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STOKES DETOUR RATHER COSTLY

Oil Companies and Tire Makers Will Get Considerable Business On Account of Extra Five Miles Between Danbury and Walnut Cove.

According to automobile speedometers the detour between Danbury and Walnut Cove makes the distance between the two places five miles farther than the main road. This detour will likely be in use for two years from the time traffic was turned over it last spring.

While the detour is absolutely necessary a little figuring reveals some startling facts in connection with the number of extra miles to be traveled, the amount of gasoline it will take and the number of tires that will be used in traveling the extra five miles for a period of two years. And this is not taking into account wear and tear and loss of time.

Figuring on the basis of only 300 cars and trucks passing over the detour each day, and this is less than half the average number that went over the main Danbury-Walnut Cove road, it will require one million and ninety-five thousand extra miles of travel to make the five miles extra distance of the detour during the two years.

Estimating that the average for cars and trucks is 15 miles to the gallon of gasoline, it will require seventy-three thousand gallons of gasoline to pull this extra five miles and this will cost the users of the detour \$18,250.00.

If automobile tires average 6,000 miles of travel before wearing out it will require three hundred and sixty-five full sets of casings to navigate the five extra miles. At an estimated average cost of \$45.00 per set, tubes not counted, the total cost of tires will be \$46,425.00.

The State is spending on an average for up-keep of the highways about \$500.00 per mile it is said, and at this rate its part of the cost for the extra five miles will be about \$5,000.00 for the two years.

The detour is one of the necessary evils with which the people and the highway commission have to contend, but when the main road is completed and traffic is turned back on to it the users are soon repaid with interest all they "put out" in traveling the detour.

Ladies Get "Stung" Buying From Agents

Several ladies not a thousand miles from Danbury recently listened to the smooth tongue of an agent selling \$3.00 silk hose for \$2.00 a pair. The samples the agent carried were perhaps very good, but when the hose came by mail and were compared with those sold by the home stores it was found that they paid about \$1.00 per pair more than the same hose could have been had for in the home stores. Moral: Buy from your home merchants.

Concrete Finished On Walnut Cove-Madison Road

The pouring of concrete on the Walnut Cove-Pine Hall-Madison road was completed yesterday and the road will be opened for traffic in two weeks probably.

On Tuesday of this week the contractor on the road mentioned above poured 400 lineal feet of concrete. If contractor Martin should be able to do this well he would pour the eight miles on the Danbury-Walnut Cove road in only 105 working days. But road men say it is necessary to "feed" the big concrete mixer all it can digest to get 400 feet a day.

G. M. ALLEN HAS RETURNED TO KING

New Home For A. S. Francis—Ladies Meet With Mrs. Newsom— "Loyal Sons and Daughters" Meet — News Items.

King, March 14.—The Moravian Ladies Aid Society met with Mrs. C. S. Newsom at her home on west Main street Thursday afternoon at 2:30. Mrs. S. H. Brown, secretary, gave the report of the last meeting Mrs. S. W. Pulliam told very interestingly the book of Esther. Ways and means of raising money for making payment on the church piano were discussed. At the close of the meeting, Mrs. Newsom, assisted by Mrs. Hall, served tempting refreshments.

Ira Wall, of St. Petersburg, Fla., is spending some time with relatives here.

Work on R. B. Delp's new store building on east Main street is well underway and will be pushed thru to completion at an early date.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Taylor was made happy last week by the arrival of a new baby boy.

Last Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock "The Loyal Sons and Daughters" met at Miss Glendola Ingram's. A delightful program which had been arranged was given and greatly enjoyed. The business was transacted and an enjoyable social hour followed. Miss Ingram served inviting refreshments. Those present were: Mrs. H. G. Harding, Misses Avis Newsom, Viola Southern, Minnie Newsom, Minnie Burge, Albright Caudle, Margaret Kirby, Lucile Kirby, May Newsom, Mildred Calloway, Edith Moore, Ola Newsom, Nedra Newsom, Ella Burrow, Flossie Caudle, of Winston-Salem, and Glendola Ingram.

Dr. Ernest M. Giffin went to Winston-Salem to receive a monument for the Charlotte Marble and Granite Works, erected to the memory of his father and mother in the Winston-Salem cemetery.

Work is being hurried along at a rapid rate on a new home in Pilot View for A. S. Francis. This new building is being erected of brick veneer and will be a nice home when completed.

G. M. Allen, who moved his family to High Point several months ago, has moved back to his home on west Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Snider are the glad parents of a new baby girl. The young lady arrived last Friday.

Miss Percy Kirby left last week for Bryant Station, Tenn., where she will enter training as a nurse.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hutches of Winston-Salem spent the week end here.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brown, of Charlotte, spent Sunday with the family of Mr. T. G. New here.

S. W. Thomas has closed a contract with The E. L. Kiser Co. for their warehouse here, in which he will handle guano this season.

