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## TWO EYE-GLASS PEDDLERS FLEECE STOKES FARMER

One of Them Poses As Surgeon and Charges John Crim \$450.00 For Fake Operation—Make Their Escape After Getting All Money Crim Had.

John W. Crim, a good farmer residing down near Belews Creek just over the Stokes line, was relieved of \$250.00 in cash on Monday of this week by two slick crooks who claimed to be selling eye-glasses. After securing Mr. Crim's check for \$250 and getting it cashed in Walnut Cove the strangers disappeared and their whereabouts as well as their names is unknown.

According to Mr. Crim's account of the affair two nice looking men came to his home Monday driving a nice automobile and offered to fit him up a pair of glasses. After an examination he was told by the men that one of his eyes was almost out and that he needed an operation before having glasses fitted. It was explained that one of the strangers was a surgeon from John Hopkins University and that he could perform the operation then and there, and that the charge would be only a small matter. Mr. Crim agreed and towels were wrapped around his head and some kind of medicine placed in the eye, after which the man pretended to cut something from the farmer's eye. He was then told that his eye would be all right in a few days. Upon asking how much the charge was he was told that the operation was usually \$900.00 but he would only charge Mr. Crim half price or \$450.00. After being urged strongly Mr. Crim wrote a check for \$250.00, which was the total of his bank balance. As soon as the strangers left an examination by members of Mr. Crim's family revealed the fact that the "surgeon" had not done anything to the eye except placed a few drops of some liquid in it.

## Miss Mary Neal, of Meadows, Elected Sec'y

Guilford College, March 29.—The Y. W. C. A. of Guilford College, in an exciting election, elected Miss Aliza Hassell, of Jamestown, for their new Y. W. president for the year 1927-28. Miss Hassell is both a popular and talented young Co-Ed. She has been a very efficient worker on the Guilfordian staff, the Guilford College weekly publication, and has also done splendid work on the Y. W. cabinet.

The officers to serve with Miss Hassell were elected as follows: Vice-president, Dorise Joyner, of Walters, Va.; Treasurer, Ruth Lane, of Tyner; Secretary, Mary Neal, of Meadows; and undergraduate representative, Francis Osborne from Pleasant Garden.

## Just Changing Their Location

In a statement in regard to the change in Piedmont and Brown's Warehouses, Messrs. Nelson, Glenn & Fagg made the following statement:

"We are just changing locations by this deal, as practically the same force which has served Brown's and its customers so faithfully will be with us at Piedmont. Peter A. Wilson, for 49 years such an important figure at Brown's, will be associated with the management of Piedmont. Colonel John Abe Newsom will be our auctioneer, assisted by his son, Robert. Piedmont warehouse will be remodeled and will have as much floor as heretofore, and every convenience for its patrons, their cars, or stock will be provided."

## TWO DEATHS OCCUR AT KING

R. H. Pulliam and Albert McGee Pass At Ripe Old Ages—Thieves Steal Apples—Several Births Reported.

King, March 28.—Happy Smith has opened up a new cafe in the Tuttle building on east Main street.

Richard Pulliam, aged 73, died last Wednesday at his home three miles east of here after a lingering illness with Brights disease. He is survived by the widow and three sons, William, of Georgia, and L. K. of King, and L. R., of King Route 2. One brother, James Pulliam, of Winston-Salem, is also left to mourn his loss. Interment was conducted from Mount Olive church of which he had long been a member.

The opening baseball game of the season was played here Wednesday, when the high school and the Red Goose teams crossed bats, resulting in a score of nine to four in favor of the geese.

Albert McGee, aged 80, died Wednesday at his home three miles south of here, almost sudden. The interment was conducted at Antioch church. Mr. McGee was a good man and liked by all who knew him and will be greatly missed in the community.

Kennis Pulliam has accepted a position as traveling salesman for the Brown & Williamson Tobacco Co., with headquarters at Frankfort, Ky. He will leave this week for Frankfort to enter on his new duties.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Moser are the glad parents of a new baby boy.

Dr. E. Gibson Davis, of Mt. Airy, will begin a protracted meeting at the King Baptist church the fourth Sunday night in May.

Mrs. John H. Sink, has returned to her home in Winston-Salem after spending a few days with her brother, Dr. E. M. Griffin, in West King.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie James was made happy Friday by the arrival of a new baby boy.

Newel Vest, of Charlotte, is spending several days with relatives and friends here.

Unknown thieves broke a glass in the front window of the Standard Oil Co.'s service station at the corner of Depot and Main Streets last Friday night and took a quantity of apples, all they could reach through the hole, a crate was procured from back of E. P. Newsom's store in which to carry off their apples.

