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WESTFIELD FOLKS GROWING CHICKS

Sebe Shelton, Former Terror of Bootleggers, Engages In the Industry — 1500 "Fryers" Are On the Way.

Seburn F. Shelton, well known citizen and former prohibition agent, whose home is at Westfield, has deserted the still-hunting and rum-running game for the more pleasant occupation of raising chickens. A representative of the Reporter was at Westfield Sunday and had the pleasure of seeing Mr. Shelton's little flock of probably two thousand chicks. He is preparing for turning out fowls on a large scale and has just completed a house built according to the specifications of expert poultrymen. The house is divided into several departments for the different sizes of chicks. One room is used for the newly-hatched birds and has a brooder in it. The brooder is heated by a kerosene oil burner. One night recently while Mr. Shelton had 1500 little ones in this room the burner in the brooder went out for some cause and as the room became cooler the little chicks huddled closer and closer to the brooder until seven or eight hundred of them were trampled and smothered to death. But this loss was made good by the seller of the brooder, as it was guaranteed not to go out. The writer saw Mr. and Mrs. Shelton uncrate and turn loose in the brooder room nine hundred day-old chicks at one time. It was a pretty sight.

Just opposite Mr. Shelton's home is that of Bernie Smith, who is also engaged in the chicken business on almost or quite as large a scale as Mr. Shelton. However, just at this time Mr. Smith's flocks are more advanced than Mr. Shelton's, having almost reached "frying size," and are about ready to be placed on the market at fancy prices, as spring chickens this early in the season are a rarity.

There are a number of other Westfield people engaged in the poultry business and all are having excellent success so far, it is learned.

Virginia's Auto Tax Higher Than Ours

There may be some satisfaction to local and other Tar Heels who own automobiles to learn that Virginians have to pay more tax on their cars than do North Carolinians—this, too, despite the fact that this state has paid out during the past few years millions of dollars more than her sister state in the construction of modern highways.

A bill which has already passed the senate of the Virginia legislature and is expected to go thru the house with little opposition, bases the tax on weight rather than on horse-power, as is done in this state.

There are a few exceptions in which Carolina licenses will be higher, it is said, but these cases average only a few cents higher while the Virginia licenses are on a whole several dollars higher.

It is estimated that the weight license law for automobiles will result in a net gain to Virginia in revenue of \$600,000. Ford owners are the only ones to benefit by the plan. Under the present horsepower rating, they pay \$13.20 while under the new license on weight owners of Fords will pay \$12.00, owners of Ford coupes \$12.60 and owners of Ford sedans \$13.30. In North Carolina all Fords are taxed \$12.50.

License taxes for Buicks, Studebakers, Overlands, Nashes, Packards and Peerless automobiles in North Carolina vary according to the type of automobile turned out.

Warehouses Close Next Friday

The tobacco warehouses in Winston-Salem and Martinsville, Va., will close for the season next Friday, March 12th. The crop is about sold now and sales from this time on will nodoubt be very light.

Mr. and Mrs. Ausby Smith, of Lawsonville, were here today en route home from Winston-Salem. Mr. Smith is a merchant and went to the Twn-City to buy goods.

BANK OF STOKES BUYS FARMERS' UNION BANK

Merger of Interests of Two Stokes County Financial Institutions—Bank of Stokes Takes Over Assets of Farmers' Union Bank and Assumes Its Liabilities.

After negotiations which had been pending for more than a year, a contract has been entered into by the directors of the Bank of Stokes County and the directors of the Farmers' Union Bank, of Walnut Cove, whereby the former becomes the owner of all the assets of the latter and assumes its liabilities. The agreement between the contracting parties was ratified by the stockholders of the Farmers' Union last Friday night, and by the stockholders of the Bank of Stokes last night. The arrangement, which had the approval of the Corporation Commission, and which was unanimously voted by more than two-thirds of the stockholders of the two institutions, is effective at once.

The Farmers' Union Bank was established in 1912. Its capital is \$25,000, surplus \$12,000, deposits \$250,000. Its President is J. Spot Taylor, Vice-President M. T. Chilton; Cashier, H. R. McPherson; Assistant cashier, Dewey Johnson. Its board of directors at the time of the merger were as follows: J. Spot Taylor, W. D. Browder, M. T. Chilton, W. L. Nelson, Dr. J. W. Neal, C. E. Davis, N. E. Pepper.

The Bank of Stokes County was established in 1905. Its President is Dr. J. W. Neal; Vice-Presidents, J. B. Woodruff, W. H. Bynum, V. T. Grabs, D. S. Priddy. Cashiers: C. C. McGee, H. H. Leake, C. E. Davis, N. E. Pepper. Its board of directors consists of the following: J. W. Neal, Sam'l Hairston, J. B. Woodruff, V. T. Grabs, Dr. W. H. Bynum, E. W. Carroll, C. C. McGee, J. C. Carson, C. M. Hauser, S. W. Pulliam, E. P. Newsom, H. H. Leake, J. Wesley Morefield, John H. Marshall, P. H. Linville, J. A. Lawson, C. E. Davis, W. S. Steele, E. P. Pepper, N. E. Pepper.

