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LIGHTNING HITS STOKES CHURCH

One Man is Killed and several Knocked Unconscious—Henry Boles Died Monday From Stroke.

While services were in progress Sunday afternoon at St. Mark's Methodist church, situated between Germanton and Walnut Cove, a bolt of lightning struck the church building, tore away one corner of the edifice, injured six people, one of them fatally, and stunned a number of others. Henry Boles was struck by a flying timber and sustained a fractured skull. He was immediately carried to Lawrence hospital in Winston-Salem, where an emergency operation was performed. Mr. Boles died Monday morning.

The others receiving injuries were Jamie Boles, son of the man who was killed, Mrs. J. V. Marshall, a boy who gave his name as Warren, J. V. Welsh and Vick Marshall. None of these injuries were described as serious.

While the timbers were creaking and flying from the force of the electrical blow, excitement in the congregation was intense and one man who passed by a few minutes after the stroke, declared that he had been blown loose. One member rushed down to the Leake Memorial church nearby and told the congregation there that lightning had struck St. Mark's and killed everybody in it. The Leake Memorial congregation was aroused immediately and a scene which almost equaled the one at the stricken church took place.

In addition to those people who actually received injuries there were several others who were knocked to the floor and stunned by the electrical charge.

At the time that the bolt hit the church, the building was about half-filled with people. It took but a few minutes for the news to spread in the community and within a very short while a large crowd had gathered at the church.

Mr. Boles was a member and founder of the church in which he was killed. He is survived by his wife, by three daughters, Mrs. Anna Marshall, Mrs. Maurice Perrill and Mrs. Hope Westmoreland, all of Germanton; by three sons, Herbert James and Alley, of Germanton, and by one brother, Robert Boles, of Walnut Cove.

Daniel Mabe Died Tuesday

The funeral of Daniel Mabe, who died Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock, at his home, Summerfield, Route 2, was held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Hilldale Primitive Baptist church by Elder J. A. Fagg. Burial was made in the church graveyard.

Mr. Mabe, who was 66 years of age, is survived by the widow, four sons, U. W. Mabe, Winston-Salem, Route 3, W. J. Mabe, Stokesdale; Drew Mabe, Madison; and Roy Mabe, of Summerfield; four daughters, Mrs. Maude Harris, Mrs. Cora L. Thomas, of Summerfield; Mrs. May Ellington, of Madison; Mrs. Hester Hones, of Duke; three brothers, Warren Mabe, of Walnut Cove; Henderson Mabe, of Stoneville; Matt Mabe, of Lawsonville; three sisters, Miss Mary Jane Mabe, Mrs. Alice Bullin, and Mrs. Lee Mabe, all of Lawsonville.

The "better bull" campaign is on among dairy farmers of North Carolina. Five pure bred animals were recently purchased in one county.

WESTFIELD FOLKS HERE TUESDAY

They Want Stokes To Aid Surry In Erecting A School Building Near the County Line At Westfield.

Quite a large delegation of Westfield citizens, including a dozen ladies, appeared before the County Commissioners and the Board of Education here Monday in the interest of a new school building at Westfield.

The school at Westfield, which is near the county line, is maintained by Stokes and Surry counties jointly. It has outgrown its present old frame building and Surry county proposes to pay three-fifths of the cost of a new building if Stokes will put up two-fifths of the price. They want a brick building that will cost near \$20,000.

The Stokes authorities, at Monday's meeting, agreed to pay our part, but will not be able to do so until next year. In the meantime school will go on in the old building for another session.

Surry Republicans Will Meet July 24th

Dobson, July 6.—The Republicans of Surry county will gather in convention at Dobson on Saturday, July 24, at 10 o'clock a. m., to nominate candidates for the various county offices to be filled at the next regular election, and to transact any other business that may properly come before it. The township chairman will call their township primaries on Saturday, July 17, from 1 to 2 o'clock, p. m., to elect delegates to the county convention.

Auto Accident Saturday Night

Jack Ragsdale, young son of J. O. Ragsdale, of Madison, narrowly escaped serious injury Saturday night when the Studebaker sedan he was driving turned over three miles east of Danbury, while he was on his way home from a visit to Piedmont Springs. He escaped with only a few bruises.

Tom Tarheel says maybe he stays in a good humor and works hard all day because his wife knows how to cook the right kind of meals.

