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## SANDY RIDGE MAN WANTS A SCHOOL

Building Has Been Condemned Several Times Yet Children Continue To Be Taught In It.

Editor Reporter:

Please allow me space in your paper for a few words in regard to the school situation at Sandy Ridge.

We often hear the question asked, "Do we need a high school at Sandy Ridge?" And we often hear the assertion made that we do not need one, and they emphasize the "not."

There are some people in Stokes county that would argue with a sign board if they thought it was in favor of a high school. And I could specify which part of Stokes they live in. If they could spend one day in school at Sandy Ridge, when the wind was blowing real hard, or it was cold, they would probably change their mind. This building has been condemned several times by county officials. Yet they keep on teaching in it as if it was a first class brick building. It is a menace to the lives of those who are getting their schooling there for if it should collapse during school hours, it would be nothing less than a miracle if none were injured.

The school system at Sandy Ridge is very inefficient. They only have three teachers and they should have twice that number. With the number of teachers they have, a pupil does not get but very little of the teacher's attention. And it is absolutely necessary that one should have it.

The chief reason for so many people being against it, is the cost. But do we expect to get anything worth while without paying for it? No, and if an education is not worth paying for what on earth is it? Besides there is another side to the question of cost. For example: If a farmer wants to give his children a high school education, and lives too far away to walk, he must send them to town and pay their board, which with other additional expense will amount to about \$25.00 per month. At that rate nine months of schooling would cost only the sum of \$225.00. However, the average farmer could pay his taxes with \$25 and probably have some left. So it is the cheapest in the long-run to have a high school.

Then if we had a high school here there would be 50 per cent more of our boys and girls that would get an education. For I know of several boys and girls who would have been in high school now, but they didn't have one to go to.

The school problem brings up another which is equally as serious. The boys and girls leaving the farm and going to town. I think the reason for that is that they are not provided with some entertainment. Whereas, if we had a good high school, it would serve in many ways keep them interested in community life.

First: By serving as a center of community interest, and social activities; for there are no different denominations in school, as in other things. Next, by enlightening the people so that they would be in a better position to work toward a common end that would bring the enjoyment to all.

For the good of all, let's work for a high school.

## STOKES COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

Present Members Are Re-Appointed By State Board—S. P. Christian, Chmn., D. H. Carter and M. O. Jones.

The State Board of Elections met in Raleigh Thursday and appointed members of county boards of elections for the hundred counties of the State. The boards consist of 2 Democrats and one Republican.

In Stokes the old board was re-appointed. They are: S. P. Christian, chairman, of Westfield; D. H. Carter, of Pine Hall, and M. O. Jones, of Danbury.

Mrs. J. Spot Taylor is attending the Republican State convention in Durham.

## DEMOCRATS WILL MEET APRIL 21

Meetings In the Several Precincts of the County To Be Held April 17th—No General County Convention.

Chairman E. W. Carroll today issued a call for the Democrats of Stokes to assemble in convention at Danbury on Saturday, April 21st, at 1 o'clock P. M., at which time it is proposed to elect a county chairman, vice-chairman and secretary, and choose delegates to the State convention, which will assemble in Raleigh on April 29th.

On Saturday, April 17th, previous to the convention to be held here, Democrats of the county are urged to attend meetings in their respective precincts for the purpose of electing precinct executive committees of five for each precinct. This committee is then asked to organize by electing a chairman, vice-chairman and secretary. The several chairmen of these committees will constitute the executive committee for the county.

It is announced that there will be no general county convention this year, as the county is now under the legalized primary, and all candidates will be chosen through the primary.

## THREE DEATHS, TWO MARRIAGES

Occurred Recently in the Lawsonville and Sandy Ridge Sections—Other News and Personal Items.

Lawsonville, April 6.—Mrs. Sam Hill, aged 24 years, died at her home near Sandy Ridge March 29, and was buried at Snow Creek Baptist church. The deceased had been ill only a short time with pneumonia, and is survived by her husband and an infant only a few days old. Mrs. Hill was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Smith, of Lawsonville.

An infant of Mr. and Mrs. Will McAdam died at their home in Snow Creek township last week.