Work on the new Stone building at the corner of Depot and Main streets is well underway. The contract calls for completion of this building in ninety days. This building will cost approximately ten thousand dollars and when completed will be decidedly the best building in King.

Fred E. Shore went to High Point today on a business trip.

C. W. Patterson of Pilot Mtn., was here Monday attending to some business matters.

## Danbury Visitors To Winston-Salem

Among the Danbury citizens who visited Winston-Salem yesterday on business and pleasure were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Joyce, John Taylor, Dr. E. W. Owen, M. O. Jones, N. E. Pepper, R. A. Smith, Jas. B. Joyce and others.

## Error Corrected.

Mr. Editor: Please correct an error in last issue in regard to the cows I sold recently. They brought from \$60 to \$177 each instead of \$60 to \$75. Yours truly, F. W. VENABLE.

## MRS. J. F. PEPPER PASSES AWAY

Had Been Ill At Her Home In Walnut Cove For Long While—Buried At Danbury Sunday.

Walnut Cove, March 29.—Mrs. Bettie Pepper, widow of the late J. F. Pepper, died at her home here Saturday night after an illness of two years or more. The deceased was a fine Christian character and bore her suffering with great patience. The deceased was aged 58 years and is survived by one son and one daughter, who were with her at the time of her death. She is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. N. O. Petree and Miss Pattie Hill, of Danbury, and two brothers, R. W. Hill, of Winston-Salem, and Isaac Hill, of Meadows.

Services were held at the home here and continued in the M. E. church at Danbury, interment being made in the Danbury cemetery on Sunday afternoon. A large number of friends and relatives were in attendance, probably one hundred or more Walnut Cove people going to the service at Danbury.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. O. E. Ward, pastor of the Walnut Cove Baptist church.

## DANBURY SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR YEAR

Play Given By Teachers and Pupils Saturday Night Well Attended—Two Teachers Will Conduct Private School.

The Danbury public school closed for the year Friday and a play was presented on Saturday night by the teachers and pupils which was well attended.

Two of the teachers—Prof. R. J. Gibson and Miss Minnie Flora—will conduct a private school here during the next two months beginning next week.

## Miss Taylor Is Given Surprise Birthday

Winston-Salem, March 26.—Miss Mattie Taylor was honored Wednesday at a surprise birthday party at her home on Spring Street. A very delicious course dinner was served and Miss Taylor was extended many cordial birthday wishes.

Guests were: Miss Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Spot Taylor, of Danbury; Mrs. Ben Dyer, of Leaksville; Mrs. Sam Taylor, Mrs. Roland Taylor, and John M. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Joyce spent yesterday in Winston-Salem.

## 540 FEET CEMENT FIRST DAY

Contractor Martin Made Good Start On Danbury-Walnut Cove Highway Tuesday—54 Trucks In Action.

A fine start was made Tuesday on the hardsurface for the Danbury-Walnut Cove highway, about 540 lineal feet being poured in less than ten hours. The work was started at Meadows postoffice, and the contractor is working toward Walnut Cove. He stated Tuesday that he hoped to reach Walnut Cove in two months and would then start on the Danbury-Meadows section.

Citizens in Walnut Cove this morning stated that fifty four trucks were standing on the street there awaiting orders to begin hauling material to the big concrete mixer.

## OPEN BIDS ON STATE ROADS

These Involve Construction of 78 Miles of Hard Surface—63 Miles Dirt Road.

Raleigh, March 28.—Bids on twenty road projects, involving construction of 78.58 miles of hard-surface, 63.08 miles of top soil and two bridges, will be opened here tomorrow by the Highway Commission.

The work will cost about two million dollars, the commission announced today. Contract will be awarded to the successful bidders following the meeting of the State Highway Commission April 6th and 7th.

The projects:

Project 1420: Halifax county, 5.9 miles of hard surface on Route 40, Halifax to Weldon.

Project 144: Halifax county, 14.3 miles of top soil on Route 125, Scotland Neck to intersection of Route 40.

Project 1991: Wilson county, 10.7 miles of grading, Wiggins Mill to Johnston county line.

Project 2790: Sampson county, 9.6 miles hard surface on Route 21.

Project 333: Columbus county, 7.6 miles to soil road from end of project 304 to intersection of Route 20.

Project 336: Cumberland county, 16 miles of top soil on Route 21, Fayetteville to Harnett county line.

Project 3380: Robeson county, 10.9 miles hard surface to Route 70, Lumberton to Fairmont.