The Bank of Stokes has a capital and surplus of about \$100,000, and deposits of more than one and a half millions. By the acquisition of the Farmers' Union interests, its total resources will be nearly \$2,000,000.

News Items From Pinnacle Route 2

Pinnacle Route 2, March 2.—The people of this section are about through sowing plant beds and are having choppings at present.

Among those who are on the sick list are Misses Irene Covington and Irene and Murphy Venable.

The small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Gordon had the misfortune of getting three of her fingers cut off a few days ago while playing with an axe.

Born unto Mr. and Mrs. George Collins, a fine girl.

Mrs. Ira Denny, of Greensboro, was buried at Cedar Hill Baptist church Sunday afternoon. A large crowd attended the funeral.

Mr. Frank Chandler, formerly of Pinnacle Route 2 who has been making his home in Springfield, Ind., for the past few years, is visiting in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Gordon and family visited Mrs. Gordon's parents here Sunday.

Miss Lula Midkiff, of Mt. Airy, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Midkiff, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Samuel, of Pilot Mtn., visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Venable Sunday.

RAMBLER.

A Ford truck went off of one of the high embankments on the road just south of Danbury Saturday afternoon. The name of the owner or driver was not learned, but it was stated that no one was hurt.

J. Walter Tuttle, of Wallburg, and R. L. Tuttle, of Winston-Salem, were here Monday and qualified as executors of the will of their father, the late Wm. B. Tuttle, of Stokes county, who died last month. Both of the sons are natives of Stokes.

JURORS FOR SAMET TRIAL

Special Venire of Forsyth County Men Summoned To Attend Coming Term of Stokes Court.

Winston-Salem, March 1.—By a special order of the judge at the last term of Stokes Superior court, the county commissioners of Forsyth county today issued summons to a special venire of forty men to go to Stokes county at the next term of the Superior court there to do jury duty in the case against Max, Morris and Jake Samet, charged with setting fire to a store building in King last summer.

The court overruled a motion by the defense that the hearing be removed to some adjacent county, but it provided that the jury should be drawn from Forsyth. The case is set for the March term of Stokes court with Judge T. B. Finley, presiding.

The charge of incendiarism was brought following the destruction by fire of a store owned by the Samets at King. The store was burned last summer. The defendants were given a preliminary hearing at King on the following week and were ordered held for Stokes Superior court.

The Samets deny the charge that they set fire to the store. The fire broke out about 10 o'clock at night. They claimed they were not in King at the time.

The county commissioners in session yesterday drew the list of forty from which the jury will be empanelled. The list follows:

E. M. Graham, West Salem; A. L. Caudle, first ward; W. Z. West, third ward; J. H. Morris, South Fork; Jasper H. Long, Old Richmond; L. T. Long, first ward; E. M. Fulk, Old Town; Basil Woodall first ward; C. S. Cook, Kernersville; C. P. Hamner, second ward; W. P. Wilburn, Abbott's Creek; George W. Cooper, Clemmons; H. G. Petree, Bethania; W. R. Martin, first ward; R. A. Hauser, Old Richmond; R. D. Dalton, second ward; Howard E. Fulton, second ward; W. C. Logan, third ward; R. A. McCuiston, West Salem; J. E. Fuqua, first ward; W. E. Sink, Broadway; Paul C. Smitherman, first ward; T. G. Trivette, third ward; L. C. Deal, third ward; E. M. Kenickie, first ward; C. F. Blair, Broadway; C. E. Mickle, Jr., Vienna; R. H. Hunter, Clemmons; J. C. Ragland, Kernersville; W. J. Coggins, South Fork; Charles L. Cruse, Middle Fork; George R. Kimball, Broadway; P. R. Casey, West Salem; Charles F. Vance, first ward; W. V. Hilton, third ward; Wesley A. Speas, Bethania; Alvis A. Hunter, Old Richmond; C. C. Tavis, third ward; W. M. Spach, second ward; William Ketner, West Salem.

News Items From Germantown Route 1

Germantown Route 1, March 1.—The many friends of Mrs. Sallie Tuttle will regret to learn that she is seriously ill at her home with the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Tuttle spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. Eliza Rutledge.

Miss Pearl Holland and Mr. Jas. Kiser, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with homefolks here.

Miss Annie Fowler spent the week end with relatives in High Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bowman visited relatives near here Sunday. They were accompanied home by Miss Clarice Holland, who has accepted a position in Winston-Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Tuttle visited relatives here Sunday.

