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REPORT IS BEING PREPARED

Commission Investigating the Damage Done By Dog In Yadkin Township—Owner of Dog Is Located.

P. P. Johnson, Henry Sizemore and V. T. Hartgrove, composing the commission appointed by the county commissioners to investigate the claims of a number of Yadkin county citizens on account of damage wrought by a maddog, are preparing their report to be made to the county commissioners on the first Monday in February.

All of the claims against the county are for the loss of dogs except one. C. H. Lunsford filed claim for the loss of seven sheep.

The commission has been securing information this week from the tax books in regard to the losses.

It is stated that the owner of the dog which did so much damage is Nathan Blackburn, who resides near Dry Springs school house in Yadkin township.

Mr. E. R. Nelson In Reply to Mr. Davis

Danbury, N. C.,
January 23, 1926.

Editors Danbury Reporter:

I notice in the last issue of the Reporter that T. E. Davis of Walnut Cove Route 4, wanted to know why the roads in Stokes county got so muddy in the winter, and the roads in Forsyth kept in splendid condition. Forsyth county built standard roads of 26 and 28 feet wide and soil 16 feet which can be maintained with out getting red mud on the soil.

Stokes county built her roads 16 and 18 feet wide and it is impossible to drag them without getting some red mud because the drags are 16 feet wide. Wide as the road from bank to bank and the soil only from 10 to 12 feet wide. If the roads were built 26 and 28 feet like Forsyth built her roads and soiled 16 feet wide you could drag the roads without getting any red mud.

Suppose we take the road from Meadows to Germanton. That road can be maintained and is maintained without getting any red mud. Why? Because it is wide enough to be dragged without getting red mud on the soil. This road is about 26 feet wide and the soil is 16 feet. If all our roads in Stokes county were built like the road from Meadows to Germanton they could be maintained without getting red mud on the soil.

Mr. Davis, you say that a sand-clay road ought not to get any muddier in the winter than in the summer. Why is it that the State Highway from Danbury to Clemont's ford is so bad now? The State has built a good road from Danbury to Clemont's ford, but this big snow and ice and rain has put this road in a bad shape. Now, Mr. Davis if you can scrape some of these roads in Stokes county without getting a little red mud upon the road the people would like to know how, when lots of the roads have got poor red soil to start with. So I want to say that the top-soil roads have been in bad shape in places but the State roads have been bad in my section. There are miles of roads built so narrow that it is bad to pass each other's car in dry weather without going into the side ditches let alone in bad weather. So Mr. Davis in the first place our roads were not built wide enough. A top-soil road ought to be built not less than 26 feet wide so you can have a bed of top-soil 16 feet in the center of the road bed.

So Mr. Davis, I would like for you to show me a top-soil road in your section that has been pulled up with a road scrape red mud from 2 to 6 inches of red mud from the side ditches up on the top-soil. So Mr. Davis you think that a top-soil road ought to stand up in the winter time with all the rain and snow as it does in the summer time. If you had been on some of the roads that the State is keeping up a few days ago you would have thought different.

With kind regards,
Yours truly,
ERNEST R. NELSON.

Perhaps the padlock is, so to speak the key to the booze situation.—Indianapolis News.

SAPIRO'S LETTER INTERESTS CO-OPS

Founder Changes His Views After Commission Board Reports—His Letter To R. A. Wade.

Unusual interest is being taken in the changed attitude of Aaron Sapiro, by the Co-Op men of Danville and vicinity, says the Register. R. A. Wade, who had brought suit against Co-Operative Tobacco Marketing Association officials last summer, to compel them to turn back \$500,000 to the "pool," wrote Mr. Sapiro, founder of the Co-Operative Marketing Association, telling him of the situation and asking for his co-operation in pressing the suit, to which Mr. Sapiro replied, in very considerate terms, that his attitude towards the head officials was wrong and from a legal standpoint was untenable, for the men who were being accused could not be capable of either, "deceit or fraud."

What the people are desirous of knowing is why Mr. Sapiro has seen fit to change his views since writing to Mr. Wade? That Mr. Sapiro decided to reverse his own opinion relative to Messrs. Patterson, Watkins and Edmondson seems to have been altogether due to the report of the Federal Trade Commission concerning the profits these gentlemen had made in re-drying tobacco without having a cent of money invested.

The letter that was written by Mr. Sapiro to Mr. Wade, was dated from Chicago, June 11, and reads as follows:

"Dear Mr. Wade:
"I have carefully gone over your points in reference to Mr. Watkins and Mr. Patterson. I believe that your conclusions are wrong from a legal standpoint and unjust from a moral standpoint. Nothing was done by either Mr. Patterson or Mr. Watkins without the full knowledge and consent of the executive committee and not anything was done by them which could not have been done by anyone else for the association under current conditions on better terms, as far as your particular statement shows.

