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## MR. HANES MAY PAVE OUR ROAD

Danbury Citizens Informed That Effect—Will Depend Upon Availability of Funds For the Work.

Citizens of Danbury who have recently talked with State Highway Commissioner A. S. Hanes were informed by him that if funds were available he hoped to pave the Danbury-Walnut Cove road instead of oiling or soiling it, it was learned today. Recent records of traffic on this road indicate that it would be next to impossible to maintain it as soil or oil road, and it would be good policy from an economical standpoint to hard surface the road. Contract is already awarded for the grading and bridges on the Danbury-Walnut Cove road and by way of the new road the distance to the hard-surface at this end of Walnut Cove will be less than nine miles, probably not more than eight miles. The State highway marker shows the distance now to be nine miles, but the new survey cuts down the distance considerable.

## PLAYS BY PUPILS DANBURY SCHOOL

To Be Given Here Saturday Night, Dec. 19—May Use New School Building—The Program—All Invited.

At 7:30 p. m., Saturday, Dec. 19th, the pupils of Danbury school will give three short plays. We hope that arrangement can be made so as to have the entertainment in the new school building. However, in any event it will be in Danbury, and all are most cordially invited to be present. We shall be made to feel a lack of accord and co-operation if any of the parents are absent without an unusually good excuse. Give your undivided support by being present.

Following is a brief synopsis of the plays:

The Borrow family are continually borrowing from their neighbors. Mrs. March calls on the Borrowers and they are forced to visit their neighbors before tea. Lina, the cook, spills mustard in the milk. The family leave the table in amazement when they taste the bitter milk. Fearing that it is cholera, a prevalent disease, Dr. Drench is called in. The doctor, after giving his professional advice, learns that Lina, the servant, spilled mustard in the milk and concludes that it is a conspiracy to ruin his professional reputation. Detective Spottum comes in to make an arrest, but finds that the evidence upon which the charges were preferred against Mr. Borrow are groundless. Dr. Drench tries in vain to collect his fees.

### Second Play—It Ain't My Fault.

Jimmie Blake, a reporter from the INQUIRER tries to get an interview at the DeKalb School with Elsie Morton, daughter of a Wall Street celebrity, has apparently disappeared. Jimmie is at a loss as to how to meet Miss Morton; he speaks to Noah, who is on his way to meet the new pupil, Nettie Smith, but is too late as usual. Nettie arrives accompanied by her fiancé, Tom, who convinces her that she will be happier as his wife than in school. Jimmie overhears this discussion and also discovers that Nettie's bag and his are similar, and he exchanges them. Tom's description of his bungalow finally wins Nettie and she agrees to elope; they immediately go for the marriage licenses. Later Jimmie appears wearing Nettie's garments and posing as the new pupil, thus gaining an interview with Elsie, who tells him where her father is. General mix-up when Nettie and Tom return and discover the mistake made in the bags. Jimmie then appears in his own clothes and straightens out matters. To win Elsie's friendship he destroys his report to THE INQUIRER.

### Third Play—The Darkey Wood Dealer.

Cleveland, a darkey wood dealer, is continually trying to sell Mr. and Mrs. Decker wood. The Deckers get very tired of his continually coming to their home. They endeavor to

## TEACHERS MEET AT WALNUT COVE

Gathering Is Addressed By the Principals of Several High Schools of County—Plans Outlined By Supt. Carson.

The third county-wide teachers' meeting for Stokes county was held in Walnut Cove Saturday, Dec. 12th. Prof. C. M. Felts, principal of the Germantown high school presided over the meeting. Devotional services were conducted by Prof. Dutton, principal of the Reynolds Memorial school.

Song—Silent Night.  
Bible Reading—23rd Psalm.  
Prayer.

In the business meeting which followed Supt. Carson made an encouraging talk to the teachers, also announcements as to plans for group meetings, lessons for reading circle, etc.

The program committee had prepared a very interesting and helpful program, stressing a very vital subject to all teachers—Discipline.

The first on the program was Prof. H. A. Carroll, principal of King high school.

He was followed by Miss Sue Wells, Taylor on the same subject, and both offered valuable suggestions, from their own successful experience.

Then came Miss Lyons with a well written paper on methods of interesting children in outside reading.

Prof. Chilton, of the Walnut Cove school then made the announcement that everyone was invited to the Home Economics room, which invitation was gladly accepted. Immediately upon adjournment the teachers were served with a tempting and well prepared luncheon by the teachers of Walnut Cove school.