STOKES SCHOOL BUILDING FUND IS CUT TO \$10,000

This Will Be Used For Repair Work and No New Buildings Will Be Erected This Year—Joint Session of Board of Education and County Commissioners Here Monday.

That part of the school budget made last month for construction of school buildings in Stokes, amounting to about \$100,000, was stricken out by the County Commissioners and the Board of Education at a joint session held here Monday, and \$10,000 for repairs and additions to school buildings was substituted.

There will be no new school buildings erected in Stokes this year. The action of the boards in taking this step was not explained, but it is understood that it was on account of poor crop conditions in the county the past year and the uncertainty of the crops this year.

The \$10,000 appropriated, it is stated, will likely be used to add one room each to the Sandy Ridge, King and Francisco school buildings in order to provide temporary quarters for conducting the schools at these points during the coming winter.

N. & W. RAILWAY TO IMPROVE ROAD

Will Spend Over Million Dollars Between Winston Salem and Roanoke—To Electrify Line.

Announcement is made by the Norfolk & Western railroad that \$1,200,000 will be spent on the Winston-Salem to Roanoke division of that road. Automatic block signal system will be installed and side tracks will be extended. Electric wires will be placed and all stations will be lighted and the block signals will be operated by the current. With this improvement the Norfolk & Western will have a road the equal of the best railways in the country.

Play Given Here Was Very Good

The musical comedy, "See You Later," which was presented at the school building Friday night by local talent, was good to say the least, and had very good patronage.

DANBURY HIT BY SEVERE STORM

Large Plate Glass In Bank Was Blown Out, Buildings Damaged and Trees Uprooted Friday.

The most severe storm of wind, rain, lightning and thunder that has been seen here for years probably, visited Danbury and community Friday afternoon. Rain fell in torrents for an hour and a half while the wind reached a dangerous gale. The large plate glass in the front of the Bank of Stokes County here was blown out and broken to small bits, while many trees were broken and uprooted. The stable of Frank Stephens, near town, and the frame of a building that had been started near town, were demolished. Lightning struck numerous times near town but no damage was reported from it. Fortunately there was no hail here.

Hail Visits Lawsonville Section

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Rogers, of the Lawsonville community, were here yesterday. Mr. Rogers stated that his tobacco and the crops of some of his neighbors were injured considerably by hail Monday. He had just finished threshing his wheat and produced 255 bushels on 13 acres, an average of about 20 bushels to the acre.

Beer Destroyed In Beaver Island

Officers P. L. Flinchum and W. C. Matthews were in Beaver Island township Tuesday looking for stills, but found only three barrels of beer at a still site.

Those Tarheel farmers who wish to know what their paid servants at State College are doing in agricultural extension work can have a copy of the eleventh annual report by writing for it.

ABNER BOWMAN KILLED BY CAR

Young Man of Westfield Section Meets Death When Car Turns Over—Reid Lynch Held By Officers But Denies He Was Driving Car.

Abner Bowman, 21 years old, was instantly killed Saturday night near his home on the Westfield-Pilot Mt. road when the Ford roadster in which he was riding with Reid Lynch failed to make the curve and turned several somersaults down a slight embankment. Lynch was hurt very little if any.

Immediately following the accident, which occurred just over the line in Surry county, Lynch was taken into custody by Surry officers, it being thought that he was driving the car when it wrecked and was drinking. There were no eye witnesses to the accident and it was said that Lynch would swear on trial that Bowman was driving when the wreck occurred. The result of the preliminary hearing has not been learned here.

Lynch is a son of Jim Lynch, of the Pilot Mt. section, and is aged 19 years. He has been serving in the army and had just returned home on Tuesday before the accident.

Death Of Infant Of Mr. and Mrs. Smith

James Harrell Smith, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Smith, of Centerville, Forsyth county, died Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, after a brief illness.

The little boy is survived by his father and mother, one brother, Paul, and two sisters, Ophelia and Josephine.

Funeral services were held at the Mt. Olive church, in Yadkin township. Burial followed in the church graveyard.

Stokes Boy Is Taking Law Course

T. A. Bennett, of Capella, was a visitor here Monday. Mr. Bennett, who is a son of W. I. Bennett, is taking a law course in the private school of Judge Geo. P. Pell in Raleigh, and hopes to secure license for the practice of his profession either August or February next.

CANDIDATES ARE NOW NOMINATED

Saturday's Second Primary Resulted In The Highest Men In First Primary Winning In Each Case—Voting Was Heavier Than In First Primary.