"It is true that they appear from your standpoint to have made profits but there is no showing that these profits were improper or unconscionable as to amount or as to method when you keep in mind that each specific transaction as a whole involved very great investment and a very great hazard.

"I have had many dealings with Dick Patterson and Tucker Watkins and I am frank to say that I believe them both absolutely incapable of deceit or fraud and I believe that they are so constituted that a dishonorable act could neither be conceived nor fostered in their hearts. I feel that your own attitude together with your zeal for the association has led you into a great injustice towards these men.

"I therefore do not and cannot accept your conclusions or recommendations. But I do respect your courtesy and your faith in writing me as frankly as you did and I here express my appreciation of your fine personal attitude.

"Yours Truly,
(Signed) "AARON SAPIRO."

Pine Hall Highs Defeats Dillard Highs

Pine Hall, Jan. 22.—There was an interesting basket ball game played here Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock between Pine Hall High School and Dillard High School.

The players for Pine Hall were: J. Isaac Ayers, forward, Chester Paris, forward, Charles Lester, guard, Harry Williamson, guard, Pinkney Taylor, center. The players for Dillard were: Alonzo Martin, forward, Woodrow James, forward, Edward Alcorn, guard, Hudson Simpson, guard, Carl Mitchell, center.

The game was swift and interesting. No fouls were made, and the score stood 30 to 18 in favor of Pine Hall.

C. E. Pyrtle, of Kernersville, was a visitor here today.

SALE OF MT. AIRY ELECTRIC PLANTS

Confirmed By Citizens At Election Held This Week; Awnings To Be Removed.

Mt. Airy, Jan. 22.—The action of the Mount Airy officials in negotiating with the Southern Public Utilities Company for the taking over of the local electric power plants and transmission lines and bringing additional electric power to this city, was confirmed by public vote here this week when all the registered voters with the exception of 48 turned out to vote in favor of the sale and not a single vote was cast against it. The new company will take over the local plants and line July 1 and it is understood their engineers are already at work planning for the route to be taken in bringing in additional power lines. The contract provides that the power company shall pay cash for the city's plants and lines when the company takes them over, the price having already been agreed upon.

NEW DATES FOR CROP REPORTS

Grain Average Estimates to Be Given July 10.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Changes in the dates on which crop reports will be issued during the year were announced by the United States crop reporting board.

Acreage estimates for spring wheat, barley, oats, and other crops except cotton, will be published July 10 instead of June 9, as formerly.

The first report of acreage condition, and probable production of cotton will be issued July 2. The June 2 condition report will be eliminated. Figures on revised acreage and yield of cotton in 1925 will be issued May 15 instead of June 2.

Other Reports.
A preliminary report of wool production in 1926 has been added to the schedule and will be released July 29.

No change in the issuance of semi-monthly cotton crop reports were indicated in the board's schedule although it was stated that "the dates for cotton are subject to any changes which may be made by congress in the basic law which fixes the date of these reports."

Reason For Change.
Deferment of the acreage estimates until July was explained as being due to the desire to eliminate later revisions except in the case of abandonment. An extensive survey of acreage will be made in June when one million questionnaires will be distributed among farmers by rural mail carriers. The survey is expected to cover 10 per cent of the area of the cotton belt instead of three per cent as formerly.

The survey will make use of mechanical crop meters which were used widely for the first time in 1925.

Marriage Licenses

Register of Deeds J. John Taylor has recently issued license for the marriage of the following couples:

B. T. Oakley to Gailter Priddy.
Henry Nance to Gertie Watts.
Everett Fulton to Sadie Hole.
Jas. A. Eads to Lula M. Lawson.
Tom Logan to Perna Morefield.
Chas. M. Moore to Mattie Sue Stephens.
Wm. Fowler to Cleo Cromer.
Moses P. Bullin to Mary E. Manuel.
Reid Simmons to Hattie Durham.
Felix Carroll to Addie Doss.

Eb Nicholson Under \$1500 Bond

Deputy Marshall Bryant, of Winston-Salem, arrested Eb Nicholson, of Smithtown, this week on the charge of retailing and after a hearing here before U. S. Commissioner N. A. Martin the defendant furnished cash bond in the sum of \$1500.00 for his appearance at Federal court in June.

W. V. Wood, of Sandy Ridge, was a visitor here today.

"CO-OPS" HANG UP SEASON'S RECORD

Last Week's Deliveries Best of This Tobacco Season—4,500,000 Pounds.