Paul Jessup and Miss Vesta Hartman were married Sunday at the home of Bill Abe Martin in Virginia, Elder Gilbert performing the ceremony. They were serenaded by the young people Monday night.

Isaac Howell, aged 37 years, who was killed in a furniture factory at Martinsville last week, was buried at Smithtown M. E. church Sunday.

Noel Lackey and Miss Blanche Litaper were married here Easter Sunday.

Gloster Leake has accepted a position with a wholesale produce firm in Washington, D. C.

## NINETY GALLON STILL CAPTURED

Officer P. L. Flinchum Assists Madison Officers in Making Big Haul.

Madison, April 5.—Friday afternoon G. T. Martin and W. T. Shafer, county officers, and P. L. Flinchum, Federal officer, of Danbury, captured one of the biggest distilleries that has ever been found in this vicinity. This plant was in full operation, but no guardian angels stood about it. It was located two miles south of town, near Hogan's Creek. A copper outfit, its capacity was estimated at 90 gallons.

The officers found four gallons of whiskey at the still and six barrels containing beer. It was said that the beer was especially filthy. In a plowed field near the still a 10-gallon demijohn was found filled with whiskey. No arrests were made at the time but it is said two men will be taken into custody later.

J. R. Nunn, of Quaker Gap township, was here Monday enroute home from Winston-Salem. It is learned that Mr. Nunn will be a candidate for Sheriff on the Republican ticket in the coming primary.

Farmers in section report the wheat crop lookini fine so far.

## SCHOOL CASE ENDED ABRUPTLY

Judge Shaw Takes Judgment Of Nonsuit In Action Of School Board Against County Commissioners.

Judge T. J. Shaw made an order in Superior court here yesterday, nonsuiting the case of the Board of Education of Stokes county against the Board of County Commissioners. The object of the suit was to require the county commissioners to make provision for financing an \$80,000 school budget prepared by the school board last spring. The nonsuit was taken by the court on the grounds that the school board failed to carry out some of the provisions of the law in regard to preparing and filing the budget.

It will be recalled that the \$80,000 school budget referred to above was mainly for the purpose of erecting school buildings in the county, and that the school board and the county commissioners in joint session last spring or summer approved the budget by a vote of five to one. However, at a subsequent session of the county commissioners that board rescinded their vote and refused to take necessary steps to secure funds for the budget. Suit was then brought by the school board in an effort to require the county commissioners to provide funds for the budget, with the result as above given.

In his remarks in regard to the suit Judge Shaw called attention to the fact that the suit had been pending so long that the school year for which the budget had been made was now almost past and that it was near the time for making the budget for this year, in preparing which, it was suggested, the school board could conform more strictly to the letter of the law.

## WOULD BUY STOKES RESORT

Owners of Moore's Springs Property Offered \$100,000 For Place Since Hotel Burned—Offer Refused.

According to reliable information the owners of the Moore's Springs property in Stokes have been offered one hundred thousand dollars for the place since the hotel was destroyed by fire a few weeks since. The offer was declined, it is stated, as the present owners expect to build probably a hundred thousand dollar hotel there in time for the 1927 season.

Since the destruction of the hotel by fire the shipments of water from the spring have continued uninterrupted, and it is said that the revenue from this source is considerable.

## Stokes Couple Wed In Rockingham

Madison, April 6.—Thomas Hardy Duggins, 34, of near Sandy Ridge, and Miss Maude Boles, 24, of Mizpah, were married Monday afternoon by Upton G. Wilson, justice of the peace. Miss Claudia Duggins, a sister of the groom, accompanied the bridal pair. Others present at the marriage were Dr. and Mrs. N. G. Wilson, of Summerfield, and E. C. Goolsby and D. W. Sharpe, of this place.

Mr. Duggins is the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Duggins. Mrs. Duggins is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Boles. Mr. and Mrs. Duggins will live near Sandy Ridge.

## Two Ladies After Major Stedman's Seat

Two ladies are out for Major Stedman's seat in Congress. The Major is a courteous gentleman who ordinarily could be counted on to give a lady a seat if there were no others around, but since there are two of them in this case, of course he could not afford to offend either and therefore will be forced to keep it himself.—Daily Journal.

John Hutcherson of Walnut Cove, was among the visitors here today.

