings that were exposed. About this time No. 4 fire department of Winston-Salem, arrived on the scene and finally the fire was conquered. Mr. Fred E. Shore's feed barn, private garage and out buildings were all destroyed and his home, also the home of Mr. W. E. Hartman caught but the fire was extinguished. The straw stacks at Mr. S. W. Pulliam's feed barn which is located about 3 hundred yards away caught from the sparks, but Mr. Tom Burge happened to be at the barn and after quite a little effort succeeded in stamping it out. The following buildings were partially destroyed. Drug store of Dr. Ernest M. Griffin and the garage building belonging to Mr. Walter George, of Winston-Salem. Max Samet, who was the owner of the building and stock of merchandise in which the fire originated and who is reported to have carried thirty thousand dollars insurance on his stock of goods and five thousand five hundred dollars on the building, was arrested at his home in High Point late Thursday night and placed under a bond of ten thousand dollars for his appearance here Friday. He had his preliminary hearing here Friday before Justices of the Peace James R. Caudle and Thomas E. Smith. Probable cause was found and he was bound over to the next term of Stokes Superior court to convene in Danbury Monday, October 19th, in a bond of ten thousand dollars. All the business houses, professional men and each and every citizen of King join in extending their sincere thanks to the whole surrounding country and to the fire department of Winston-Salem for responding so promptly to the distress call and for the heroic work done during the late which looked for a while like it would wipe out of existence almost our entire little town.

Miss Gypsy George, of Piedmont Springs, spent the week end with Miss Greta Tillotson on East Main St.

Mr. Nick Mitchell, of Jefferson, Kansas, is spending some time with relatives near here.

Mr. Fred Jacobs, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with the family of Mr. John Beasley in Walnut Hills.

Mr. J. M. Boles, of Strasburg, Va., is spending a few days with his parents near here.

Albert Seales (colored) of the Tobaccoville section who was driving Ford touring car ran down Mrs. Robert Petreer at the corner of Depot and Main Sts. here Saturday

## TOBACCO SALES IN EASTERN N. C.

Many Markets Jammed On the Eve Of Opening—25 Cents Hailed As Average Price.

Raleigh, Aug. 31.—The tobacco markets of eastern North Carolina will formally begin the 1925-26 season tomorrow morning and reports from various sections indicate heavy sales on the opening day. The crop this year has been officially estimated at 297,000,000 pounds, which is expected to sell for approximately \$75,000,000 or an average of about twenty-five cents per pound.

Frank Parker, statistician for the state department of agriculture, estimates that the crop grown this year will be the fifth largest ever produced.

A large number of independent warehouses are expected to open tomorrow morning, possibly 35 in number. The tobacco growers co-operative association expects to open warehouses in a score or more towns.

### Kinston Market Crowded.

Kinston, Aug. 31.—At 7 o'clock this evening more than two-hundred of the 250,000 square feet of tobacco warehouse space here was occupied by piles of tobacco ready for the cop of the auction season here tomorrow. Indications are that before the sun rises tomorrow morning every available foot of floor space will have been covered and that there will be hundreds of wagons and trucks bearing cargoes of the weed unable to unload.

A "block" sale on the opening day is conceded by tobacco men who have observed the floors. Everyone of the five warehouses in the city has additional floor space for the new season.

Tobacco men estimate that tomorrow's sales will exceed one million pounds.

night. Mrs. Petree was knocked down and bruised about her arms. Her injuries were slight. He was arrested by officer Hall and placed under bond for his appearance here today to answer to a charge of driving a car without brakes.

Mr. W. S. Boyles, of Denning, New Mexico, is spending some time with relatives in this section.

Rev. Paul Herman Newsum, of this place, is holding a meeting at Fancy Gap church near Mount Airy this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Wright, of Mount Airy, spent Sunday with the family of C. J. Kirby in Walnut Hills.

The relatives and friends of Mr. Grover F. Stone gave him a surprise birthday dinner yesterday. The crowd gathered at 11:30 A. M. A temporary table was soon arranged on the lawn and within a few minutes it was filled to overflowing with all kinds of good things to eat, including a generous supply of fine watermelons. The crowd was arranged around the long table and a photograph of the table and crowd was made. Thanks was offered by Mr. George Mock, after which the crowd partook of a wholesome meal which seemed to be enjoyed to the utmost by all present. This was Mr. Stone's thirty-ninth birthday. About two hundred people were present.