Saturday's second primary resulted in the nomination of the following named candidates:

For Sheriff, Sam P. Dearmin, Democrat, and J. Frank Dunlap, Republican.

For County Commissioner, R. E. L. Francis, Democrat.

For Member of Board of Education, Otis T. Shelton, Democrat, and Hardin McGee, Republican.

Voting by both parties was, strange to say, considerably heavier than in the first primary. For instance, Dearmin, Frye, Leake and Williams, the four Democrats for Sheriff, received only 1085 votes in the first primary, while the two Democratic candidates for Sheriff received 1264 in the second primary.

Dunlap, Nunn and Nelson, Republican candidates for Sheriff, in the first primary, got 1827 votes, while the second primary gave the two Republican candidates for Sheriff 2075 votes.

By far the hardest contest was that between J. F. Dunlap and J. R. Nunn, Republican candidates for Sheriff. Mr. Dunlap's majority was only 43.

Sam P. Dearmin's defeated Luther Williams, Democratic candidate for Sheriff by a vote of 229.

R. E. L. Francis was nominated as Democratic candidate for county commissioner over T. H. Gery, the majority of Mr. Francis being 327.

For membership on the Board of Education Otis T. Shelton had a majority of 267 over W. P. Ray, both Democrats, and for the same office Hardin McGee won over J. W. Priddy, both Republicans, Mr. McGee's majority being 249.

A noteworthy fact in regard to the primary is that in every instance the candidates of both parties receiving the highest vote in the first primary were nominated in the second primary.

The average vote cast in the primary Saturday was 610 for the Democratic candidates and 1000 for the Republican candidates.

Official Vote In Stokes Primary, July 3, 1926

PRECINCTS:	R, J. R. NUNN,	R, J. F. DUNLAP,	R, HARDIN MCGEE,	R, JNO. W. PRIDDY,	D, SAM P. DEARMIN,	D, LUTHER WILLIAMS,	D, R. E. L. FRANCIS,	D, THOS. H. GERRY,	D, O. T. SHELTON,	D, W. P. RAY,
DANBURY	63	41	29	72	33	10	38	4	28	16
LAWSONVILLE	149	48	54	131	54	11	61	3	44	17
HARTMAN	72	72	75	64	5	3	1	1	0	3
MITCHELL	3	98	27	50	23	29	24	27	16	31
E. SANDY RIDGE	3	51	19	18	52	7	54	3	55	5
W. SANDY RIDGE	28	39	5	62	63	9	47	15	55	16
TILLEY'S	16	8	2	20	20	4	12	12	2	26
PINE HALL	1	12	12	0	0	97	17	72	14	75
FREEMAN	5	13	14	4	0	29	4	22	21	5
E. WALNUT COVE	13	176	117	62	8	96	41	56	57	35
W. WALNUT COVE	9	68	51	21	21	49	14	54	37	33
GERMANTON	129	6	131	7	37	20	46	9	47	10
WILSON'S STORE	62	40	87	10	54	60	34	76	23	87
MIZPAH	30	30	45	11	13	1	1	13	1	12
BOYLES	48	74	75	38	32	21	14	32	16	33
KING	54	95	40	100	37	47	71	9	68	10
PINNACLE	41	91	62	63	60	3	43	11	44	16
BROWN MOUNTAIN	73	21	46	40	21	0	19	0	19	1
FLINTY KNOLL	145	29	127	39	39	19	49	3	45	11
FRANS	35	9	27	15	50	1	50	0	46	4
MOIR	34	41	49	18	120	3	118	3	101	20
TOTALS	1013	1062	1094	845	745	519	758	431	739	476

WHEAT STACKS HIT BY LIGHTNING

Jess Rhodes Reported To Have Lost About Three Hundred Bushels of Grain By Fire.

According to reports received here yesterday, Jess Rhodes, of the Prestonville section, had the misfortune to lose seven stacks of wheat by fire Monday when lightning struck the wheat. Mr. Rhodes estimated that he had about three hundred bushels of grain.

Mr. Rhodes expected to have the grain threshed this week, it was stated.

Steam Shovels Reach Town

The two steam shovels engaged in building the Danbury-Walnut Cove road reached main street here Tuesday and that section of the road between the bridge and Danbury has been almost finished.

Civil Court Convenes Here Monday

The civil term of Stokes civil court will convene here next Monday.