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ICE PLANT FOR WALNUT COVE

Now Being Constructed By J. T. Ramsey and Others—Chevrolet Dealer Moving To New Quarters — Personal Items.

Walnut Cove, Feb. 1.—A new industry for Walnut Cove is to be an ice plant, work now being under way on the building. The machinery has been purchased, it is learned, and the plant will be ready for operation by warm weather. J. T. Ramsey will be general manager of the plant, and it is learned that the capacity of the plant will be sufficient to supply this entire territory.

Mrs. Sallie Martin and daughter, Mrs. Baird, of Detroit, are expected here soon for a visit to relatives. They are former residents of this place, Mrs. Baird being prior to her marriage, Miss Mary Martin.

The Chevrolet dealers here are removing from the Boyles building just across the street, to the former home of the Walnut Cove Motor Co.

A jewelry store has just been opened here, the proprietor being Mr. J. D. Ashley.

Miss Bessie Mitchell is quite ill at the Lawrence hospital in Winston-Salem. Miss Mitchell is a graduate nurse of the Lawrence hospital.

Marion, the small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Fulton, Jr., is recovering nicely from an attack of scarlet fever.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Petree, of Germantown visited relatives here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Vaughn, Mrs. Frank Petree and children left Tuesday for points in Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn go to Jacksonville to visit their son and Mrs. Petree goes to St. Petersburg to join her husband, who has a position there.

Dorothy, the small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Rothrock has entirely recovered from her recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fulton spent Sunday in Greensboro.

Ex-County Commissioner H. H. Williamson, of Pine Hall, was a visitor here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Scott and son, of Durham, were guests of relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vaughn and Mr. Julian Vaughn, of Winston, spent Sunday here.

Mr. J. B. Woodruff, a prominent business man of this place, is quite ill at his home here.

Mrs. O. J. Cates is confined to her home with illness.

J. E. Ward Moves To High Point

J. E. Ward, of the Sandy Ridge community, is this week removing with his family to High Point. Mr. Ward will operate a grocery store and filling station in High Point. His many friends in Stokes regret to see him leave the county but wish him much success.

Mrs. T. J. Gann Is Slightly Improved

Madison, Jan. 27.—Mrs. T. J. Gann, whose home is a few miles west of town, has been seriously ill for some time, with her condition reported as slightly improved at present. Miller Gann, her son, of Vulean, W. V., has recently been at the bedside of his mother.

Just A Jingle.

We're going to a blow-out, so an auto we will hire. Said he, and then the blow-out came. Down in the auto tire. —EX.

\$30,000,000 MORE FOR ROADS

Will Require Greater Part of This Amount To Repay Counties Which Have Made Loans To State.

Bills have been introduced in both branches of the Legislature which would authorize the issuing of thirty-million dollars more for road construction in North Carolina. It is thought very probable that the bill will pass easily.

During the past few years many of the counties in the State have loaned the highway commission money to build roads in their territories, and it is stated that it will require the greater part of the thirty million to repay these counties. Stokes will come in for \$2,000,000 of the amount.

Will Study Tobacco At Short Course

Raleigh, Feb. 1.—Grading farm crops so that the owner may receive a price based on grade is becoming more important in North Carolina. Farmers know more about grades than formerly and they demand to be paid according to the quality of material that they put out.

Little is known, however, about tobacco grades. The best growers, of course, grade their weed and by grading it get a much better price than the man who dumps his weed on the market without any attempt to separate the best leaf from the poorest. There are definite grades of tobacco now established by the United States government and each grower who wishes to get the most money from his tobacco crop should know something of these grades.

To aid in this, the State College of Agriculture will hold a three-day short course in tobacco grading on February 8, 9 and 10. The course is free of charge, meals are reasonable in price and rooms may be had convenient to the college campus. The course will be in charge of Prof. J. B. Cotner of the Department of Agronomy. He will be assisted by Prof. E. G. Moss, superintendent of the Tobacco Branch Station near Oxford. The actual grading instruction will be in charge of Frank B. Wilkerson, tobacco specialist of the United States Department of Agriculture at Washington.

Mr. Wilkerson will explain the new tobacco grades, will give practice instruction in grading to all students attending and will describe and grade the various samples of tobacco that will be used in the course.

At the close of the course on February 10, a tobacco grading contest will be put on with suitable prizes offered to the successful students. It is expected that many growers will take advantage of this course and those who plan to come should write at once to Prof. Cotner or Dr. Z. P. Metcalf, director of teaching at State College.

Fiddlers' Convention At Pine Hall

Ye olde time fiddlers' convention will be held at Pine Hall school building Saturday night, Feb. 5th. Prizes will be awarded to best players. All musicians are invited. Proceeds for M. E. church piano fund.

Young People Here Have Christian League

A young people's Christian League was organized here Sunday afternoon at the Presbyterian church. Miss Mary Hackney was elected president, Miss Elizabeth Martin vice-president and Miss Mabel Hudspeth secretary-treasurer. Meetings will be held weekly.

THE FATHER OF OUR COUNTRY

Tenth Grade School Boy At Francisco Writes Interesting Sketch of Life of George Washington.