A large crowd attended the big Co-operative Tobacco Growers' picnic held here Saturday. A fine dinner was set after which addresses were delivered by Miss Elizabeth Kelley, of Raleigh, and Messrs. J. Y. Joyner, formerly of Raleigh, W. M. West, of King, J. C. Oliver, of Eastern Carolina, and B. E. White, district field man. This was a very enthusiastic meeting and quite a number of outsiders who were present were very favorably impressed.

Dr. C. S. Lawrence, of Winston-Salem, was here on professional business Saturday.

Mr. Ernest Barr, who resides two miles east of town had the misfortune to lose a good barn of tobacco by fire Saturday afternoon.

The Modern Woodman ball team defeated the Red Goose boys in a game here Saturday. The score stood fourteen and one. Both teams are of King.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Wright, of Rural Hall, spent Sunday with relatives in Walnut Hills.

## KEEP SCHOOLS OUT OF POLITICS

Stokes Man Defines the Four Classes Of Kickers In the County's "School War."

Walnut Cove, N. C., August 31, 1925.

Editors Danbury Reporter: For the last two or three months your paper has been full of letters and news items concerning the efforts of our County Board of Education to establish decent schools over Stokes county. I have read all of these letters, talked with leading citizens, and attended one of the meetings of the Tax-Payers' Committee. I have tried impartially to sound the thing to the bottom and see just why each prominent individual would be against better schools. Going from the facts that have been given me and the ones which I know to be true I offer the following explanation of the school war that now is raging.

There are four classes of kickers. 1st. The men who have a personal axe to grind. (They are the ones who started the whole thing about 18 months ago.) 2nd. The shrewd politician who sees future elections. 3rd. The property owner who has no children to educate. 4th. The man who is led or pulled by various strings, and who does not do his own thinking.

Under No. 1 we have many names prominent among whom we find a man who made a strong campaign to be put on the Highway Board and failed, who also tried to have two of the school authorities removed and failed, who made several trips to Raleigh growling and kicking over various things only to be ignored each and every time. We also find a man who for the few dollars profit on a school bus, which the Board of Education did not see fit to buy from him, canvassed the county with a petition and carried it to Raleigh endeavoring to have two school officials removed, and their seats filled by men to whom he could sell trucks to, or control. He met with the same success as the first mentioned. He failed.

Under No. 2 we also find many names. Chief among whom there is a gentleman who has met more reverses in politics than the average individual could face his neighbor with, who is so bitter with his RING STUFF (we have heard nothing else from him for 15 years) that he thinks a man whose political belief is not as his is dishonest. He has recently launched a campaign to put our school system into politics. Also one of the present members of the Board of County Commissioners who is endeavoring to pull one of the shrewdest pieces of political strategy that we have seen lately. And another leader of the Tax-Payers' Committee who has a broader holding an important political position, and whose very system reeks with political acid. He thinks he sees a political future for himself or his relatives but he is mistaken.

In the 3rd group we have perhaps the largest number of kickers, men who have no children, or whose children have finished school, or whose children haven't much education and who does not want them to have any. The first mentioned gentleman in No. 2 fits this company also the last mentioned gentleman in article 2 fits in this assembly. Another leader in this group is a gentleman from near Walnut Cove, whose name appears on various circulars. This man has never been an advocate of schools and he is only fighting to stay out of the Walnut Cove Special School District, a fact that he is trying to keep under cover. He also has political cravings. I also gave deep thought to a gentleman from Sandy Ridge who had quite a little to say in the last Tax-Payers' Meeting. Upon investigating I found that all of his children had finished school out of the county.

In group No. 4 we have a large following. These are the men that will get the kicks when it is all over. They are misled by all of the aforementioned groups, sometimes they are driven. I feel for them.

I wish that every intelligent man and woman in Stokes county would get off to themselves and think this thing out. Do you want our school system torn down by undermining

## STATEMENT FROM SUPT. CARSON

Submits Figures To Show That Statements Made In Regard To School Expenses Are Erroneous.

Editor Danbury Reporter:

I notice that a circular letter is being distributed in the county by Mr. H. H. Williamson in which he makes the statement that "these amounts have not been sufficient to conduct our schools, and notes and contracts are outstanding which create a debt of \$170,109 that must come out of the pockets of the taxpayers." As this statement is entirely erroneous and misleading I wish to correct the same. The facts are as follows:

Expenditures of Board of Education last four years as shown by audit:

From July 1st, 1921, to July 1st, 1922, .....	\$110,876.30
From July 1st, 1922, to July 1st, 1923, .....	157,475.92
\$58,553.81 of this amount for new buildings and furniture.	
From July 1st, 1923, to July 1st, 1924, .....	\$195,196.77
\$47,849.26 of this amount for new buildings and furniture.	
From July 1st, 1924 to July 1st, 1925, .....	146,222.14
\$14,556.12 of this amount for new buildings and new furniture.	