## DAMAGE CLAIMS AGAINST COUNTY

Citizens In Yadkin and Snow Creek Townships Want Pay For Damage Done By Dogs—Assessors Appointed.

Damage claims on account of depredations by dogs in two townships of the county were filed with the Board of County Commissioners at their meeting here Monday.

In Yadkin township W. B. Hall lost four dogs which were bitten by a rabid canine, and he asks the county to pay him \$200.00. Three citizens of Yadkin township—Jas. H. Baker, Harvey Johnson and Wallace Webster were asked by the commissioners to investigate the matter and report at the next meeting of the board.

J. A. Spencer, Alonzo Sisk and W. B. Doss were named as a committee in Peters Creek township to investigate the case in which Bob Gray claims the loss of a dog valued at \$50.00, and Mrs. Peter Leake is short a turkey gobbler that was worth \$9.00. This committee was also instructed to report at the next meeting of the commissioners.

## TAX LISTERS ARE NAMED

E. W. Carroll Is Again Made Supervisor of Taxes For County—Work of Listing Property Begins In May.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held here Monday citizens were appointed in the several townships of the county to list the taxes for the year 1926. E. W. Carroll, of Meadows township, was again appointed as tax-supervisor for the county. The names of the list-takers follow:

Danbury Township—W. M. Nelson.  
Meadows Township—J. Walter Fowler.  
Yadkin Township—R. S. Redding.  
Quaker Gap Township—L. W. McKinney.  
Big Creek Township—Sam P. Dearmin.  
Peters Creek Township—E. G. Ray.  
Snow Creek Township—T. J. Goin.  
Beaver Island Township—L. A. Duncan.  
Sauratown Township—B. Pinnix Bailey.

## BOUGHT ORCHARD IN PATRICK

E. J. Davis and E. D. Vaughn Pay \$91,000 For Apple Orchard With 42,000 Trees—Many Varieties of Apples.

E. J. Davis, of Martinsville, tobacco warehouseman, and E. D. Vaughn, of Winston-Salem, have purchased the Patrick and Blue Ridge apple orchards, located in Patrick county, near Stuart, Va.

These two orchards contain 42,000 trees eighteen years old. The price paid for the orchards is given as \$91,000. The trees are said to be very fine and are of almost every variety of apples grown in this section of the United States.

The new owners expect to improve and enlarge the orchards, building up an apple business second to none in this part of the country, it is stated.

## FORSYTH JURY ACQUITS SAMETS

Releasing of Men Charged With Burning King Store Building Came As Surprise To Many.

After deliberating for less than one hour the jury composed of Forsyth county citizens who heard the arson case against Morris, Max and Jake Samet, yesterday brought in a verdict of not guilty.

## BRIGHT FUTURE FOR DANBURY

Is Predicted By King Correspondent Who Spent Week Here—News and Personal Items Of King.

King, N. C., April 5.—Your correspondent spent the larger part of the past week attending court at Danbury. The little picturesque hills and mountain peaks round about the town and the pure mountain water combined with the mountain air make this the finest place in the country for a summer resort, and my prediction is that with the boom which has already started in the extreme western part of the State, is bound to spread to this section of the State. And I predict that if it is advertised so as to let the outside world know just what they have in the way of climate, scenery, pure water and air from the mountain and good roads, that Danbury will become the center of attraction for this section of the State.

Mr. Fred E. Shore, who had a sudden and serious attack of kidney trouble at Danbury last week while attending court, is much improved, and is able to be out on the streets again, we are glad to note.

Messrs. Ralph and Holton Kiser returned to their homes here Saturday after spending a few days in Wilmington.

W. M. West, of Axton, Va., is spending a few days with relatives and friends here. Mr. West was located here some time back as manager of the Co-operative Warehouse at this place, having resigned to take charge of a large farm in Virginia.

Dr. Lee Kiser, of Statesville, spent Sunday with relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. White, of Roanoke, Va., are spending a few days with Mr. White's parents on East Main street.

Your correspondent had the pleasure of attending the Easter service held on the grounds at the Moravian church here Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. Walter Grabs of Bethania. Music was furnished by the Moravian church band, also of Bethania. This was indeed a nice service and was much enjoyed by all in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Wall spent Sunday with relatives on Pulliam street.