(By Sanders Shelton, Tenth Grade, Francisco High School.)

In a few days, (Feb. 22) is a day that every red-blooded American boy and girl should celebrate, because it's a day of birth of our greatest American, General George Washington. I suppose you all have heard of him, and his greatness, but if you will listen a while, I will tell you about him.

Strong, self-sacrificing, determined General George Washington, commander-in-chief of the American army during the Revolutionary war, led the fight for freedom. The first president of the United States, he stands as the founder of our nation. We are Americans because he was truly a great American. We are today, nearly two hundred years since his birth, enjoying the fruits of his greatness.

Washington's father, who died when George was twelve years old, was married twice. George was his fifth child, the first by his second wife. He was born Feb. 22, 1732, at Bridges Creek, Westmoreland county, Virginia, which is now known as Wakefield.

The family moved to Washington, as Mt. Vernon was then called, when George was three. About four years later the home-stead burned, and they moved to the estate on the Rappahannock River, across from the city of Fredericksburg, Virginia. Here George spent his childhood.

In his early youth he learned to "read, write and cipher," at a small school kept by Mr. Holby, the sexton of the Parish Church. After his father died he went to live with his brother, Augustine, at Bridges Creek, to attend a better school kept by Mr. Williams. A little later, however, he went to live with his mother and studied at a school kept by the Rev. James Marje in Fredericksburg. We have many of his letters and writings of his own, kept throughout life and many of his account books. From them, we are able to come very close to his personality, to know him far better perhaps, than the people of his own household (family) knew him, and we find him to be a great American.

In 1753, Washington was called upon to render the military service for which he had been studying and preparing, and now at the age of twenty-one, he proved his ability at leadership. The trouble between the French and the English had come to a head. Everything was at loose ends. They both claimed the Ohio territory, and Washington was sent thru the wilderness for five hundred miles over an Indian trail, with an expedition against the French. Washington proved to be successful, and at that won the victory and finished his task.

George Washington was the greatest farmer of his day. He went to live at Mount Vernon where he owned a beautiful estate on the Potomac river. Washington kept increasing his estate until his death. He owned 51,000 acres. His greatest pride was being the first farmer in America.

George Washington was a man of devotions to his country. He spent most of his life in public and for the country. He was first in war, and also first in peace, and his greatest desire was private life.

His devotions to his country, and his high mindness, humanity and justice has kept him in memory until this day.

FINE ARTS CLUB HAS BIRTHDAY

On Its Fourth Anniversary "The Natural Resources of The Piedmont Plateau" Are Studied—History of the Organization.

Mrs. J. S. Taylor was the very delightful hostess of the Fine Arts Club at the January meeting. The guests were met by Mrs. Taylor and invited into the rooms, the attractiveness of which were further enhanced with potted plants and cheerful fires, making a most cordial welcome. The meeting was presided over by the president, Mrs. R. R. King, in her usual capable manner, and opened with the club collect, after which the members joined in singing, "America the Beautiful." The program for the afternoon was the further study of North Carolina, "The Natural Resources of the Piedmont Plateau" was presented by Mrs. John Taylor; "The Hill Country, the Industrial Center of the South," by Mrs. E. P. Pepper; and "Ten Pictures of the Piedmont Plateau" by Mrs. J. D. Humphreys.

Plans were discussed as to furnishing rooms in the Petree building for a place to give benefit suppers, but no definite decision was reached.

A hunting contest was enjoyed prior to the program. Mrs. W. E. Joyce finding the most candles while Mrs. R. R. King found the most oranges. They were each presented their trophies.

A tempting salad, with hot rolls, stuffed celery, tea and wafers were served supplemented with sweets. On each plate was a unique little candle holder with four lighted candles which told of the club's fourth birthday.

The Fine Arts Club was organized four years ago in January at the home of Mrs. John Taylor. The charter members being: Mesdames H. M. Joyce, J. S. Taylor, J. J. Taylor, A. J. Fagg, E. P. Pepper, J. W. Hall, M. O. Jones and the late Miss Josie Pepper. The club has added many new members and has been quite active in civic and social ways. Many improvements in the town being due to the efforts of the members of the Fine Arts Club. The ex-presidents of the club are: Mrs. John Taylor, Mrs. E. P. Pepper and Mrs. W. G. Petree. Mrs. R. R. King now serving in that capacity.

The February meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. W. E. Joyce, with Mrs. R. H. Morefield joint hostess.

Luther Tuttle Dies Near Walnut Cove

Walnut Cove, Feb. 1.—Luther Tuttle, who has been ill for several months, passed away at his home about 3 miles north of here Sunday morning. The services were held at Rosebud Christian Church Monday at 1 o'clock, where he was a member. Rev. Thomas Glenn, of Stoneville, pastor, conducted the service. Mr. Tuttle leaves a wife, one child, father and mother, as well as several brothers and sisters and a host of friends.

Stokes Man Hurt In Auto Collision

R. H. Smith, 40, of King, was slightly injured Tuesday afternoon about 5 o'clock near Winston-Salem when struck by an automobile driven by W. A. Westmoreland, who resides near Walnut Cove.