Levy for the coming year with specials and equalizing fund taking same values as last year (but as advised by tax auditor they will be less) \$151,627.63 which carries amount set aside for interest and sinking fund for \$80,000 asked for.

For money borrowed to take care of new buildings as shown in statement the Board owes State, \$ 60,275 Bonds taken over Walnut Cove .....

Cove .....	23,000
Note Germanton Special District .....	1,100
Note Walnut Cove Special District .....	2,077.53

Total amount .....

.....	\$84,552.73
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Three years ago on account of the State failing to comply with certain obligations the county had to fund \$33,000. Expenditures of all above indebtedness is shown in yearly statements as given above and is not over and above what is shown. The schools have been run on exact amounts as shown by yearly statements.

I wish to state that the State has increased our equalization fund \$10,000 per year for 2 years. At the expiration of this time we hope and have every reason to believe that if we continue our school program that this amount will be increased. By this increase of the equalization fund the board is able to take care of its building program without increasing the tax rate one penny.

J. C. CARSON,  
Supt. Schools Stokes County.

## Her Long Suit

Cook—"I can't break the ice, mum."  
Mistress—"That's very strange. Bridget. Did you try letting it fall?"  
—Boston Transcript.

politicians? Who is this Tax-Payers' Committee? What type of citizens lead it? Are they sincere in their actions? Can a man WHO IS A MAN deny his fellow brother a SQUARE DEAL? Want modern school facilities on the other fellow's money and deny him and his children the same benefits? Are you going to permit another fellow's personal grudge to destroy your child's chance for an education?

If good schools are wrong the whole world is wrong, if we can't afford them we are different from the rest of the United States. I for one am willing to let the school matter rest with Mr. Forrest, Mr. Steele, Mr. Christian and Mr. Carson. I believe they are men of too much honor to put anything over on their fellow-man. The last thing in the world that should get in our school system is politics. It will ruin it. When a man knocks the Board of Education sound him out and you will find he has his personal matters at heart nine times out of ten. A CITIZEN AND TAX-PAYER OF STOKES COUNTY.

## FACULTY FOR W. C. HIGH SCHOOL

Term Begins September 14th With Bright Prospects — News and Personal Items.

Walnut Cove, Sept. 2.—Miss Myrtle Barge, who has been visiting relatives in Martinsville, Va., for two weeks, returned home Friday, bringing her cousin, Miss Helen Floyd, with her for the week-end.

Mr. J. G. Fulton and Misses Sadie, Helen, and Mary Ruth, of Winston-Salem, spent Friday afternoon in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Fulton, Mrs. Jones and Messrs. S. C. Austin and Bill Halston attended the dance at Mt. Airy Thursday night.

Mrs. W. L. Bowles and Mrs. W. G. Dodson and families returned Thursday from Moore's Springs, where they have been for five weeks.

Misses Nell and Margaret Hutcherson visited friends in Reidsville last week.

Miss Elizabeth Sparger was the guest of Miss Katherine Hutcherson for the week-end.

The Baptist Sunday School reported a large time on their picnic to the Battle Ground Thursday afternoon. A large crowd went and an abundance of good eats was enjoyed.

Mr. Frank Slate, of High Point, was a visitor in town Thursday.

Mr. M. B. Jones has returned from a visit to Florida, and says he is very much pleased with the country there.

Misses Alma and Nell Chilton visited friends in Goldsboro and Weightsville Beach last week.

Misses Verna and Treda Hurd, of Randle, Va., visited their aunt, Mrs. Brodie, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Byrd, of Martinsville, Va., spent Thursday with Mrs. Brodie.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Dodson spent Wednesday in Greensboro.

The Walnut Cove high school will begin work on September 14th, and expects a successful year. The grammar grade department will be put on accredited list, lacking only a part of library which they will acquire this year. Mr. Preston Smith, of Francisco, will care the late Mr. Murphy's place as caretaker while attending school. Several students from other communities are coming in to take advantage of the accredited school. The students who failed on work last year will be required to make up that work before they can be promoted. The make up examinations will be given the first week of school.