Messrs. Joe Bowles, Charlie and Bradus Rutledge, of High Point, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives and friends here.

Among those who visited Mrs. T. J. Boles Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hill, of High Point, Miss Nell Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Harley White and children, Mr. and Mrs. John Boles and small son, Mrs. Neal Rutledge, Joe Boles and others.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Boles and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Boles.

R. R. King was confined to his home with a severe cold yesterday.

THE CHANGES IN FIFTY YEARS

C. B. Johnson Tells Of Some Interesting Things That Have Taken Place In North Carolina In That Time.

The Charlotte Observer recently printed a "Carolina Booster" edition and in an article entitled "Come To North Carolina," C. B. Harris, president of the Observer, wrote as follows:

North Carolina! What a tale of forward action! Fifty years ago there wasn't a solvent bank in the state.

Fifty years ago poverty stalked abroad. Fifty years ago, next to New Mexico, North Carolina was pointed to as the most illiterate state in the Union.

Fifty years ago there wasn't a decent highway in the state. Fifty years ago the state's enfeebled and afflicted suffered without the touch of the helping hand.

Fifty years ago the state's industries were represented by four cotton mills, a few small grist mills and lumbering operations on a small scale.

"Tar, pitch and turpentine" was all that the world had knowledge of in North Carolina.

But fifty years ago brave men began to erect on the ashes of civil war conflagration the foundation of a new Commonwealth.

What a change today. No state in the union has equalled the progress made along many essential lines.

Today North Carolina pays more tax to the Federal government than the States of South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Florida combined, and ranks seventh in the United States.

Today North Carolina ranks fifth as an agricultural State, first as a and second as a cotton-producing miscellaneous manufacturing state; first in the production of tobacco; first in the production of peanuts; second in the manufacture of furniture, and second in the manufacture of cotton.

"Instead of her four cotton mills, the state is the home of over four hundred representing half of the entire South's spindleage. The output of her industries annually totals in value \$750,000,000.

"Streams that for centuries rolled to the sea, untouched by the hand of capital, are today developing more horsepower than is developed in all the balance of the South combined!

"One hundred and twenty million dollars are being expended on good roads within a five-year period.

"Millions upon millions have been spent to give the youth of the state the best of educational advantages, and from Hatteras to the Tennessee line one finds the whole state studded with magnificent brick schools, colleges and universities.

"The rare beauty of Carolina beach and mountain scenes is bringing to North Carolina from all quarters the continent armies of men and women for the first time North Carolina's surpassing resort advantages are being nationally recognized as superior.

"It is a story of forward movement all along the line. One record is made only to be broken by a better one and no state in South and few in the nation have been so much in the public eye in late years!

"The issue tells the story of Carolina achievement and Carolina opportunity, and the Observer joins with leaders of the state in inviting the outsider to come and investigate the opportunities offered by North Carolina—the pre-eminent state of the South.

As spokesman for the state, Gov. A. W. McLean thus opened his sketch of the achievements, especially industrial and educational of the people in the year recently closed.

"That the year 1925 was in North Carolina a period of material advancement and industrial and commercial activity is a fact within the personal experience and observation of every citizen of the state, whatever his residence.

"Life among our people has never been more active and hopeful. Enterprise that a few years ago was ex-

JURORS DRAWN FOR SPRING COURT

Criminal Term Opens March 29th With Judge T. B. Finley Presiding—Forsyth Jury Will Try Samets.

Jurors were drawn last Monday to serve at the coming criminal and civil terms of Stokes Superior court, the criminal term to begin March 29th, with the civil term starting on the following Monday. Judge T. B. Finley, of Wilkesboro, has been assigned to preside over both terms.

The case of the State against the Samets, on the charge of arson, is probably the most important case on the criminal docket. A jury of Forsyth county citizens will hear this case. Their names appear elsewhere in this paper.

The names of the Stokes jurors drawn here last Monday follow:

FIRST WEEK—CRIMINAL TERM
J. M. Carroll, J. H. Sams, J. A. Wall, G. A. Jones, G. J. Hall, W. I. Smith, Sam. L. Lawrence, H. D. Turpin, C. H. Jessup, John Bowman, Claud Moser, F. P. Richardson, Ira W. Moser, J. P. Slawter, O. C. King, J. E. Holt, Presley Palmer, G. H. Parks, E. E. Smith, J. J. Martin, Burwell Overby, W. E. Hennis, Robt. Jones, J. D. Flinchum, J. R. Dunnman, M. T. Watts, R. H. Simmons, Curtis Smith, S. P. Dearmin, M. L. Hunter, Jerry Bennett, M. F. Edwards, Silas Westmoreland, J. L. Frances.

