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MR. WILLIAMSON EXPLAINS FIGURES

Says Money Expended By Commissioners Includes Renewal Of Notes, Etc.

Editor Danbury Reporter:
I see in your issue of the 16th that "Citizen" gives some very interesting figures. I wonder why a man who has uncovered all of this extravagance should be ashamed to sign his name to his findings. Can it be possible that he knows his statement is misleading and for that reason does not care to disclose his identity?

He states that my Board will at the present rate spend \$152,712.55 more than their allotment. I say that such a statement is absurd, untrue and in no part right. If "Citizen" had sense enough to get up the figures he has submitted, he had brains enough to be aware of the fact that he was deliberately trying to mislead the people.

The figures he gives includes renewals of notes given before our time, money we have borrowed for the Road Board and School Board which are in no way chargeable to the little fifteen cent levy we ask you for, to pay the following:

Salary of Sheriff, Clerk of Court, Register of Deeds and Assistants.
Expenses of our courts, expense of county home and outside poor, expense of jail and prisoners, vaccinations and so many little expenses that it will take too much space to enumerate.

All of the above "Citizen" tells you we have to pay with \$29,412.45, while the Board of Education has for its operating expenses for a like time around \$175,000.00. "Citizen" knows that the County Commissioners are compelled by law to stick to the 15 cent levy and if they get away from that, they are indictable. If he is a man as well as a citizen he certainly will at once bring suit to make us show why this of would any criminal extravagance he accuses us of should be allowed to continue.

I DEFEY HIM TO DO IT.
Faithfully yours,
H. H. WILLIAMSON, Chairman,
Board County Commissioners.

PLAN BIG RESORT NEAR STATE LINE

Movement On Foot to Build Hotel At "Norvale Crags." Ten Miles From Roaring Gap—Site Is Most Beautiful.

Mount Airy, Sept. 21.—Representative business and professional men of this city will go to Galax, Va., this evening to meet with representative citizens of that place in the interest of the new resort development to be known as "Norvale Crags" and located four miles beyond Low Gap.

At a meeting held here Thursday evening T. N. Woodruff, of Low Gap; J. B. Sparger and S. M. Hale, of this city, were made directors for this site and T. L. Felts, of Galax, Va., who is backing the project financially and otherwise, has already agreed to serve as a director for Virginia.

The location is only eight or ten miles from Roaring Gap and has an elevation of 3,600 feet with a view of wonderful expanse extending almost any resort located in the south. It overlooks both North Carolina and Virginia, and the promoters point out that the location is such that the development will not be an extravagant proposition—nature has provided pure water, a cascade to furnish the electric power, and building a dam will provide a lake covering 100 acres. At the same time there is no disposition on the part of the promoters to stint in financing the development. Quite the contrary, nature has provided such a wonderful opportunity that it deserves the best that man can do to utilize nature's bounty and the promoters plan for a resort that will be the pride and glory of both North Carolina and Virginia.

England expects to try a plan for making divorces cheaper, so that poor people can afford them. It is getting harder and harder to maintain any social distinctions.—Spokane Spokesman-Review.

WHAT STOKES SHOULD HAVE

A Farm Demonstrator and A Model Farm—Would Pay County Large Dividends.

The following article written by J. G. Key, of Surry county, and appearing in the Mt. Airy paper, will apply to Stokes as well as Surry, in our opinion:

Ararat, N. C., Sept. 10,
Editor Mt. Airy News:

I have just read your editorial in today's News commenting on the necessity of a farm demonstrator for Surry County. I am very much in favor of a county demonstrator, but not without other considerations.

In the first place, to hire a demonstrator on the method previously used, I consider money ill spent, as there are very few who benefit from it, as he can see but few farms scattered over the county and do personal instructing, hence the majority do not benefit by the expenditure, but I want a demonstrator all right, and he should have a nice farm owned by the county at or near Dobson, on a good road, and this farm should be equipped with modern equipment and stocked, tall by the county and sufficient helpers furnished him at all times to enable him to cultivate a few acres of all leading crops each year, and a complete record kept of everything, giving manner of planting, preparation of seed beds, amount of guano and analysis used, and final results, and have these records printed for distribution to all who will have them, and have the farm as an all time demonstration, and especially on all public days, that is on first Mondays and court weeks.

I believe a demonstrator in connection with the farm cultivation as above outlined, will be a great benefit to Surry County, and more; I believe it will be self supporting, or nearly so.

I hope to see more editorials about farm demonstration and that the County Farmers may decide at an early date to put this thing to working as farmers in Surry County certainly need helpful suggestions, as to diversified crops and improved methods, and I feel that the time has never been more opportune for the movement in real earnest, and farmers never more eager for benefits to be derived, than now.

