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Y. M. C. A. COMING TO STOKES

To Create Summer Camp—100 Acres Land Purchased and 18 Cottages To Be Erected—Building Down For Lake.

The Y. M. C. A. of Winston-Salem has purchased 100 acres of land three west of Capella in Stokes and will create a permanent summer camp there for the association, according to information given out by N. G. Covington, who was here from the Capella community Monday.

The location selected for the camp is one of the finest to be had anywhere, lying just at the foot of the Sauratown mountain and facing what is known as "White Wall."

A fine stream passes through the property and a contract has already been awarded the Kestler Construction Co. for a dam for a lake. Work was started on the dam some weeks since. It will be 30 feet high and 300 feet long, and the lake will cover eight acres.

A large mess hall or dining room with kitchen will be erected as well as eighteen cottages and the camp will be made ready for use by June of this year.

The land for the camp was purchased from C. H. Lunsford and lies just a mile up the stream from Mr. Lunsford's grist mill.

NEWSY LETTER FROM WESTFIELD

Baptist Building New Church—Contract Let For Garage—Hatching Chickens.

Westfield, March 3.—It looks like chickens this year, instead of tobacco for the Westfield section. About 10,000 biddies have already been hatched.

A large garage is under contract, work to begin April 1. This is a great place for automobiles. I doubt if any place in some large towns sell so many repairs.

Mr. Fletcher Cook is putting in some new machinery in the Joyce Dan River Mills this week.

S. P. Christian has been in Raleigh for several days looking after road interests, than whom we have no better representative. I believe Stokes has more bridges and better roads than any poor county in the State. There are nine bridges on Dan River alone.

The Baptist have the old church building removed and are about ready for bids, with the money in sight for a nice church building.

During a recent storm here Sam Cook's chimney was blown off, but no one was hurt.

It is rather late for corn shucking, but lots of farmers have not gathered yet. The price is low, 75c, when you can find anyone that wants it. Irish potatoes and pigs are scarce and high. Wheat looks well, but only a small crop planted.

People here are pleased with the new game law and would have been better pleased if it had been \$5.00 fine for every bird killed.

Oregon Taylor Lost Dwelling By Fire

The dwelling house of Oregon Taylor, of Snow Creek township, was destroyed by fire early Thursday night of the past week. The fire originated on the roof of the building, igniting from a spark from the chimney, no doubt. Most of the household and kitchen furniture was saved, but no insurance was carried on the building, which was a nice three room frame structure. Mr. Taylor's loss is considerable.

Same Taylor had one of hands right badly hurt in his efforts to save some of the property.

BOARD EDUCATION HAS FIVE MEMBERS

Two Members Are Added To The Three Voted For In Last Election—Enter On Duties First Monday In July.

It is learned here this week that the new Board of Education for Stokes will be composed of five members instead of three as at present.

In the last election J. R. Forrest, O. T. Shelton and H. McGee were endorsed by the voters. They have been appointed by the Legislature to serve on the board, and Harry H. Leake and John W. Priddy are named as additional members, giving the new board five members.

This board takes charge of the schools on the first Monday in July, and with five progressive citizens at the helm and with the largely increased aid the county will receive from the State, the schools should make fine progress the coming year.

ROAD LETTING TOTALS 145 MILES

Twenty Projects To Include 80.2 Miles of Hardsurface And 65.5 Miles of Grading.

Raleigh, March 9.—Bids on work totaling about \$2,000,000 will be received by the state highway commission March 29 on 20 projects including 80.2 miles of hard-surfaced highways and 65.5 miles of grading and top-soiling roads.

The work also includes a bridge over the Green river in Henderson county and a small bridge in Davie county.

The projects include work in Mecklenburg, 12.8 miles hard-surface on route 26 from Charlotte south and in Buncombe county, 3.4 mile gap in route 20 and in Wilson, Halifax, Sampson, Columbus, Cumberland, Robeson, Chatham, Franklin, Warren, Hoke, Randolph, Cabarrus, Rowan and Haywood counties.

Freeze Ruins Union Fruits

Monroe, March 7.—Early fruit crops, including pears, peaches and plums are believed to be entirely destroyed by the recent severe freeze and snow which lay to the depth of 14 inches. It disappeared swiftly, during the last few days of sunshine and with a light rain Sunday morning, practically all traces disappeared during the day.

Stokes County Has Nine Ex-Sheriffs Living

"I am inclined to believe that Stokes county stands at the head of the list in one thing," declared Ed Carroll. He referred to the fact that Stokes has nine living ex-sheriffs. They include R. I. Dalton, of Winston-Salem; J. C. Wall, of Meadows; J. H. Fulton, of Walnut Cove; R. J. Petree, of German-ton; C. M. Jones, of Walnut Cove; W. C. Slate, of Spencer; S. P. Christian, of Westfield; E. O. Shelton, of Moore's Springs, and H. D. Turpin, of Pinnacle.

School Here To Have Commencement

The Danbury school will close about March 25th, and preparations for commencement exercises are now being made by teachers and pupils.