Because he carefully selects his herd bull, one dairy farmer in another state says that he has increased his annual production of milk one ton per cow in ten year's time.

SCHOOL SYSTEM BAD IN N. C.

Nearly 370,000 Children Have Less Than An Eight Month's Term—It Is Unfair to Children of Rural Sections.

Raleigh, Feb. 2.—An indirect plea for the eight month's school term is brought out in the last issues of State School Facts, in which it is shown that while practically all the city schools of the state have a nine months term, the rural schools average less than a seven month's term. In 1922-23, there were 429,368 children in North Carolina that did not have the opportunity of an eight month's term. In 1925-26, there were 360,707 children in schools having less than an eight month's term, 98.7 per cent of whom were rural children.

The report points out that from 1900 to 1926, the increase in average term for the rural schools has been a gradual but slow process. The state law passed in 1913, providing for a state equalizing fund, which enabled all the schools of the state to have a minimum term of six months, and the constitutional amendment of 1917, allowing district townships to lengthen their terms by voting upon themselves taxes to finance the longer term, have both been powerful stimulants toward the longer school term in rural districts.

Nevertheless these two acts have tended to create unequal terms for where wealth has centralized, the people have been able to provide for a longer term, but in the poorer districts they have had to content themselves with a six months term, experience has shown.

Nine Years to Get 8 Months Term. At this rate of progress, and if the present method of increasing the school term is followed, it will take at least nine years to reach an average rural school term of eight months, and even so many of those schools will still be in session for only six months in the year.

In 1926, 35 per cent of the rural white children and 81.7 per cent of the rural colored children were provided with a minimum school term of 8 months. No city white child, and only a 2.4 per cent of city colored children, attended school for only a six months term, statistics show.

New Hanover county has the distinction of being the only county in the State which gives all its children, white and colored, rural and city, an opportunity to attend school eight months in the year. Seven counties, New Hanover, Edgecomb, Currituck, Gates, Pamlico, Vance, and Wilson have an eight month's school term for all white children; 29 counties provide as much as 75 per cent of their white pupils with a minimum term of eight months. In 1923, there were only 16 counties in this group; in 49 counties, no colored children had an opportunity to attend school for an eight months term.

These facts indicate that while there is a very definite tendency for the people of the State to extend the school term beyond the required six months, this method also tends to make more unequal the opportunities of the children to secure an education. It gives to the child born in the community where wealth is centralized a greater opportunity than the one living in the less wealthy sections of the State. To those who have been following closely the trend of the education situation in the State, is the answer to the question of the unpreparedness of many children to enter higher institutions. A six month's term will not give child the necessary thorough foundation upon which to base any higher learning or study he may undertake.

OVER FORTY-FOUR MILLION SOLD

Winston-Salem Tobacco Market May Reach Fifty Million Pound Mark—Season's Average \$24.05 To Date.

Up to Saturday last the Winston-Salem tobacco market had sold 44,784,188 pounds of tobacco for this season at an average price of \$24.05 per hundred pounds. Some tobacco experts there predict that the market will sell 50,000,000 pounds or more by the close, a few weeks hence.

Last week sales were above two and a half million pounds, the average being only \$18.84 for the week. For the corresponding week a year ago the average price was only \$13.16.

During the past week a few very small lots of select leaves of the weed sold for above \$1.00 pound, one little bunch bringing \$1.15 per pound.

It is thought that last week will be the last of the big breaks, as tobacco in the hands of the farmer now getting scarce.

FIVE MORE NEW CITIZENS AT KING

New Cafe and Barber Shop Almost Completed — Residences and Business Houses Being Wired For Electricity.

King, Jan. 31.—J. W. Tuttle's new brick building on east Main street, is nearing completion. Mr. Tuttle will occupy one side of this building with his barber shop, while the other side will be occupied by an up-to-date cafe.

M. T. Spainhower has purchased from William H. Knight four residential lots on Ohio street.

The following births were registered here last week: Mr. and Mrs. Robe Hauser, a daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Terry, a son, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Kiser, a son, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Manning, a daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kennedy, a daughter.

Ray Holsbeck, of Lynchburg, Va., is spending a few days with his parents near here.

Albert Hutchins, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with relatives and friends here.

Prof. and Mrs. Murray Thompson, of Stuart, Va., were among the visitors here Sunday.

Peyton Hutchins, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Jones, of Hanes, are spending some time with Mr. Jones' sister, Mrs. William Spainhower, here.

R. G. Brinkley has opened up a shoe repair shop on south Depot street.

Contractors are busy here wiring business houses and residences so as to be ready when the Southern Public Utilities company turns on the "juice."

Debate In Danbury School Auditorium Friday Night, Feb. 11

Stop! Look! Listen! Everybody get ready to come to the debate at the Danbury school auditorium on Friday evening, Feb. 11th, promptly at 7:30 o'clock. The question for debate is: Resolved, That more evil than benefit results from laws permitting divorce. There will be good speakers on both sides, four of them being ladies, and they will entertain you with points both serious and humorous.

An excellent brass band has been engaged to furnish music between speeches. So be sure to be on hand. A small admission fee will be charged for the benefit of the school.