

**S. P. Dearmin's Letter To Tax Committee**

Mr. Editor:  
We are asking you to print the following letter, which is a copy of a letter to Hon. T. H. Gerry, Chairman of the Permanent Tax Committee of Stokes county:

Westfield, May 29, 1926.  
Hon. T. H. Gerry,  
Chairman Stokes County Tax Commission.

Walnut Cove, N. C.  
My Dear Sir:  
It is with the deepest regret I am unable to be with you today in your meeting, but owing to the illness of my wife, who is now sick in bed, and no other to attend to my affairs I will be unable to attend the meeting at Danbury.

I am authorizing you, Mr. Chairman, to make it known to the people, and read this letter with my permission before your meeting why I am absent and my position before the people. Enclosed and attached you will please find the doctor's certificate stating my wife's illness.

In speaking for myself I want to express to you and the citizens my sincere thanks for your public invitation, to appear before you in public. I feel that the public should know and I want them to know, just where I stand and I want to be as plain as I can on all subjects dealing with the public, as we expect to be their servants, and as my part I never want to do anything as a public officer, only in public.

Let the people rule and all men be open, fair above board, on all questions so no man or woman can fall to understand where I stand.

I will say that I have never been mixed in in any road, school, or any public or political fight of any kind. I have never been a candidate for any office of any kind but was raised on a farm in Stokes county and now make my living from the soil of Old Stokes.

As my announcement says, I am certainly in favor of enforcing the laws of our county without fear or favor to any man. I feel that we are at a critical stage. Taxes are a burden, expenses are great, and law violators are getting bolder and taking charge of the country today, and the time has come, Mr. Chairman, when the citizenship of our county must rise up and say that there must be a halt, the limit is reached.

I make my solemn promise to my fellow citizens of Stokes county that I am willing to put my shoulder to the wheel with you and other good citizens, Mr. Chairman to do our best to cut expenses, and enforce the laws of our land, make our homes purer and better, lift the burdens from the poor farmers, for I am one and can feel it, and make our highways safer for you, me and other good citizens with our families to travel.

I have stated in my announcement, and repeat it here, that if the good people should say that I shall be your sheriff for the next two years, I will put a dry deputy in every township in our county and if we cannot stop the law violators entirely we can show some of them the error of their way, and make a great improvement over present conditions. It can be done, and no one can say it can't. With the driest Sheriff, with the driest deputies, there will then be plenty. I don't want anyone to mistake my mind. The father of today who takes his drink and attends to his own affairs is not the criminal of today, but our court records show that the criminals of today are our boys in their teen and around 20 years of age, and will so soon be the fathers of tomorrow.

There must be a halt to the speeders on our highways and violators, and the tremendous expenses cut down and I hope no one will misunderstand my position or misconstrue my stand.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman I notice there has been a large request from the kind hearted citizens of this county, asking the Board of county commissioners to give funds to help the poor and helpless orph-

an children of our county in the way of clothing, food, shoes, etc. I am informed that at the present the sheriff's office pays about forty-four hundred dollars per year. If this be the case, while I am not a wealthy man by any means, making my living by the sweat of my brow from the ground, I am, if elected sheriff, willing to donate from my salary twenty-five dollars per month towards a fund to be turned over to the chairman of the Board of County Commissioners or county welfare officer, or who ever the proper authorities may be. This fund to be used on the unfortunate children and women of Stokes county. I feel that we should all have the milk of human kindness going through our bodies enough that we are willing to help our fellow man, and make the trials of these unfortunate ones less burdensome, and give them a ray of hope in this life.

Again thanking you, Mr. Chairman, and citizens, for the public invitation to appear before you and expressing my regrets for being unable to attend, I am

Yours very truly,  
SAM P. DEARMIN.

**SUDDEN DEATH AT WALNUT COVE**

Robt. D. Waggoner, of Walkertown, Expires While Attending Ball Game There.

Robt. D. Waggoner, 55 years old, well-known citizen and merchant of Walkertown, died suddenly Monday while getting in his automobile at Walnut Cove. He had been to a ball game between Walnut Cove and Walkertown, and was preparing to return when the end came.

Mr. Waggoner had been in ill health for fourteen months, but he was thought to be improving. At the beginning of his decline of health he retired from business, having run a store and filling station for a number of years.

**Potato Crop About Ready For Market**

Raleigh, June 2.—The potato crop is about ready to be harvested in the eastern counties, especially in Beaufort county in the vicinity of Aurora, according to Frank D. Grist, Commissioner of Labor, who is assisting in assembling some 1,500 additional laborers to help harvest the crop. There are more than 1,000 acres of potatoes in the vicinity of Aurora alone.

While no trouble is expected to be experienced in the assembling of the additional laborers, work can be found for all who are interested, and steady employment provided throughout the summer, by moving from one locality to another as the various crops mature, according to Mr. Grist.