The average North Carolina farm that neglects the home-making idea will generally fail commercially. If the home is provided with livestock, poultry, garden and farm products with the surplus sold, a real farm home will be developed regardless of commercial success.

THE LAW MAKERS QUIT TUESDAY

3500 Bills Were Introduced And About 1200 of These Became Law—In Session 65 Days.

Raleigh, March 8.—When the state legislature adjourned tonight more than 3,500 bills had been introduced in the 65-day period from January 5 when it convened. About 1,200 bills became law.

The members were actually in sessions 55 days but Sundays were counted in, bringing the sixty days constitutional period to a close last Saturday but the assembly continued on this week, meeting morning, noon and night with exhausted spirit as the members lay down their labors after many passages and slaughters of final pending legislation today and tonight.

The last legislative act was for benefit of children. The assembly decreed no child under 16 years of age shall be required to work more than eight hours a day of 48 hours a week. This was the parting act of the house.

The senate's farewell was to vote down every proposed salary increase proposed for state officials.

The Woltz \$3,250,000 equalization law was the last sweeping measure enacted on the final day's adjournment.

No personal friction actuated the session from beginning to end. It was a friendly assembly, observers all agreed as they "signed off."

The house, in its dying moments, refused to boost salaries of three state officers and prohibited children under 16 years of age from working more than 8 hours a day in industrial pursuits.

WITHDREW STOKES ROAD BILL

County Highway Commission Will Continue To Exist—Two New Members Are Appointed By Legislature.

Word from Raleigh is to the effect that the bill introduced by Representative Boyles to abolish the Stokes Highway Commission was withdrawn by him, and the commission will continue to operate for two years more.

W. S. Hart, of Peters Creek township, and Jasper Slate, of Yadkin, were appointed new members on the board to fill the places of Dr. R. H. Morefield and S. P. Christian whose terms have expired. The new members enter on their duties the first Monday in April.

Stokes Lady Compromises Suit

The suit of Miss Mildred Morefield, of Walnut Cove, against the Yellow Cab Co., of Winston-Salem, in which she asked for damages for injuries received while riding in one of the company's cars, was compromised in Forsyth county court on Monday of this week. The plaintiff is to receive \$300 and the defendant is to pay the court costs in the case.

Miss Morefield is the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Morefield, of Walnut Cove.

Federal Reserve Bank For State

Government has decided to establish a branch of the federal reserve bank at Charlotte but it will perhaps be six months before the institution is in operation. It is said that the branch bank will employ 75 people.

J. Frank Martin is spending several days this week in Winston-Salem on business.

THIS BOARD HAS IMPORTANT JOB

Appointed To Equalize Property Values In North Carolina So That School Money Can Be Equitably Distributed.

Raleigh, March 8.—Confirmation of the state equalization board appointed by Gov. A. W. McLean, in conformity with the Woltz bill enacted into law tonight, was one of the last acts of the 1927 session of the general assembly.

The list follows:
P. H. Johnson, Elizabeth City first district.

B. B. Williams, Warrenton, second district.

G. McA. Graham, Clinton, third district.

F. P. Spruill, Rocky Mount, fourth district.

James K. Norfleet, Winston-Salem, fifth district.

J. O. Carr, Wilmington, sixth district.

L. M. Blue Sanford, seventh district.

B. E. Dougherty, Boone, eighth district.

A. E. Woltz, Gastonia, ninth district.

T. D. Bryson, Bryson City, 10th district.

These 10 men, appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate, will serve with the lieutenant governor, J. Elmer Long, of Durham, designated in the new Woltz law, for a period of four years from the date of their confirmation.

DRY AGENTS MUST PASS TEST

Every Member of Enforcement Service Bill Be Required To Take Civil Service Test.

Washington, March 9.—Every present member of the prohibition enforcement service will be required to pass a civil service examination to hold his job, William C. Deming, president of the civil service commission, said today.

Approximately 2,500 posts are to be filled, he estimated, and there will be at least 10 candidates for each.

The transfer of the dry forces from the treasury department to the civil service is the result of the prohibition reorganization bill passed at the last Congress.

SPIKED CIDER PLANT RAIDED

"Sweet Cider" Sign Attracted Attention of Enforcement Officers.

One of the largest whisky distilling outfits found in Surry county for some time has been captured by Federal Prohibition officer W. C. Matthews, Deputy Sheriff Bob Taylor, of Mt. Airy, and Deputy Marshall C. G. Bryant. R. L. Moore, of near Mt. Airy, has been released from custody under \$1,000 bond for his appearance at the Federal court at Greensboro on a charge of operating the outfit.

The outfit was located on the highway near Mount Airy where he advertised "sweet cider" for sale. The cider had, however, much power. It was analyzed and found to be about 15 per cent. alcohol. The raid was made following an analysis of the fluid.

The officers destroyed sixteen fifty-gallon barrels, 1,100 gallons of cider, 100 one-gallon jugs, more than 100 half-gallon fruit jars and a gross of pint bottles, along with the manufacturer of the cider. A large automobile truck was also seized.