SECOND WEEK—CIVIL TERM.

Chas. R. Carroll, Jack Martin, Coy E. Bennett, E. P. Newsom, D. G. Lane, M. S. Hall, V. E. Adkins, J. H. Tilley, S. H. Hennis, H. S. Boyles, L. E. Hauser, L. C. Slate, E. E. Willard, J. P. Collins, Baxter Fulp, S. W. Pulliam, D. D. Venable, W. A. Southern, P. O. Bennett, R. R. King, M. T. Boyles, C. C. Kiser, C. K. Boyles, G. W. Smith.

REPUBLICANS TO MEET HERE 20TH

Will Name New Chairman and Delegates To Various Conventions To Be Held Within Next Few Weeks.

A call was issued this week by Chairman M. O. Jones for the assembling of Stokes Republicans in convention here on March 20th.

The convention will be held for the purpose of naming a county chairman, and for electing delegates to the State, judicial and congressional conventions.

The election this fall promises to be an interesting one.

CONTRACT FOR REMOVING BRIDGE

Structure Over Creek At Brown Place To Be Shifted To Jeff Boaze Place In Quaker Gap Township.

The Stokes County Highway Commission on Monday of this week awarded a contract for the removal and erection of a bridge. The structure to be removed is the bridge across the creek at the Brown place in Sauratown township which was covered by back water from the Walnut Cove power plant dam. The bridge will be erected across North Double creek at the Jeff Boas place in Quaker Gap township. Contract for the work was awarded R. R. King at the price of \$1300.00.

Very little other business was transacted by the board at its meeting here Monday.

There is not a city or town that does not feel in its community consciousness the impulse to grow and the determination to improve its facilities. As a consequence we have been experiencing an unprecedented era of productivity. The average man has been making more money, spending more and investing more. What a habit of thought is apt to denounce as a new habit of extravagance and luxury in reality means no more than a higher standard of effort and efficiency.

IN JUDGE CAUDLE'S COURT AT KING

Two Men Pay Fines For Imbibing Too Freely of "Joy Juice"—No Clue On King Bank Robbery.

King, March 1.—Leopold Woodliff, of High Point, spent Sunday with relatives and friends here.

Work on L. R. Newsom's new home is well underway, and will be pushed through to completion at an early date.

C. W. Hutchins, of Winston-Salem, was among the visitors here Sunday.

Rev. Paul H. Newsom filled his regular appointment at Brown Mtn. Sunday.

Harvey Pulliam, of High Point, spent Sunday with his parents on west Main street.

B. L. Love paid a fine of ten dollars and the cost in Judge Caudle's court here Thursday for partaking of too much joy juice. T. J. Rierston was fined ten dollars and the cost for a similar offense.

Jacob Mickey, of Winston-Salem, has purchased from The Virginia-Carolina Land Corporation a residential lot in Pilot View.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. White attended the funeral of Joseph Gravitt at Cluster Springs, Va., last Friday. The deceased was a brother of Mrs. White.

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

In last week's issue of The Reporter there was a write-up in the King news of the surprise birthday of Mr. R. G. Smith. This item stated that there were five people present. This was a misprint, and should have read sixty-five people.

Good headway is being made on the new store building which is being erected for the Pell-Mitchell Hardware Co. on east Main street. The building is being constructed of brick and will be modern in every way. They expect to have it completed by April 15th.

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

There is still no clue to the guilty parties who robbed the bank here last Monday night. It seems that they completely covered up their tracks. The contents of the safe was fully covered by insurance and there will be no loss to depositors to the bank.

The Co-operative tobacco warehouse here will close for this season Friday, March 12.

A force of hands went to work this morning on the home for Earle Moser in Walnut Hills. This new dwelling will be pushed through to completion at an early date.

Jackson Duggins Died Saturday

Stonewall Jackson Duggins, aged near fifty years, died at his home two miles north-west of Danbury on the Piedmont Springs road Saturday evening about dark. The deceased had been ill only a few days with pneumonia. He was a hard-working farmer and was liked by all who knew him. Mr. Duggins was a soldier in the Spanish-American war, and spent a good many months in the Philippine Islands while in the service.

The deceased is survived by his wife and seven children, several of the latter being quite young. He also has one brother, Hayes Duggins, who resides in Forsyth county.

The funeral services were conducted by Elder Watt Tuttle, of the Primitive Baptist church, on Sunday afternoon and interment was made in the Danbury cemetery.

Bank Of Stokes Pays Dividends

The Bank of Stokes County has recently paid its stockholders 8 per cent dividend for 8 months, which is equivalent to 12 per cent for the past year. The usual time of dividend-paying has been the month of May, but this has been changed to the month of January, when the law prescribes that the books shall be closed.

At the meeting all of the old officers were re-elected.