At one o'clock the various groups met for 1-1/2 hours' lesson in reading circle work. A large number of the teachers of Stokes are doing the reading circle work this year and seem enthusiastic over the help and inspiration they are getting from it. The next meeting will be held in January.

(MRS.) E. P. MENDENHALL,  
Secretary.

## Two Dollars Bushel Offered For Wheat

The Danbury Roller Mill is offering two dollars per bushel for wheat. Great pity is that our farmers did not grow more wheat and less tobacco, since there is strong demand for wheat and the buyers have all the tobacco they want, especially of the darker grades. A majority of the weed being sold now goes for five cents per pound or less.

## Tobacco Warehouses Close Dec. 18th

The Winston-Salem tobacco warehouses will close for the Christmas holidays on Friday of this week, December 18th, and will not re-open until Tuesday Jan. 5th.

## Stokes Men Taken At Still Tuesday

James Throckmorton and his son, Jesse, were taken at a still near the home of the man on Tuesday of this week, officers Flinchum and Matthews making the arrest. The still was in operation when the officers came upon it. Both men furnished bond in the sum of \$200 each and were released, pending a hearing.

## A Mixed Audience

Lansing, Nov. 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—Sterilization, to weed out mental defectives and certain types of criminals, and birth control, to prevent the production of so many children they can not be cared for properly, were advocated by Dr. Clarence Cook Little, president of the University of Michigan, in an address here tonight before Three saloons, four Kroger stores, officers and nurses.—Detroit Free Press.

teach the darkey a lesson by making him perform for them. The darkey leaves, but comes back and turns the table on the Deckers. COME! COME! COME!  
DAVID L. HIATT.

## PAYS STOKES A SECOND VISIT

W. W. Sanderford Makes Some More Interesting Observations Around the County's Court House.

Editor Danbury Reporter,  
Danbury, N. C.

Dear Sir:

I recently had the pleasure of visiting your town after an absence of several months, and as it happened to be on the first Monday of the month, I again visited the court house and the various boards that were holding their usual monthly meetings. I found a number of people before the county commissioners asking to be exempted from paying taxes for various and sundry reasons. The highway commissioners were having their usual rush for roads. The board of education seemed to have the usual number of requests for more and better schools. In fact, everything seemed to be moving on about as usual. I was about ready to leave when I heard the court house bell ring, and I decided I would go up and see what was doing up stairs. As I started up I met my same friend who gave me so much information when I was there before and he accompanied me up stairs to the tax commission's meeting. I could hardly believe I was in the same place as before. There were only three present, while on the previous occasion the house was full of people. I asked my friend what was the matter and he whispered "bad."

Then he explained that the lady who had died—said it was a peculiar and foul child from the time of its birth, but its parents thought it would live, and it did show signs of growth for a short while. And the peculiar thing about it was that it seemed to thrive best when surrounded by a big crowd hallowing and pulling the smoke from old Virginia cheroots in its face. Its parents, realizing that it was not doing well called in their big-hearted chairman of the commission. He said he would go it to thrive if he had to jeopardize the future of the other 7,000 children in the county, but after using all the remedies his prolific brain could produce is still showed marked signs of growing weaker. They then tried the fresh air treatment. They carried it out on a Dodge truck over the smooth hard-surface road running through the fertile lands of their chairman (who made the highway commission of Stokes county pay a big price for right of way). Still it showed no signs of improvement. It began to be talked over the county that it was not the proper child, and that it was the offspring of uncertain parentage. They became alarmed and sent out to Winston-Salem and secured the services of a noted prophet and specialist in this line—Prof. Halton. They called a mass meeting of the people, and their prophet, standing in a high place, declared unto them that it was a proper child, and spoke with authority that it could be reared in spite of the fact that the people refused to nourish and claim it as their kinsman. Its parents were very much elated and declared they would raise it up under the direction of their wonderful specialist. It soon began to grower weaker again, and my friend said it was only a matter of a few hours. They waited patiently for nourishment to arrive until the last rays of the sun was casting its beams over the hills, and the evening shadows began to thicken and yet no assistance came. My friend turned to me and said they had as well give it up and consign it to the place it belongs.

"No buds unfold, no flowers bloom, Along the lake of endless doom; Its waters are the dregs of death, No life can stand its heated breath."

W. W. SANDERFORD.

## And Everybody Scolded Her

A female mummy believed to be over 3,000 years old has been unearthed near the City of Ur.