Raleigh, Jan. 25.—Members of the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association made the largest deliveries of the entire season to their warehouses in North Carolina and Virginia last week, amounting to a total of more than 4,500,000 pounds of tobacco, according to the statement of General Manager, Richard R. Patterson.

This is considered a remarkable showing of loyalty on the part of the membership particularly in view of the recent report of the Federal Trade Commission and the suit of Wiley M. Person of Franklin county, North Carolina, against the association.

In view of the fact that the financial affairs of the association were reported by Oliver J. Sands, chairman of the executive committee, as being in the best condition since its organization at last week's meeting of the board of directors, the suit of Person who has repeatedly busied himself in making speeches and calling meetings against the association, is regarded as an extravagant play for publicity.

The attitude of the directors towards the report of the Federal Trade Commission which largely ignored the charges of tobacco farmers from various parts of the two Carolinas and Virginia made against the Imperial and American Tobacco Companies and severely attacked the methods by which the organized growers have protected their own business and maintained higher prices for all tobacco farmers of this section in the past three years, was expressed in the following statement at last week's meeting of the association's governing board:

"The board of directors of the Tobacco Co-operative Association has spent a day hearing detailed statements on the redrying situation with particular reference to the activities of General Manager Patterson and Warehouse Manager Watkins as co-partners in the Edmondson Tobacco Company, said statements covering items brought out in the report of the Federal Trade Commission; and it has been made clear that the members of this board have been in general approval of the prior policies of this board in permitting and encouraging our directors or officers or managers to engage in redrying activities in preference to placing such business with the enemies of co-operative marketing; and it has been made evident that the members of the general board of directors with a few exceptions were not aware prior to June 1923, that managers Patterson and Watkins had an interest in the Edmondson redrying activities for the 1922 crop; and that most of the directors did have general knowledge of such activities for the 1923 and 1924 crops; and this board here expresses its approval of such activities and reiterates the resolution adopted August 18, 1925; and here states that it would have approved the said activities of 1922 had it known of them, as being in accord with its general policies at that time, and that other employees and directors such as Mr. Williams and others were redrying tobacco for the association under standard contracts with the knowledge and approval of the board generally, including all of the actual facts about the policy of not selling green tobacco to dealers and expressly including all the actual facts and evidence to show that the executive committee had good reasons to believe that there was, in the spring of 1923 a real attempt to raise the cost of redrying against this association, with full knowledge of all those facts the board approves of all such activities, states that there has never been any intentional concealment thereof; states that the contract price and profits have been in line with similar competing companies and were proper in view of the hazard and the particular service; and further states that it does not see any ground whatsoever for any claim of any kind against the persons involved in these transactions."

COBB MAY HAVE MADE DISCOVERY

Scientist Scales Dizzy Heights to Study Rock Formations in Carolina Mountains.

Chimney Rock, Jan. 24.—Collier Cobb, geologist of the University of North Carolina, left here Saturday for his home at Chapel Hill, after completing examination of the strange rock formations existing in this portion of western North Carolina, to which his attention had been called. Today he ascended Chimney Rock mountain and scaled the dizzy heights, accompanied by two guides familiar with that region gathering scientific data. Upon the return journey the party explored an underground passage or subway through which it was possible to reach the opposite side of the mountain overlooking Lake Lure. Enroute Professor Cobb scanned at a distance what appeared to be the perfect outline rock formation of an ancient village of cliff dwellers. The eminent geologist expects at an early date to return with scientific instruments and cameras, outfitted for a week's journey among the sheer granite walls which today excited the party, as they may have made a discovery which must turn back the pages of established history of this region prior to the days of the Indians in western North Carolina. This is the same region scanned last summer by members of the Chicago Geographic society, brought here for exploration by the Southern railway.

Safety Rules By S. P. U. Company

Public Service, published at Raleigh by the North and South Carolina Public Utility Information Bureau, contains the following nine rules for Safety on the Streets.

The first four are directed to pedestrians:

1. NEVER cross streets at other than regular crossings. This is "jaywalking." This reckless practice causes one-half of our street accidents.
2. DON'T cross the street directly behind a street car. There may be another on the opposite track, or an automobile you cannot see.
3. BEFORE stepping from the curb see that vehicular traffic is a STANDSTILL. "Threading" traffic is inviting injury or death.
4. AVOID cutting diagonally from corner to corner at street intersections. TWO lines of traffic to watch DOUBLES your risk of injury.