Respectfully,
J. G. KEY.

PATRICK ORCHARDS SOLD FOR \$135,770

Property Had Been Given An Estimated Valuation of \$300,000—Concern Is Bankrupt.

Danville, Va., Sept. 19.—Holdings of Patrick Orchards, incorporated, which some weeks ago made a failure in the federal courts were sold at public auction near Stuart Thursday, six large apple orchards being sold to four men for a total of \$135,770. The property had been given an estimated valuation of \$300,000 in the list of assets of the company.

Premium orchard with 580 acres and 22,000 trees was sold for \$25,750 to C. R. Davenport, of Richmond.
Patrick orchard with 32,000 trees and 927 acres was knocked out to E. J. Davis, of Martinsville, for \$58,000.
Blue Ridge orchard, 10,000 trees and 400 acres, was sold to E. J. Davis for \$18,000.
Sheldon orchard, 10,000 trees, 502 acres, was sold to C. R. Davenport for \$23,000.
Rich Creek orchard 486 acres and with 4,000 trees was sold to W. L. Welborn, Roanoke, for \$5,500.
Eden orchard with 3,000 trees and containing 300 acres was sold for \$2,600.

Good Tobacco Selling Very Well

A letter received here this week from Paul Taylor, who is operating a tobacco warehouse at Kingstree, S. C., says that good tobacco is selling at a fair price there, but that poor quality is bringing a very low price. Mr. Taylor says that the crop there is unusually sorry.

20 ROAD PROJECTS TO BE LET OCT. 13

Tentative List Would Add 111 Miles of Paved Road To State System.—Danbury Road Included.

Raleigh, Sept. 17.—Twenty new highway projects which will add 111.05 miles of hard-surface roads and 87.96 miles of improved dirt road to the State highway system will be let to contractors at highway letting on October 13, according to a tentative list of projects made public yesterday. The twenty miles will cost approximately \$2,500,000.

List of Projects.

The tentative list of projects follows:
Project 164—Nash and Edgecombe counties, 16.9 miles of paving on Route 10 from the Tar River north to Halifax county line.

Project 1990—Wilson county, 10.48 miles of grading and bridges from Wilson to the Nash county line on Route 91.

Project 111-B and 117-B—Camden and Currituck counties, 11.82 miles of paving between Camden and Sligo.

Project 241—Johnston county, 12 miles of grading and bridges from the Wilson county line toward Smithfield.

Project 212—Johnston county, 13.21 miles of paving on Route 10 from Smithfield to the Wayne county line.

Project 317—Cumberland county, 9.5 miles of paving from Fayetteville toward Dunn on Route 22.

Project 551—New Hanover county, 7.59 miles of paving from Wilmington to Wrightsville Sound on Route 2.

Project 394—Robeson county, 12.38 miles of grading and bridges from Lumberton to Boardman on Route 20.

Project 406—Warren county, 8.5 miles of grading and bridges between Macon and Littleton on Route 48.

Project 187-B—Wake county, 9.9 miles of grading and bridges from the end of project 187-A to eastern corporate limits of Wake on Route 90.

Project 523—Davidson county, 14.5 miles of grading and bridges from the end of project 523 extended to the Forsyth county line on Route 64.

Project 612—Iredell county, bridge over Rocky Creek on Route 76.

Project 601—Anson county, 7.53 miles of paving between Lilesville and Pee Dee River on Route 20.

Project 514—Caswell county, 12.08 miles of paving from Yanceyville to the Virginia line on Route 14.

Project 583—Rockingham county, five miles of top soil between Liberty and Stanley on Route 60.

Project 1350—Halifax county, 14.9 miles of paving from Halifax south to the Edgecombe county line on Route 49.

Project 733-B—Stokes county, 11 miles of grading and bridges from the end of project 733-A to Danbury on Route 89.

Project 809—Burke county, 7.35 miles of paving from eastern city limits of Morganton to bridge east of Valdese.

Project 825—Cleveland county, 10.13 miles of paving from Shelby to the Rutherford county line on Route 29.

Project 918—Haywood county, 4.5 miles of grading and bridges from the Haywood county line to Canton on Route 10.

Death of Tom Frank Hartgrove King R. 2

King Route 2, Sept. 21.—Tom Frank Hartgrove was born Oct. 18, 1910, died Sept. 17, 1925, making his stay on earth 14 years, 10 months and 29 days. He was the son of J. E. and Ida Hartgrove. He leaves a father, mother, three brothers and two sisters and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. The brothers are Foy, Willie and Charlie and the sisters are Mrs. Carrie Pulliam and Lena Hartgrove.

