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BRIDGE FOR SEVEN ISLANDS

Stokes Highway Commission Will Receive Bids For Structure On Feb. 5—Citizens To Be Congratulated.

The good citizens of that section of Peters Creek township just north of Seven Islands ford on Dan river are to be congratulated on the fact that it looks now like they are to have a bridge across the Dan at Seven Islands.

At a meeting of the Stokes County Highway Commission at the court house Saturday an order was made by the board that bids be asked for on Feb. 5th for the removal of the steel bridge at Hairston's ford on Dan river to the Seven Islands ford on the same stream the bids to take into consideration the erection of the bridge at the new site. Formal notice concerning the bids appears elsewhere in this paper.

By way of explanation, it might be stated that the steel bridge at Hairston's ford referred to here has recently been put out of use by the erection of a handsome \$81,000 concrete bridge just below it, the new bridge having been erected by the State Highway Commission. This bridge is on the Walnut Cove-Madison hard-surface road.

The proposed bridge at Seven Islands has long been needed badly, citizens of the community just north of there having to travel a number of miles farther to reach the county seat or the market than will be necessary after the erection of the bridge.

THOS. D. MEADOR DIES SUDDENLY

Conducted Wholesale Mercantile Business At Walnut Cove But Resided In Madison.

Madison, Jan. 18.—Thomas D. Meador, one of the most prominent and influential citizens of the town, died suddenly this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the age of 60. He had been in declining health for some time but his death came unexpectedly as he had been attending to his many businesses all day, having just returned from Greensboro at the time of his death.

Mr. Meador was mayor of Madison and president of the Farmers Bank and Trust company, superintendent of the county Sunday school convention, superintendent of the Baptist Sunday school, which position he had held continuously for 20 years, a deacon in the Baptist church, and owned two wholesale grocery stores, one in Madison and one in Walnut Cove.

He had been a resident of Madison for 25 years, being a native of Caswell county. He enjoyed a large circle of friends especially in the religious work and was a most earnest Sunday school worker. He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. Robert E. Labberton. The funeral services will be conducted from the home tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock by his pastor, Dr. L. D. Bass, assisted by Rev. J. T. Rogers, and the interment will follow in the Riverview cemetery.

Peters Creek Store Robbed Last Week

The store of Frank Smith, in Peters Creek township, was burglarized Tuesday night of last week, the robbers taking off about fifty dollars in cash which had been left in the change drawer. The guilty parties have not been apprehended.

Mrs. G. Garner of San Francisco, was granted a divorce after telling the judge that her husband cursed and struck her when she trumped his ace in a bridge game.

PLEASANT EVENT AT COURT HOUSE

Three Or Four Hundred Citizens Attended Old Fiddlers' Convention Here Friday Night.

Between three and four hundred people attended the old time Fiddlers' Convention held in the court house at Danbury Friday night, and the opinion was freely expressed by many of the attendants that it was the most enjoyable event of the kind they had ever attended. A large number of musicians were present and competition was strong for the nice prizes which had been offered by the Parent-Teacher Association.

Winners in the several contests were announced as follows:

Violin—First prize, R. L. McGee; second, James Fulk; third, James Booth.

Banjo—First prize, Ernest Thompson; second, J. V. Hill.

Guitar—First Prize, Ed Willard; second, Matt Simmons.

Mandolin—Ed Willard.

Autoharp—Willie Corns.

Mouth-harp—Ernest Thompson.

Clog dancing—Jesse R. Bennett.

Charleston dance—Julia Flinchum, aged six.

Whistling—Jesse R. Bennett.

The judges who awarded the prizes were John Lewis, Lester Shelton and Sanders Smith, and their decisions met with general approval, it was learned.

The Parent-Teacher Association realized a nice sum for use in the school from the convention.