The last five for automobile drivers:

1. LOOKOUT for children! Thru playing on the sidewalk they may suddenly run into the street. Many are injured yearly in this manner.
 2. GIVE THE PEDESTRIAN a chance. Even if he is careless, you will deeply regret any injury he may suffer. Most auto accidents occur when driving fast—better delay than a death.
 3. ACCIDENTS are always "unexpected," therefore drive carefully at ALL times, using chains in slippery weather.
 4. KEEP YOUR BRAKES in good order. Your life and the lives of many others depend on your ability to stop INSTANTLY. You can't do it with neglected brakes.
 5. STUDY traffic rules carefully. Obey them. Ignorance is no excuse. They are written for YOU, and may be had at any police station. Risk of death is 38 times as great on the roadway as the sidewalk.
- BE ALERT—WHEN YOU THINK SAFETY—YOU ARE SAFE.

Austin Eaton Loses Home By Fire

Zeb Hall, who was here from the Flat Shoal community yesterday, reported that Austin Eaton of that section, had the misfortune on Monday to lose his home and its contents by fire. It is not thought that Mr. Eaton carried any insurance and his loss is heavy. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Palm Beach has gone in for synthetic jewelry. Plate glass diamonds and paste pearls are certainly in keeping with paper profits.—Wichita Eagle.

BAD FIRE OCCURS NEAR KING

Dr. Davis Lost His Feed Barn and Three Automobiles—Mr. Smith and Miss Preston Married—Other News Items.

King, N. C., Jan. 25.—On Thursday night, January 21st, the ladies aid of Trinity M. E. church met at the home of Mrs. G. W. Thomas. After the business session a very interesting programme was rendered, then during the social hour a contest was given by guessing how many beans were in a half pint bottle. The one guessing nearest the correct number was Mrs. R. G. Gough, who was given a nice laundry bag. The one guessing the farthest from it was Mrs. Squire Thomas, who was presented with the bottle of beans. As soon as the contest was over little Ila Fred Smith entered the room with a tray of napkins giving one to each guest, then refreshments were served consisting of coffee, pickles, sandwiches and refreshments. The programme and contest was gotten up by Mrs. Inez Smith. Members present were Mrs. G. E. Stone and Mrs. E. A. Moser. Misses Clara Pulliam and Marie Gough, Mesdames Squire Thomas, A. R. Hooker, R. G. Gough and G. W. Thomas.

Mr. J. E. Slate has purchased from the Virginia-Carolina Land Corporation six resident lots in Pilot View, the new development just east of town.

Work is well under way on a new service station for Mr. B. B. Delp on West Main street and will be pushed through to completion at an early date.

C. T. McGee has leased the new service station and garage of T. E. Smith on East Main St. He will operate the service station and garage doing all kinds of repairing and will also handle new automobiles. Several men will be employed in this new business which is located at the intersection of Main and School Sts.

A force of State Highway men are here repairing the oil road between this place and Pilot Mt.

Mrs. W. M. Moore, of Winston-Salem, was the week-end guest of Dr. and Mrs. Ernest M. Griffin.

Mr. William Conrad, of Winston-Salem, was among the visitors here Sunday.

Mr. Fount (Happy) Smith and Miss Cassie Preston were united in the holy bonds of matrimony here yesterday. Rev. R. W. Burrows performed the marriage ceremony. The groom is the son of Mr. Pete Smith, while the bride is the attractive young daughter of Mr. N. E. Preston, both of King. After the honeymoon they will be at home in King.

Mr. Theodore Newsum, of High Point, spent Sunday with his parents in Walnut Hills.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Caudle, of Winston-Salem, spent the day Sunday with relatives here.

Rev. Paul Herman Newsum filled his regular appointment at Brown Mountain Sunday.

David Wilcox, Jr., of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with the family of Mr. S. H. Brown, on West Main St.

Leopold Woodleaf, of High Point, spent Sunday with friends here.

Barham Newsum, of Winston-Salem, was among the visitors here Sunday.

A. B. Hendrix, Postmaster at Tobaccoville, fell on the snow this morning, breaking his arm above the wrist. Both bones were broken. Dr. Grady E. Stone reset the broken member.

Mack Kirby, of Winston-Salem, is spending a few days with relatives here.

Dr. Davis, who resides at Seward, six miles south of here, had the misfortune to lose his feed barn by fire last night about ten o'clock. He had a good barn. All his feed was burned, three automobiles, two calves and all his farming tools. The origin of the fire is not known. It was not learned whether or not he had any insurance.

Lee Fowler, of High Point, is a business visitor here today.

Mr. O. Johnson, of Pilot Mountain, is here today looking after business matters.