The following comprise the school faculty:

1st grade, Miss Sallie Bett Marshall, Walnut Cove.  
2nd grade, Miss Julia Hairston, Walnut Cove.  
3rd grade, Miss Nell Hutcherson, Walnut Cove.  
4th grade, Mrs. A. A. Fowler, Walnut Cove.  
5th grade, Miss Sue Taylor, Asheville.  
6th grade, Mrs. Will Wheeler, Walnut Cove.  
7th grade, Mrs. King Grogan, Walnut Cove.

High School Department.  
Latin and English, Miss Flora Binder, Mt. Airy.

Science and Home Economics, Miss Elizabeth Light, Walkertown.

French and History, Mr. Ralph Tuttle, assistant principal.

Mathematics, M. T. Chilton, Principal.

Miss Nell Chilton, who will teach the fifth grade in Burlington school, will leave Saturday for Burlington.

Messrs. E. S. Zimmerman, J. I. Zimmerman, Tom Covington and Bob Young left Monday for Hamlet, where they will be engaged in work.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Gilmer returned Sunday from a visit to Black Mt.

Mr. T. C. Hartman spent the week-end at his home in Salisbury.

Mr. Alec Hanes, of Winston-Salem, was in town Tuesday.

Miss Frankie Mitchell, of High Point, has been visiting friends in town for several days.

Mesdames P. W. Davis, Paul Fulton and Jacob Fulton spent Tuesday in Greensboro.

Messrs. Hassel Morefield and Carter Ray and Ed Shelton, of Charlotte spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Morefield.

## MR. M'GEE WRITES AGAIN

Replies To Letters Of Correspondents In Last Issue Of This Paper and Defends His Position.

Germanton, N. C., August 31, 1925.

Editor Reporter:

Through the columns of the Reporter of the 19th I submitted some remarks on the financial condition of the county in purely a nonpartisan way, and with no view whatever except that we might become better acquainted with the financial conditions of the county, and I did not expect thereby to become associated with the differences that exist between the Board of Education, the Board of County Commissioners, and the pending litigation.

I merely mentioned the school budget, the controversy over the building program and the road program, but directed my remarks to the financial condition of the county. I stated emphatically in my article to the Reporter that I was fond of good schools, good roads and all kinds of internal improvements, and desired to see them extended from time to time commensurate with the ability of the tax-payers of the county to finance the same. However, it appears that some special interests must have been touched by my remarks.

The following issue of the Reporter brought forth a message from Mr. John Christian of the Board of Education and also one from Mr. Pepper. I have no disposition whatever to enter into a newspaper controversy, neither did I wish to discuss the school building program of the county. It was my intention to take no part in the school building program, but since Mr. Christian and Mr. Pepper have seen fit to make their remarks, in part, personal, I wish to make my own position clear.

First: Mr. Pepper states that I erroneously claimed that the school budget submitted to the county commissioners for their approval asked for \$109,000 with which to put on the building program of the county. It is hardly necessary to repeat, because the readers of the Reporter will remember, that I stated the school budget asked for about a \$100,000. Attempting to show me in error, Mr. Pepper stated that the budget asked for only \$80,000. To be exact, the Board of Education, through their school budget asked for \$98,000, and while the commissioners refused to allow them but \$80,000, the Board of Education had an opportunity to secure \$18,000 from another source without the endorsement of the Board of County Commissioners, and they pursued this course, thereby making the total budget for building fund \$98,000, and hence, my statement, "about a \$100,000." Accepting these figures as being true, why does Mr. Pepper fail to recite the facts in the case, when we have reason to believe that he was in possession of such information? Any one desiring further proof of my statement will reference any member of the Board of County Commissioners or Mr. J. C. Carson, clerk of the joint board meeting.

Mr. Pepper elaborates at considerable length upon the school building program now pending, pointing to the proposed erection of commodious school buildings at Danbury, Francisco, Lawsonville and Sandy Ridge. He emphasizes the fact that Walnut Cove, Germanton, King, etc., are enjoying splendid school facilities and further states that Danbury and the northern part of the county are helping to finance these splendid schools referred to. Mr. Pepper further states that the Board of Education is now offering to provide Danbury and the northern part of the county with school facilities equal to those enjoyed by the southern part without it costing any taxpayer a penny extra in taxes.

Believing in local self-government, it is fitting to say that if the people of Danbury, Francisco, Lawsonville and Sandy Ridge districts desire these splendid schools, they should make their desires known. Walnut Cove, Germanton, King and the other districts enjoying these splendid schools, laid out their districts, asked

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