O. L. Pulliam, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hutches, of Winston-Salem, were among the visitors here Sunday.

W. W. Frazier, of Walkerton, is here today attending to some business matters.

The work of removing the old Butner building at the corner of Depot and Main streets has been completed and work on the new stone building which is to be erected on the site will be commenced at once. The ground floor will be occupied by the King Drug Company and the second floor will be cut into offices. G. F. Petree Optometrist and Dr. H. G. Harding dentist will have offices in this new building.

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FIRST RECORD STOKES HISTORY

Will Be Printed In Article In Danbury Reporter's Fifty-Fifth Anniversary Number—History of Stokes Churches.

The Winston-Salem section of the Fifty-Fifth Anniversary number of the Danbury Reporter is about ready for the linotype. Organizations and business people have supported it handsomely, making it truly representative of the "Million Dollar a Day City."

To date there has not been satisfactory response on the history essay contest from the public, but we expect the schools to come forward with material in good shape. If they do not we shall have to revise our opinion of the modern ideas and progressiveness of the student and teacher body. Local history should be of interest to them.

One article obtained will be published as the First Recorded History of Stokes county, and describes the country here very thoroughly in its primordial state, as it was many years before the white man came. It is accurate, authentic and makes most interesting reading.

We had slight hopes of securing so important records as the history of the churches of Stokes county, but we are assured of interesting descriptions by:—

Rev. W. J. Hackney, the Methodist church.

Rev. H. W. Hudspeth, the Presbyterian church.

Rev. H. A. Brown, Winston-Salem, the Missionary Baptist.

Elder J. A. Fagg, Winston-Salem, the Primitive Baptist church.

Only 40 Cent Levy For Schools

The Legislature provided that a uniform levy of 40 cents for public school purposes should be levied by all the counties and that in those counties where this amount is insufficient the balance shall be made up from the equalization fund. The equalization fund is to be raised from taxable sources other than real estate.—Lexington Dispatch.

MR. GEORGE WANTS ROAD WORK LET BY CONTRACT

Stokes' Biggest Tax-Payer Would Like To See Highway Board Adopt Better Maintenance System—Should Investigate Methods In More Experienced Counties.

Rev. Robert W. George, of Francisco, who is incidentally the county's biggest tax payer was a visitor at the county seat Saturday. He has almost or fully recovered from his recent illness and looks as young as ever. It is learned that he will make a handsome donation to the fund for erecting a Missionary Baptist church in Danbury.

Since the Legislators saw fit to leave the Stokes road board in tact, Mr. George is anxious to see them adopt some efficient system for the maintenance of the roads. He considers the present arrangement as too expensive and unsatisfactory in other ways. His idea would be to let contracts to the lowest bidder for the maintenance of each stretch of road, and require the bidder to conform to certain rules and regulations as to dragging the road after rains, filling up holes, etc., and to keep the road up to certain standards.

As road construction in the county from this time on will necessarily be on a very small scale, on account of lack of funds, the highway commission will be able to concentrate on maintenance and the very best system possible will undoubtedly be adopted. It might be a good idea for the board to ascertain the system used in other counties that built roads long before we did and who have learned from long experience the best methods. We believe this would be Mr. George's advice to the commissioners.

Dr. Albert Mazine of Rheims directed in his will that his body be cremated and the ashes scattered over his garden.

William Mohr, now 85, has sung in the choir of St. Peter's church at Chertsey, Eng., since he was 10 years old.

NEW LAW WILL CUT STOKES TAXES

Supt. of Schools Carson Thinks Tax Rate For Schools In Stokes Will Be Lowered 20 Cents Or More On \$100 Valuation.

While no accurate figures are obtainable so far, Supt. of Schools J. C. Carson thinks Stokes will probably receive sixty thousand dollars or more yearly from the big school equalization fund provided by the Legislature, and that this will reduce the tax rate for schools in Stokes 20 cents or more on the \$100 valuation. At present we are paying 81 cents and the probability is that we will have to pay only about 60 cents on the \$100 for schools for the next year.

The school equalization fund set aside by the State is three and a fourth million dollars and it is estimated that 85 of the hundred counties will draw from the fund, while about 15 counties are self-supporting.

In order to properly equalize the property in the counties that share in this State money a board of equalizers was appointed by the governor to act with the lieutenant governor in fixing the values of property in the 85 counties. One man was appointed for each congressional district, and James K. Norfleet, of Winston-Salem, will act in this district. As soon as these valuations are fixed and the school budget for coming year is made it will be ascertained how much Stokes will get from the equalization fund and what the school tax rate will be in the county.

W. L. HAIRSTON DIED YESTERDAY

Prominent Citizen of Walnut Cove and Brother of Samuel Hairston.

William Lash Hairston, 65, prominent citizen of Walnut Cove, passed away at 2 o'clock yesterday morning at his home, following a lingering illness.