And to think that 3,000 years ago she was the "Modern Girl!"—Dublin Opinion.

The Shah it seems, has been guilty of lazy Majesty.—Savannah

## CITY HALL FOR WALNUT COVE

Office Rooms Being Fitted Up Over Drug Store—News and Personal Items.

Walnut Cove, Dec. 16.—The second floor of the mercantile building is now being remodeled with additional office rooms and will be occupied by the town officers, Board of Trade and the professional men of the town.

The Methodist parsonage in South Walnut Cove is being repaired. The pastor of the M. E. church at present is living in the home formerly occupied by the late W. D. Linville.

The Home Economics teacher in the High School, Miss Elizabeth Leight and her class gave a supper in the show room of the Walnut Cove Motor Company last week which was well attended by the town people and visitors from Walkertown and Winston-Salem.

At the present rate of hauling rock for bridges between here and Danbury they will be completed in a short time.

Bishop Pennick, of Charlotte, will make his annual visit to Christ's church here next Sunday and confirm a class of several.

Mrs. John Fulton and children, of near Winston-Salem, visited relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. Will Houston, who has been confined to her home for some time with illness, is now able to be out again.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hedgecock, of Elkin, spent the week end here with their mother, Mrs. Lizzie Adams.

Mrs. Joe Petree, a former resident of Walnut Cove, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Fulton, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with Mrs. R. L. Vaughn.

The members of the Baptist church gave their pastor, Rev. O. E. Ward, a very generous pounding Sunday night after church.

Messrs. R. L. Vaughn and Everett Matthews expect to leave this week for Jacksonville, Fla., to spend Christmas with Mr. Ernest Vaughn. Zeb Davis, of the Security Life Insurance Co., of Winston-Salem, was in town on business yesterday.

Tom D. Preston, of the Mercantile firm of Preston & Bro., of Pine Hall, was a business visitor here Tuesday.

Mr. S. L. Holland, prosperous merchant of Route 1, Mizpah, was here on business Tuesday.

S. C. Austin, Slick Hartman, Bill Fulton, Dan Heath and others attended the week end dance at Dunlap Springs Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Rierson, Jr., spent the week end here with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Matthews are building an attractive home of the bungalow type, in Winston-Salem.

Mrs. D. D. Woodruff and two small daughters, of Hays, returned home last week after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Doodruff.

## CHRISTMAS TREE AT MT. OLIVE

Will Be Given On Night of Dec. 25—Indications Are That Several Weddings Will Occur During the Holidays.

King Route 1, Dec. 14.—There will be a Christmas tree at Mount Olive church on the night of December 25th, at 8:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Judging from the movements of the young people of this section it looks as if there will be several weddings during the Christmas holidays.

Born unto Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Kiser, last week, a fine boy.

Eggs are so scarce that it looks at present like we will be unable to have an egg nog for Christmas.

Farmers in this section are taking advantage of the nice weather we are having by breaking their land for spring. On account of the low price of tobacco a large crop of corn will no doubt be planted in the coming spring.

## And Not a Yard Wide

The Girl—"What's that funny stuff on the shoe?"  
The Herder—"Wool, ma'am."  
The Girl—"Wool? Huh, I'll bet it's half cotton!"—Life.

## STOKES CASE WILL GO TO JURY

Contest Between Board of Education and County Commissioners Will Be Tried At Next Term Stokes Court.

Greensboro, Dec. 12.—The fight between the board of education and the board of county commissioners of Stokes county, was brought to Greensboro yesterday when Judge Michael Schneck, sitting in chambers, was to hear a motion on the part of the education officials that a mandamus be issued in which the county commissioners would be forced to borrow either \$80,000 or \$98,000 for the purpose of building schools.

Before the plaintiff, board of education, had made its motion, counsel for the defense submitted that there was an issue of fact before the court and that a jury trial would be necessary. Judge Schneck sustained this motion and with the consent of W. M. Hendren, prominent attorney of Winston-Salem, representing the defendant, the case was set for trial on the first day of the next civil term of court.

It is the contention of the board of education that a joint meeting of the board of education and of the board of commissioners it was agreed, with J. W. Morefield dissenting that the county should borrow a disputed amount (either \$80,000 or \$98,000) for which to build schools, said amount to be paid back from the loan to be obtained from the state building fund, a little later. The education officials contended that after the commissioners of Stokes county had agreed to issue notes and borrow this sum for the construction of schools, they met again, rescinded their former action, and refused to borrow the money.