Four Stokes Boys In Automobile Wreck

Moir Nelson, Early Ashby, Leonard Stephens and Anderson Bullin probably came near being killed Friday night when the Ford roadster they were riding in turned over several times on the State highway near Walter Ray's, between Danbury and Francisco. Young Stephens was hurt worst, his back being wrenched and he has been in a serious condition for several days. The Ashby and Bullin boys were badly bruised. Nelson, who was driving the car, was not injured in any way except having his new car badly torn up. Nelson was said to have been driving down grade about as fast as the car would run when they came upon a stiff curve and applied the brakes. The boys were uncertain about the number of times the car turned over.

Stokes Farmers Still Have Much Tobacco

Winston-Salem, Jan. 15.—There is quite a quantity of leaf tobacco in Stokes county to be marketed yet," remarked two growers who live near Danbury, Thursday. Each had brought truck loads of the weed to the Winston-Salem market and both were well pleased with prices obtained. C. A. Mabe, one of the growers, stated that he had six more barns to sell, while W. A. Duncan, the second farmer, announced that he had two more barns of the weed. Oscar Smith, who lives near me, has about two thousand pounds to market," added Mr. Duncan, who explained that the crop grown in Stokes county during the past year had proven quite profitable. "As is generally known Stokes and Surry counties, grow about as good tobacco for chewing and smoking as can be found anywhere in North Carolina," declared Mr. Duncan.

Tom Tarhell says if it pays other business men to keep books, it also pays him.

John Semm, of Chicago, was fined \$1,500 for making moonshine whiskey instead of bread in his bakery.

WILL ALCOHOL KILL A CALF?

Westfield Man Had Novel Experience During Recent Cold Weather.

During the cold weather last week a well known Westfield citizen, who was a Danbury visitor Saturday, had a rather novel experience with his car and his calf. While getting some gas at a local filling station the proprietor suggested that the Westfield man should put alcohol in the radiator of his car. The alcohol was put in and the Westfield man drove home. About night the weather became so cold that he decided the radiator might freeze, so the alcohol was drawn out into a tub with the intention of putting it back into the car next morning—if it was not frozen. Imagine his surprise when he went out next morning to find that his little son's pet calf had drunk the contents of the tub. However, the calf is still living and doing well.

4 MILLION ACRES OF IDLE LANDS

That Would Furnish Millions Of Dollars In Taxable Values.

Raleigh, Jan. 18.—Forestry presents one of the solutions of the tax problems of States, said Paul G. Redington, Assistant Forester of the United States Forest Service, here tonight.

Mr. Redington said growing forests not only increase taxable value of property, but furnish materials for manufacturing enterprises which also create values from which taxes may be derived.

"North Carolina's forestry situation," said the official, "is like that of other States in that there are large areas of natural forest lands. But they are now idle after being cut over. It is estimated there are in this State about 4,000,000 acres of this land. Growing forests on this area would furnish millions of dollars in taxable values."

Germanton News Items

Germanton, Jan. 18.—The Germanton teachers attended a district teachers' meeting held at King Saturday. Miss Mary Taylor and Miss M. P. Bynum, of Germanton high school, both made interesting talks.

O. N. Petree, of Greensboro, was a business visitor here Thursday.

Rev. W. R. Jenkins delivered an impressive sermon at the M. E. church Sunday evening. His theme was taken from the 23rd Psalm, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall Not Want."

Mrs. T. J. Westmoreland still continues quite ill, although her condition shows slight improvement.

Rev. E. A. Long will fill his regular appointment at the Baptist church the fourth Sunday night, January 23rd.

Miss Frances Simpson Hurt While Coasting

Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor returned from Winston-Salem Monday where they went to visit Mrs. Taylor's sister, Miss Frances Simpson, who is ill in a hospital as the result of injuries sustained while coasting on the snow a few days since. The young lady lost control of her sled and struck a stone or cement wall with considerable violence, crushing one of her kidneys and breaking several ribs. It was necessary to remove the kidney, and her condition has been serious but she is rapidly recovering. Miss Simpson is the daughter of the late John T. Simpson and Mrs. Simpson and is a lovable character, having many warm friends here who hope for her a speedy recovery.

URGES THAT GAS TAX REMAIN

Chairman Page Pleads That It Not Be Diverted For Aiding Certain Counties.