IMPORTANT BILL FOR STOKES

Creation of Three and A Quarter Million Dollar Equalizing Fund Will Give County Considerably More Money For Schools.

The most important bill passed by the recent legislature, so far as Stokes county is concerned, was the provision for creating an equalizing school fund of three and a quarter million dollars, to aid the weaker counties in carrying on a six-months school.

Formerly the State has had an equalizing fund of about one million and Stokes has been receiving from 25 to 30 thousand dollars each year of this. With the increase mentioned above it is believed that our county will receive at least three times as much from the State.

In addition to being the largest fund the State has ever set up for the purpose of aiding the counties in maintaining the six-months term of school, its sponsors believe the provisions of the bill also guarantee that it will be more equitably distributed than the fund has ever been disbursed before.

Main features of the bill as it was written by Senator Woltz are:

1—A determination of the values in the county participating in the equalization fund to find out their abilities to support the school for the regular term.

2—The determination of values will be made by a board composed of the Lieutenant-Governor and one man appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate from each Congressional district. The board will get \$10 a day for services but will have the right to employ such expert help as it will need.

Looks Like School Taxes In Stokes Would Be Cut Down To 40 Cents On \$100.

3—Every county participating in the fund must levy a tax of forty cents on the \$100 on the values determined by the board of these values are accepted for local purposes before it can participate in the equalization fund.

4—Should the revenue produced by the 40-cent levy not be sufficient to pay the salaries of teachers for six months and cover 15 per cent. additional for operating expenses, remainder will be apportioned to the county from the equalization fund. Experts in the department of education and Senator Woltz expect that the forty-cent rate will not run the schools in 85 of the hundred counties, so all but fifteen of the counties will get something from the fund.

5—There is set aside from the general fund \$100,000 to take care of emergencies, unexpected expenses and unusual progress in any county.

SHERIFF DUNLAP GETS A STILL

Men Barely Escape But Leave Evidence Behind—Arrests Expected To Follow.

Walnut Cove, March 3.—Sheriff Frank Dunlap destroyed a complete blockade distillery and plant last Friday evening about two miles west of town. The still was in full blast when he arrived but the operators escaped and left everything behind, even their overcoats with letters in their pockets which revealed the names of the operators. The still and other fixtures were carried to Danbury by the sheriff. Warrants will be issued for the guilty parties and arrests are expected to follow.

P. H. Young, of Sandy Ridge, was in town today.

AUTO WRECK AND ROBBERY AT KING

Walter Sprinkle and Norman White Hurt—Thieves Take Auto Tires From Boyles Bros. Store—King News Items.

King, March 7.—Gabe Tuttle and family, of Rural Hall, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Clade Boyles are the glad parents of a new baby boy.

Walter Sprinkle turned his Ford sedan over on the highway east of town Friday night. In addition to Mr. Sprinkle, Lathe Hicks, Frank Lamm and Norman White were occupants of the car. The accident was caused by Mr. Sprinkle trying to drive around a car, he did not have room and ran into a bank of snow, causing the car to turn turtle. Mr. Sprinkle sustained a fractured rib, Norman White got a shoulder stove up and some minor bruises, while the other occupants escaped without injury. The car was torn up considerably, the top being torn off and the body was badly torn up.

The girls basket ball team of the King high school lost to Winston-Salem highs Friday night in a game played at Rural Hall, the score being 34 to 23. This is the fourth game lost by the team in five years.

Rogers Kirby, of High Point, is spending a few days with his parents near here.

Unknown thieves broke into the Boyles Bros. store at Dalton Friday night and carried off about \$75.00 worth of automobile casings and tubes. Entrance to the building was gained by prizing the front door open. Up to this time there is no clue to the guilty parties.

Tom Garner, of Winston-Salem, was among the visitors here Sunday.

Frank Punchok, of Richmond, Va., has purchased from J. S. Boyles his residence on West Main street.

E. P. Pepper, of Danbury, was here Saturday attending to some business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Willard, Miss Carrie Remppson and mother, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Shore, on west Main street.

Rev. Paul H. Newsum, of this place filled his regular appointment at Mount Airy Sunday.

B. L. Manning, of Winston-Salem, is a business visitor here today.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Collins spent Sunday with relatives in Mount Airy.

Charlie Hooper, of Winston-Salem, is here today attending to some business matters.

O. T. Fowler, of Pilot Mtn., is here today on business.

Activity Of Dry Agents Last Month Showed An Increase

Charlotte, March 9.—Eighty-five persons were arrested and charged with violation of prohibition law by federal officers in the western North Carolina district during February, says the monthly report of Ben C. Sharpe deputy administrator, made public here today. Fifteen agents worked in the district during the month.

The 85 arrests were 16 greater than during January, says the report, forwarded today to district offices at Richmond, Va.

The agents captured seven automobiles and destroyed 545 gallons of whiskey and 884 gallons of wine. A total of 57,000 gallons of beer were destroyed and 62 distilleries smashed.

Work will start in a few days on a steel bridge over Dan river at Seven Islands ford.