On the other hand the board of county commissioners said that they agreed to borrow the money by a majority of one vote. And that since that time H. H. Williamson, member of the county board of commissioners, has learned that a different set of facts exist than was submitted by J. C. Carson, county superintendent of instruction, and that he further learns that the board of education intended to borrow \$98,000 instead of \$80,000 and that for these reasons he claims that he pledged the county under misapprehension.

Mr. Williamson, according to his attorney, says that the county superintendent of education represented that the state appropriation would not only pay back the county's loan but fund the interest and that since that time, he, Mr. Williamson, learns that this is not the case.

The board of education after learning that the board of county commissioners had rescinded its action and was not going to borrow the money, asked Judge Michael Schneck to issue a mandamus ordering the money to be borrowed. Judge Schneck, on motion of counsel for the defense, ordered it to be tried by jury.

It is understood that whichever side wins out in the lower court, the other will take the case to the supreme court and for the time being the building program of the Stokes county board of education has been halted.

## Tabloid Reviewing

Country Comment on Standard

DICTIONARY (Funk and Wagnell's) A bit plotless, but splendid vocabulary.

NURSERY RHYMES (Mother)—Clever characterization. Plenty of action.

CENSUS REPORTS (Government)—Dumbed realism. Perhaps a trifle too "fray." Sex element predominant.

TELEPHONE BOOK (Bell)—Characters tend to obscure the action. Setting is local.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD (U. S. Legislators)—Speeches too long. Much superfluous verbiage.—Columns (University of Washington).

Signals help. When the driver in front holds out his hand, you know he is going to do one of three things.—Youngstown Vindicator.

## A DISGRACE TO STOKES COUNTY

Children Of Best Citizens Of Big Creek Township Are Forced To Attend School In Farmer's Pack House.

W. S. George and C. E. Francis, citizens of the Francisco community, were visitors in Danbury yesterday.

These gentlemen report that the school at Francisco continues to grow in number of pupils in spite of the fact that adequate school building facilities are sadly lacking. The school now has considerably more than three hundred pupils.

Mr. George stated that in order to take care of the large attendance the rooms of the present school building have had petitions put in them and that as many as fifty children are being taught in a room probably only 12 or 14 feet square. In addition to this state of affairs Mr. George's own child, with fifty or more other children, is attending school in an old pack-house on the premises of a farmer, the basement of which is today being used by the farmer for ordering and stripping tobacco. The building has been used for the past 6 or 8 years as a plunder house for storing fertilizer, lumber, farming tools, etc., and this was moved out this fall and the roof repaired in order that the children of the tax payers of Big Creek township might have some place to attend school rather than stay at home.

The fathers of these children in Big Creek township are paying their proportional part of the cost of the new school buildings in the southern half of the county, and, as this citizen stated, whoever it is that is responsible for the holding up of the county's school building program has done a great injustice to the citizens of the northern half of the county.

## WILL EATON LOSES RESIDENCE

Fire Originating From Stove Flue Does \$4,000 Damage—Loss Is Partially Covered By Insurance.

Will Eaton, a farmer of the Flat Shoal section, five miles south-west of Danbury, had the misfortune to lose his residence and a good part of its contents by fire Saturday morning. Several out-buildings and some farm machinery and tools were also destroyed. It is thought that the fire originated from a stove flue in the kitchen. Mr. Eaton figures his loss at about \$4,000, it is learned. Enough insurance was carried to cover a good part of the loss, it is stated. The building was a two-story frame structure. It was the former home of Elder Joseph Southern, of the Primitive Baptist church. It was not learned what Mr. Eaton's plans are for the future, but is presumed that he will re-build at an early date.

## Sells \$200,000 Water and Light Bonds

Monroe, N. C., Dec. 11.—The city of Monroe, J. H. Boyte, city clerk and treasurer, has sold a \$200,000 bond issue to the American Trust Co., Charlotte, \$200,000. Proceeds from the bonds will be used to improve a supply of water on Richardson's River, two miles away and to improve the city lighting plant.

## Prodigality

"Raftery," exclaimed Mr. Dehan, "your boy threw a lump of coal at my boy!"

"That's a Raftery for you! When he feels there's a principle at stake, he doesn't think of expense."—Washington Star.

## "My Dear, You Should Have Seen Him

The Boston Transcript picks this from the Lancaster News.—"Miss Lucile Rife as flower girl carried a basket of roses and sweet peas. Mr. Robert Jones of Altoona wore a frock of pink georgette and acted as best man."