Raleigh, Jan. 18.—State Highway Chairman Frank Page late today pleaded for holding inviolate the gasoline tax for maintenance of the highway system. He appeared before the legislative joint committee on roads.

It was the first meeting of the joint committee which had invited the highway chairman and its attorney, Charlie Ross, to talk on bills referred to the committee.

Ross spoke for uniformity in traffic laws and detailed work of a national safety organization in preparing a bill to care for virtually all changes in the traffic laws.

His suggestion was that the two committees hold all pending legislation dealing with traffic in abeyance until this general bill, forthcoming, could be examined.

Mr. Page was not speaking for or against any particular bill but rather about the highway commission work in general. He said he had heard there was some tendency in some sections to allot a part of the gasoline tax for the maintenance of county roads.

The committee chairman added that he realized some of the counties had built more roads than they could comfortably pay for, but he hoped the legislature would not take away a part of the gasoline tax there by putting the state in an embarrassing position financially.

He expressed belief that the people of the state were getting more for their money from the maintenance fund than they were getting from the construction funds.

The road bonds had been sold with understanding that they would be backed by this tax on gasoline and he further thought it would be breaking faith with the buyers of these bonds if the source from which the bonds were to be retired were to be curtailed.

Mr. Page did not think it necessary for the assembly to enact laws providing for additions to the highway system, for this was taken care of under the old law.

The original bill provided for about 5,200 miles in the highway system and this figure has been stretched until there are at present 6,180 miles under the supervision of the commission and at the latest meeting of the commission a resolution was adopted to add eight per cent or about 500 more miles to the system.

Mr. Page referred to recent Supreme court ruling which limits power of the commission in location of roads and understood there was legislation pending which would seek to "more clearly define the powers of the commission" in this regard and he would be glad to give the committee benefit of his advice and views when this bill came up for committee consideration.

Mr. Ross thought it wise to enact traffic regulations which conform as nearly as local conditions will permit with laws in other states "since about 20 per cent of the people traveling our highways come from other states and since large numbers of our own people travel other states."

Junior Order Lodge For Danbury Soon

Danbury is soon to have a Junior Order Lodge, if present plans are carried out. Already the number of applications filed for membership is sufficient to establish a lodge here and it is likely that it will be organized in the near future.

"Uncle Ben" Hodges of Poplar Bluff, Mo., has just quit chopping railroad ties at the age of 111.

10 MILLION OF WEED ON HAND

Co-Ops Still Have 40,970 Hogheads of Redried Tobacco—Weed Mostly in Eastern Virginia.

Greensboro, Jan. 16.—The three receivers of the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Associations have filed in the five federal courts in the Carolinas and Virginia a report showing realization and liquidation of accounts since the receivership was undertaken on last June 19 and up to the end of the year.

They reported 40,970 hogheads of redried tobacco on hand estimated worth \$10,733,130.75. The great part of this is in the Eastern district of Virginia and most of the remainder in the Western district of the same state. They report 31,923 hogheads in the Eastern district and 8,872 in the Western district of Virginia.

In the \$14,177,200.80 liabilities listed for the association, members' equity was estimated at \$8,745,868.14 less \$979,110.41 which was lost on realization of goods disposed of. Notes payable amounted to \$4,246,977.58, storage charges to \$42,312.34, interest to \$48,172.50 and reserves from sales as guarantees to warehousing corporations, \$1,182,681.99.

Assets of the association contained inventory of tobacco estimated at \$10,733,130.76, over-payment to members of \$404,326.03, notes receivable \$555,705.74 and cash assets of \$246,356.93. Investments were listed as worth \$1,238,310.

December sales were reported \$181,186.70, with an average of 77.80 per cent of bankers' valuation received for goods sold. In December the receivers took in \$622,085.97 and spent \$640,291.85, of which \$599,483.45 went to the Federal Intermediary Credit Bank at Baltimore. Bills payable at the close of the month amounted to \$4,240,977.58 as compared with \$8703,200 on June 19, when the receivership began.