Mr. Harvey Pulliam, of High Point, and Miss Opal Hauser, of King, were quietly united in the holy bonds of matrimony here Saturday night. Rev. Roy Snider officiated. Only a few of the near relatives and friends were present. The age of the groom is only 18 years, while the bride is just 16. After the honeymoon they will be at home in High Point.

Messrs. S. W. Pulliam, Chas. R. Carroll, C. C. Kiser, Eugene Willard and E. P. Newsum, all of King, are attending court at Danbury this week as jurors.

Mr. Debs Holder, of White Plains, spent Sunday with parents here.

Miss Annie Shore, of Thomasville, spent Sunday with the family of Judge Caudle in Walnut Hills.

Mr. J. W. Lambeth, of Sea Grove, is spending a few days with his friends here.

Mr. E. F. Walker, of Greensboro, was among the visitors here yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester G. Pulliam, of Greensboro, spent the day Sunday with Mr. Pulliam's parents in King.

The condition of Mrs. T. F. Calloway, who has been very sick at her home near here, is slightly improved.

Mr. Early Moser has moved into his new home in Walnut Hills.

Mr. Ray Kiser of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with his parents here. Work on the Pell-Mitchell building on East Main street is nearing completion.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Caudle, of the Twin City, spent Sunday here.

Mr. and Mrs. Von Johnson, of Greensboro, are spending a few days with relatives in Walnut Hills.

Quite a number of people of this section visited the Pilot Mountain on Easter Monday.

## SPELLING MATCH HERE SATURDAY

To Select Spellers To Take Part In Contest To Be Held In Winston-Salem Sometime Next Month—Prizes Offered.

In order to select four spellers to go to Winston-Salem next month to compete for valuable prizes being offered by the Winston Journal, a spelling match will be held at the school building in Danbury on Saturday of this week beginning at 10:30 o'clock, in which representative students from all the schools of the county are expected to take part.

On Saturday four spellers will be chosen, two from the elementary schools and two from the high schools.

At Winston-Salem the contest will be engaged in by students from ten or twelve counties, and prizes for the winners are five in number ranging from \$50.00 to \$5.00, all being payable in gold at the close of the contest.

In addition to these prizes the county offers two prizes of \$5.00 and \$2.50 for each, elementary and high school students.

The schools of Stokes have some excellent spellers and there is no reason why the pupils from this county should fail to take some of the nice prizes offered.

## MEMBERS SCHOOL COMMITTEE QUIT

However, School Board Is Assured Of Their Continued Hearty Co-operation In the School Work.

The letter below, signed by three prominent business men of Walnut Cove, and which explains itself, was received at the office of the Board of Education at yesterday's session of that body, and is printed merely as a specimen of the warm letters and words of encouragement and co-operation which the school authorities receive occasionally and which stand out in strong contrast to those handed in by some who are less friendly to the cause of schools and education in their county:

Walnut Cove, April 3.  
Board of Education, Stokes Co.,  
Danbury, N. C.

Gentlemen:

We wish to ask you to accept our resignations as committee of Walnut Cove Special School District, effective April 5, 1926.

In going out we want to thank your able board for the excellent co-operation you have favored us with during our pleasant association in the educational work in our community, as well as in the county at large. We are deeply grateful to you for your earnest consideration and efforts in our behalf to build a school system in our town which is the pride of every public-spirited citizen of our community.

While we are severing our direct connection with your school work, we want you to feel assured that you will have our hearty co-operation in your further efforts to forward the cause of education throughout the county.

Thanking you and with kindest personal regards to every official connected with your organization, we are,

Yours very truly,  
C. E. DAVIS,  
G. W. NEAL,  
E. A. ROTHROCK.

## Constable Lawson Takes Man and Still

Constable Cleve Lawson, of Peter's Creek township, Monday night captured a large thirty-five gallon distillery outfit single-handed and took with it the man in charge. Arthur Rogers and another man were said to have been at the still when it was first seen. Rogers was captured while the other man made his escape, however, it is said that the officer knew him and that a warrant will probably be issued for his arrest. Rogers was given a hearing and bound over to Federal court in a bond of \$500.