The funeral will be held at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, at Berry Hill, Va. Rev. Robert E. Gibbin, of Winston-Salem, will conduct the services. Burial will follow in the Hairston family graveyard.

Mr. Hairston was born in Stokes county, the son of the late George Hairston and Mrs. A. E. Hairston. He was educated at the University of North Carolina and Carolina Military Academy. He was first married to Miss Bettie Dillard Dobson and his second wife was Miss Julia Anderson. He was a member of the Episcopal church.

Surviving are his widow; three children, Mrs. Edwin G. Penn, of Martinsville, Va.; William L. Hairston, Jr., of Martinsville, Va., and Miss Julia Hairston, of Walnut Cove; one brother, Samuel Hairston, of Oak Hill, Va.

Florida Mementoes.

Mr. W. H. Eaton and family returned a few days ago from Florida, where they spent the winter. Mr. Eaton remembered to bring us a basket of delicious strawberries. Among other Florida trophies brought back are two young alligators. Mr. Eaton says hunting is fine in Florida. Work was plentiful at good wages, but he says Stokes is good enough for him in the summer time.

Tom Tarheel says he sold his corn to hogs at two dollars per bushel last year when he was only offered seventy-five cents on the local market.

ROAD BOARD HERE MONDAY

Recommended That Three Stokes Highways Be Put On Map For State Maintenance Under New Act of Legislature.

At a special meeting of the Stokes County Highway Commission here Monday a resolution was passed by the board asking that the State Highway Commission take over for maintenance three important roads of the county, namely:

1. The road from Germanton to Meadows postoffice, 10 miles in length. This road will intersect State route No. 89 at Meadows and would touch the Forsyth county line at Germanton. It is learned that Forsyth county will ask the State to adopt the road from Ogburn Station to Germanton if the Germanton-Meadows road is adopted.

2. The road from Piedmont Springs to Gap, distance 6 miles. At Piedmont this road intersect State route No. 89 and at Gap it touches the Reynolds School-King State highway.

3. The road from Pine Hall to the Virginia line via Dillard and Sandy Ridge a distance of near 15 miles. This highway touches State route No. 77 at Pine Hall and intersects the Virginia State highway from Martinsville to Stuart.

The State is asked to adopt these county roads as State highways under the recent act of the Legislature which authorizes the State Highway Commission to add twenty per cent to the present mileage for maintenance.

As Stokes now has about seventy miles of State highway it is presumed that we would be entitled on the 20 per cent basis to about fourteen miles more, while the three roads mentioned above would add about thirty-one miles in the county. However, it is the opinion of some that the county has not had its full mileage for maintenance.

It is learned that under the new law the roads added to the highway map will have to be agreed upon between the State and the county highway commissions.

SPRING TERM OF COURT APRIL 4

Judge J. M. Oglesby Will Preside Over Criminal and Civil Actions To Be Tried In Stokes — Civil Term Opens April 11th.

Appearing elsewhere in this paper is the calendar for the civil spring term of Stokes Superior court, which convenes on April 11th. The criminal term will begin one week previous to the opening of the civil term, which will be on April 4th.

Judge J. M. Oglesby will preside over both terms, the dockets for each being of about the usual length with no cases of special importance on either.

Jurors for each of the terms were drawn several weeks since and their names appeared in the paper at that time.

Asking Pardon For C. B. Brody

A renewed effort to secure the pardon of C. B. Brody, of Stokes, is being made by friends at this time. It will be recalled that Mr. Brody was sent to the State prison from Stokes several years since, on charges in connection with the burning of a store building in Walnut Cove.

Tests made by farmers in Craven county show that the "cash variety" of tobacco makes the best yields of quality weed in that section.

COLONEL STOKES WRITES.

March 14th, 1927.

The Danbury Reporter,
Danbury, N. C.

Dear Sirs:

I notice that most people around the county having nice lawns around their homes are getting them cleaned up and quite a few painting up their homes and buildings. Mr. N. O. Petree, of Danbury, can be found in his office only on rainy days, otherwise he is to be found mowing his lawn and fixing up about the house and his place shows for it.

This preamble leads me to the subject in hand. I want to suggest that the county commissioners, or whoever has authority, appropriate \$25 to have Salem Mitchell, the court house janitor, to clean up the court house lawn and the inside of the roadway about the court house. The judge and people coming to court will like it better, and it will make a better impression on all visitors who come to the county's capital or tour past here on nice days. If the judge complains about this I will make it my personal business to use my influence with him.

I trust that you and your readers will not deem me presumptuous. You know this county was named in my honor and I have a deep, personal interest in its welfare; and hoping that I may have your co-operation in this matter, I am,

Respectfully your servant,

COL. JOHN STOKES,

of Stokes County.

NOTE:—The Reporter will publish each week the best letter contributed in this form, as coming from Colonel John Stokes, for whom the county is named. The letter must be in the form of constructive criticism, which gives conditions as they are and suggests a plan for improvement of these conditions. It is an open forum to all.