**NOTICE.**

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of A. J. Robertson, deceased, late of Stokes county, N. C., all persons owing his estate are requested to make immediate settlement and all persons holding claims against his estate are notified to present them, duly authenticated, to the undersigned for payment on or before the 5th day of June, 1927, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

Danbury, N. C. June 2, 1926.  
M. O. JONES, Admr.  
of A. J. Robertson, decd.  
J. D. Humphreys, Atty for Admr.

**NOTICE!**

This is to notify all persons having claims against the partnership, which did a mercantile business, composed of Miss Josie Pepper and Mrs. S. P. Christian, which were in existence at the time of the death of Miss Josie Pepper, deceased partner, to exhibit the same to the surviving partner within twelve months from June 4th, 1926, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said partnership will please make immediate payment.

This May 27, 1926.  
(MRS.) S. P. CHRISTIAN,  
Surviving Partner.

**B. F. PULLIAM ILL AT KING**

Train Collision At Dalton and Trainmen Are Injured—News Items of King.

King, May 31.—A work train crashed into the rear end of a local freight on the Atlantic and Yadkin Railway at Dalton, three miles west of here last Tuesday. The freight had stopped at a water tank when the wreck occurred. Four men were hurt none of which were seriously injured. Capt. W. A. Fultz road master sustained a broken shoulder, one colored man had his ankle broken and two other men sustained minor cuts and bruises. The wreck tied up traffic for several hours.

Paul Kiser returned to his home yesterday after undergoing a minor operation in the Lawrence hospital last week.

W. T. Newsam, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with his parents in Walnut Hills.

C. T. White, who holds a position at Hendersonville, spent Saturday and Sunday with his family here.

The famous Red Goose ball team of this place and Capella had a hard battle here Saturday. The final score stood nine to eight in favor of the home team.

J. R. Culler, of Mount Airy, is spending a few days with relatives and friends here.

Fred Walker, of Greensboro, was among the visitors here Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Spainhower, of Winston-Salem, spent the day Sunday with relatives here.

Good headway is being made on the construction of the Southern Power Co.'s new line through here.

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

J. A. Long a prominent retired merchant, of Tobaccoville, is among the business visitors here today.

J. R. Cook, who holds a position with The Southern Railway Company, with present headquarters at Clemmons, spent Sunday with his family in Woodland Heights.

Arless Hauser, of Winston-Salem, was here yesterday shaking hands with old friends.

J. Wilson Mitchell, who resides in West View, the new development just west of town, is a firm believer in advertising. Last week he placed an advertisement in a local newspaper for a small boy to assist him in his work and the very next day his wife presented him with a fine baby boy.

A great throng of people attended the B. Y. P. U. rally here yesterday.

Dr. and Mrs. David H. Wilcox, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with relatives here.

The Tonic-Soifa community singing which was held at the Christian church on west Main street yesterday, was attended by a large crowd. The singing was fine and was enjoyed by all present.

A. L. Bondeheimer, of Winston-Salem, was among the visitors here yesterday.

Adam Hall, of High Point, spent the day Sunday with relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobson Newsam, of Winston-Salem, was among the visitors here Monday.

W. H. Lee, of Davie county, father of Mrs. E. M. Griffin, spent the week end with Dr. and Mrs. Griffin, on West Main Street.

B.F. Pulliam suffered a light stroke of paralysis at his home on West Main street last night. He is slightly improved today. This is the second stroke Mr Pulliam has had, both being light.

Dr. F. N. Tomlinson, of Winston-Salem, was among the visitors here yesterday. It will be remembered that Dr. Tomlinson was formerly located here and has many friends in this section.

Mesdames W. M. Moore and R. Gregory, both of Winston-Salem, spent the week end with Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Griffin here.

Miss Ethel Kirby, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with her sis-

*"A purse without money is but a piece of leather"*



*says Dealer Dan*

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ter, Mrs. Henry Hauser, on Southers here Sunday Depot Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Gabe Tuttle, of Mountain today on the Pilot Moun- Rural Hall, spent Sunday with relatives in Walnut Hills.

We had a light shower last night and another one today which has revived crops wonderfully.

Several farmers report that they have finished planting tobacco and that it is looking good. Many were waiting for rain and didn't have the soil prepared when the showers came. It looks like a full crop will not be put out.



**To save life and limb**

**THE** peril of the road crossing has become a national problem with the multiplication of automobiles.

The Southern Railway System has eliminated 800 grade crossings, and is eliminating more every year, but over 6,000 remain to be separated on this system alone. The total cost to complete the work is a stupendous sum—probably half as much as the cost to build the railroads.


Even if the money were available, and the public willing to pay the increased freight and passenger rates necessary to provide a fair return on it, many years would be required to do the work.

Protection from the peril for the present generation at least must be found in some other way. Trains cannot stop at every crossing if they are to be run at the sustained speed expected by the public and required to carry the commerce of the country. The train crosses a highway about every mile. The motorist encounters a railroad only occasionally.

It is necessary, therefore, for the automobile driver to stop in order to avoid risk. No one who did this was ever killed.

*It is better to save a life than to save a minute.*

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