Tom Frank was an obedient son and brother, and faithful to his parents in all his duties.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. L. W. Burrus at Mt. Olive cemetery with a large crowd present.

The family wishes to thank their neighbors and friends for their courtesy during the sickness and death of their son and brother.

AUTO WRECK AT KING

Two Men Hurt—Death Of Sam Stone—High School Opens—Other News Items.

King, Sept. 21.—Mrs. Harvey Spahnower and little Ruth Carroll spent the week end with Mrs. Spahnower's father near Mizpah.

Mr. F. N. Jones, of High Point, was among the business visitors here Saturday.

The King Tigers shut out Seward in a game of ball here Saturday. The final score stood six and nothing.

Mr. D. McLean, of Raleigh, installed new desks in the auditorium of the school building here last week.

Two automobiles collided on the Great Lakes to Florida highway just west of town Tuesday night. Both cars were demolished. Two men, Jesse Collins, of Pilot Mountain, and S. H. Hand, of Stokesdale, were severely hurt. Collins had a bad cut on his leg just below the knee and other bruises, while Hand sustained a fractured hip. Other occupants of the automobiles escaped with only minor bruises.

The Cabin Motor Co. is having a nice show room built in their garage on East Main Street. They will handle Chevrolet and Chrysler automobiles.

Mr. Otis Hammon, of High Point, spent Sunday with his parents on Pulliam Street.

Mr. Roy Sinder, who resides two miles west of town, was here last week exhibiting some peaches which he stated was the second crop grown on his farm this year. The peaches were ripe but not fully matured.

Mr. R. C. White is having a fresh coat of paint put on his new home on Forest Grove Avenue.

Mr. A. S. Boles, of Washington, D. C., is spending a few days with his parents here.

Work has been commenced on a new service station and garage for Mr. Thomas E. Smith on East Main Street. The structure will be of cement blocks and will be modern in every way.

Rev. Mr. Jones, of Waughtown, is holding a two weeks tent meeting on East Main Street.

Mr. W. T. Pulliam, of Hartsfield, Ga., is spending a few days with relatives and friends here.

Sam Stone, aged about seventy years died at his home three miles west of town early Saturday morning from heart failure. The interment was conducted at the family cemetery Sunday at 11:00 o'clock A. M.

The King Tigers will play their last game of the season here next Saturday when they will cross bats with Hanes Knitting Mill nine.

Rev. Paul Herman Newsom filed his regular appointment at Mount Mount Airy Sunday.

Mr. Ray Kiser, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with relatives and friends here.

Mr. G. S. Newsom returned to his home on Pulliam Street today after spending several days with relatives in Winston-Salem.

Mr. R. S. Lemons, of Winston-Salem, was among the visitors here Sunday.

Mr. Reggie Hartman, of Danbury Route 1, spent Sunday with relatives and friends here.

The high school opened here this morning with a good attendance.

Mr. S. S. Boles, of Tampa, Fla., is spending a few days with relatives here.

County Commissioners Accept Audit of Books

The board of county commissioners were in special session at the court house here Monday examining the audit of the county books as recently made by the firm of Scott & Charney, of Charlotte. The audit, which covers the past 12 years, was accepted by the commissioners.

Piscatorial Problem

"Father, do the big fishes eat sardines?"
"Yes, my son!"
"How do they get them out of the tins."—Buen Humor (Madrid.)

France reports that the Riffians retreat when attacked. But so do mosquitoes.—Dallas News.

CALLING FOR BIDS ON ROADS

The Danbury - Walnut Cove Road Is Among Projects To Be Let By State.

According to notices sent out from Raleigh last week the State Highway Commission is asking for bids on a number of road projects to be let October 13th, and among them is the Danbury-Walnut Cove road. While bids are asked only on grading and bridges the road will no doubt be surfaced as soon as possible after the grading is finished. It is not known whether the surface will be of cement, oil or soil, but at any rate our citizens are more than pleased to hear that the road is to be built at an early date.

Owing to the heavy traffic on the Danbury-Walnut Cove road Patrolman W. R. Sands is unable to keep it in good condition, in spite of the fact that he is using every effort to keep it passable.

TOBACCO FARMERS SIGN WITH CO-OPS

Largely Increased Deliveries To Association Follow Rigid Economy.

Announcement by the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association that it will open its Central Belt markets at Durham, Henderson, Oxford, Noidin, Townsville, Fuquay Springs, Sanford, Vass and Aberdeen on or about October 1st, has been followed by the association's headquarters in Raleigh.

New members have been joining the tobacco association, particularly from those markets which border on the Eastern Carolina tobacco belt where many farmers who failed to sign the marketing contract before the Eastern Markets opened, found distressingly low prices after it was too late to share in the high cash advances being paid by the association.