The receivers reported that to secure possession of tobacco stored with the Bright Leaf Warehousing Corporation they had to pay storage charges in spite of the fact that the contract of the association with the corporation provided plan under which the corporation storage charges were completely satisfied by payment of operating expenses on August 1, 1926.

Mrs. M. O. Jones Entertains Her Sunday School Class

(Written for The Reporter, Jan. 1.) Mrs. M. O. Jones entertained the members of her Sunday school class and others Friday evening from 7 to 10 P. M.

The evening was spent in guessing contests and playing games. Paul East was awarded the prize in an Alphabet contest, an A B C book. Mabel Hudspeth was given a box of candy in another contest and Elmer Campbell a game for carrying the most peas on a knife from one table to another.

The hostess, assisted by Misses Nancy Lee Dunlap and Ola Campbell and Mr. Jones, served sandwiches and punch, salted nuts and candy.

Those present were Misses Mary Hackney, Miriam Hall, Ethel East, Frances Humphreys, Mabel Hudspeth, Azile Sutphin, Ola Campbell, Nancy Lee Dunlap, and guest, Myrtle Priddy, Messers. Paul East, Francis and Paul Martin, Raymond Hackney, Elmer and Edgar Campbell, Edwin Taylor, Clifford King, Easley Joyce, Merritt Hudspeth and James Jones.

Retired at the age of 33 years, a mule at Coleman, Tex., follows an ice wagon it formerly pulled.

KING WILL SOON HAVE THE "JUICE"

James Wall Undergoes Major Operation—Wesley N. Vest Ill With Pneumonia — Personal.

King, Jan. 17.—The Southern Public Utilities Company has a large force of men here at work building new lines preparatory to furnishing King, Rural Hall, Dalton and Pinnacle with power and electric lights. The substation will be located at King and these other towns will be supplied from here. The town of King expects to have lights within a few weeks while it will take about five months to complete the whole project.

J. H. Sapp has purchased from S. W. Pulliam six acres of land in Pilot View, consideration \$459.00.

O. O. Grabs returned Friday from a hunting trip in eastern North Carolina. He brought back a fine deer with him.

Walter Sprinkle, who holds a position at Elkin, spent the week end with his family here.

Vester Wall is very sick with appendicitis at his home west of here. Mr. and Mrs. George Brown, of Lincolnton, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Miss Ersie Pulliam, of Winston-Salem, is spending a few days with her mother here.

Wesley N. Vest, aged 90 years, is very sick with pneumonia at his home two miles south of here.

S. S. Boles, of Monroe, Va., is spending a few days with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Goff, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with relatives here.

C. Walker, of Winston-Salem, is a business visitor here today.

James Wall, who underwent a major operation in the Lawrence hospital at Winston-Salem last week, shows no improvement, we are sorry to state.

N. H. Madearis, of Winston-Salem, is here attending to some business matters today.

WALNUT COVE NEWS ITEMS

Road Work Is Held Up By Cold Weather — Personal Items.

Walnut Cove, Jan. 18.—The cold weather has prevented the work on the Walnut Cove-Madison road to a great extent. There is still several hundred feet to be cemented.

Miss Nannie Jones spent last week in Winston-Salem with Dr. and Mrs. Beverly Jones.

Miss Carrie Moore Neal, of Danbury, spent last week end with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Neal.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Rierison, Misses Stella and Claude Rierison and Herbert Rierison visited in Charlotte recently.

Mrs. J. W. Slate, Mrs. J. T. Ellis and children, Thomas and Elizabeth, and R. W. Slate, of High Point, were visitors here last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Mitchell, of Winston-Salem, visited relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. O. E. Ward is confined to her home with sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moorefield, Miss Nina Moorefield and Hassel Moorefield have returned from a visit to Petersburg, Fla.

Mrs. G. H. Fulton and children visited relatives in Elkin recently.

Mrs. Posey L. Flinchum and children expect to leave in a few days to join Mr. Flinchum at Newbern. Mr. Flinchum, who is a prohibition agent, was recently transferred from Stokes to Newbern.

When grain and livestock farming is mixed with cotton growing, the highest accumulation of farm wealth results, according to recent studies.