More than 400 acres of tobacco have been signed up with the tobacco association during the past two weeks in Central Carolina, the largest number of new members having come from the Henderson District.

Every week of the present marketing season has brought larger deliveries of tobacco to the co-operative floors in Eastern North Carolina, the association having received within three weeks a third as much tobacco of the present crop from the Eastern Belt as its entire receipts of last season.

So long as the Eastern Carolina receiving points of the association continue to do business this year, the present 65 per cent advance and the present standard of grading will be continued there, according to General Manager, Richard R. Patterson of the association, but in accordance with the association's announced policy of economy there will be no inclination to continue the operation of association receiving points where over deliveries fail to justify their operation.

Referring to Eastern North Carolina, the tobacco association's manager recently declared, "We have no desire to run co-operative marketing down the throat of anybody." "This clearly implies that where deliveries to the association fail to justify the operation of a co-operative market, its doors will be closed."

Others have gone out to close a dozen marketing points of the association in South Carolina on October 2, following one of the most successful seasons ever enjoyed by the tobacco co-operative in that state.

The association has already received more tobacco from the South Carolina Belt than the entire deliveries of its members there during the season of 1924. The larger association markets in the Palmetto State will continue open through October when the graders from the smaller markets of the association's Southern Belt go to its Virginia and Western Carolina receiving points.

The Government of Honduras officially denied that there had been a revolt, and then added that the revolutionists had been badly beaten anyway.—The Pathfinder (Washington.)

TAXES ARE LOW IN STOKES

Prof. J. T. Smith Pays \$6.15 On the \$100 In California—Growing Crops Without Rain.

Prof. J. T. Smith, former Supt. of Schools in Stokes, was here Friday from Francisco. Prof. Smith, who only recently returned from a stay of three years in California, will teach this session at Francisco school. Mrs. Smith, who is still in California, will arrive here in the spring.

Speaking of high taxes, Mr. Smith says Stokes citizens have nothing to kick on. In California he resided in the rural district and paid \$4.25 on the hundred dollars valuation of property in addition to the water or irrigation tax of \$1.00, making \$5.25 on each hundred dollar worth of property.

However, he said, they have something to show for the high taxes. The finest schools and most excellent hard-surfaced roads are everywhere, while good land is worth \$1,000 per acre in some sections.

Farmers do not depend upon rain to make a crop in the section where Mr. Smith was located, for it never rains except in winter. Water is brought to the farms through ditches from the big streams and one overflow of these ditches is sufficient to grow a crop.

FAIRMONT SHOWS GOOD AVERAGE

Over Eight Million Pounds Of Tobacco Has Been Sold On The Border Market—Average Over 19 Cents.

Fairmont, Sept. 19.—The tobacco week just ended has been marked by heavy sales on the principal markets of this section. As a whole, the farmers appear to be fairly well satisfied with the prices prevailing. Especially is this true of yesterday's sale. Up to this date last year this market sold 5,008,010 pounds which averaged \$17.80. So far this season it has passed the 8,000,000 pound mark and the average has passed \$19, but the "ragged end" of the crop is now being sold together with the tips, and the daily averages are not as good as when the "body" of the stalk was being sold.

The recent heavy rains in this section has necessarily caused much wet tobacco to appear on the sales and wet tobacco never sells for anything like its value. Tips are bringing from \$6.50 to \$15. The stalk tobaccos from \$15 to \$35. Several baskets of real fancy tobacco showed up on yesterday's sale. This fancy tobacco was raised by G. H. Floyd of this county. One basket of it brought \$41 per hundred pounds, another basket \$47 per one hundred pounds and another basket \$60 per hundred pounds, which is the highest price so far of the season.

Wednesday's and Thursday's sales were not as strong as Friday's, either in quantity or price. The "double sales" Friday lasted until 5 o'clock so as to sell all that had been put upon the three warehouse floors, but a great many wagon loads were forced for lack of space on the warehouse floors, to pack their tobaccos down for Monday's sale.

Secretary board of trade official report issued this morning shows auction sales on this market for season 8,157,638 pounds. Average for season \$19.15. A greater percentage of tobacco has been sold on this market with two sets of buyers than on any market in the world using four or five sets of buyers.

Tobacco Market To Open October 1

According to an announcement by H. D. Hutson, of the Winston-Salem Tobacco association, the local markets will open for the season on October 1 and buyers representing every tobacco firm in this section are expected to be on hand.

During the summer many improvements have been made at the local warehouses which will facilitate the handling of goods for both producers and buyers and merchants of the city have completed all preparations for the opening of the season.