Project 401: Chatham county, 12.21 miles hard surface, Pittsboro to Orange county line.

Project 426: Franklin county, 5.67 miles grading Louisburg east on Route 56.

Project 498: Warren county, 4.76 miles hard surface on Route 48, Warrenton to Macon.

Project 548: Hoke county, 9.8 miles hard surface on Route 24, Raeford to Cumberland county line.

Project 5780: Randolph county, 2 miles hard surface in Liberty.

Project 620: Cabarrus county, 8.37 miles on Route 27, through the county.

Project 6492: Mecklenburg county, 12.8 miles hard surface on Route 26, from Charlotte south.

Project 676: Rowan county, structures.

Project 7250: Caldwell county, 4.30 miles top soil from intersection of Routes 18 to 77, to end of Project 724.

Project 730B: Davie county, bridge over Yadkin River.

Project 840: Henderson county, bridge over Green river.

Project 9090: Buncombe county, 3.4 mile gap in Route 20.

Project 948: Haywood county, 4.14 miles grading, Catawba to Buncombe county line.

## LIONS CLUB FOR STOKES COUNTY

Will Be Formed At Walnut Cove Thursday Night—Eastern Star Holds Meeting—Personal and News Items.

Walnut Cove, March 29.—A Lion's Club for Stokes county is to be organized at a meeting scheduled for Thursday night of this week in the city hall here. A preliminary meeting was held last Thursday night at which time Judge G. H. Hastings, Tracy Odom and J. F. Marshall, of the Winston-Salem Club, were present and made addresses to the members-to-be of the Stokes Club.

The organization of this club will fill a long felt want in the county, it is felt. Every community needs such an organization.

The following pledged themselves as charter members: C. E. Davis, M. O. Jones, J. J. Taylor, Jacob Fulton, W. H. Sanders, M. T. Chilton, Paul Fulton, J. S. Zimmerman, H. A. Morefield, D. F. Creakman, J. Spot Taylor, A. F. Marshall, J. C. Joyce, J. H. Burton, W. H. Marshall, W. M. Wheeler, J. I. Zimmerman, J. Frank Dunlap, I. C. Badger, George H. Fulton, J. C. Hutcherson, Dr. H. E. Blackburn, G. L. Jarvis, Dr. C. J. Helsabeck, J. H. Marshall, A. T. Rothrock, E. L. Brown, Dan Heath, Davis Tuttle, N. E. Pepper, E. P. Pepper.

The Eastern Star held the regular meeting in the Junior hall Wednesday evening. The new officers for the coming year presided for the first time. A chicken supper was planned for the near future.

Mesdames J. W. Slate, John T. Ellis and Mr. Frank Slate, of High Point, spent the day with friends here Friday.

Squire James F. Marshall, Forsyth's legislative representative in the recent legislature, was here Friday.

Attorney W. Reid Johnson, of Winston-Salem, was a business visitor here Friday.

Miss Nannie Jones visited her sister, Mrs. Herbert Smith, at Liberty last week.

Miss "Coodle" Neal, who has been attending school at Meredith College at Raleigh, is spending the spring vacation with her parents.

Several from here attended the dance at Madison last Wednesday.

Miss Carrie Moore Neal, who taught in the school at Danbury this year, has returned to her home here.

## Does Advertising Pay? Ask Those Who Use It

Wrigleys spend \$3,500,000 a year to tell the public about chewing gum.

The electric light and power industry spend more than \$4,000,000 in advertising.

Campbells spend \$1,500,000 advertising soups.

Electric railway companies advertising appropriations total \$2,500,000.

The advertising budget for Colgates is \$1,185,000.

Some \$1,170,000 is spent by Procter and Gamble to sell soap.

Gas companies spend something more than \$2,000,000.

A total of \$1,142,000 is spent on Victor talking machines.

Telephone companies have busy advertising lines with an estimated toll of \$1,500,000. Along each line sound the voice with the smile.

Does advertising pay? The answer is to be found in America's business, commercial and industrial trend.

Thomas Tilley and son, Hassel, Tilley, of Peters Creek township, were visitors here today.

## COLONEL STOKES' LETTER.

March 28, 1927.

The Danbury Reporter, Danbury, N. C.

I have encountered a sentiment among the people of Walnut Cove and have heard that the Southern Public Utilities Company are favorable to transferring the electric power plant of Walnut Cove to the last named company. This would be a big step forward for Stokes county.

Now the facts in the case are that the Southern Public Utilities Company and parent companies, the Duke Power Company and the Southern Power Company, have extended their lines to Stokes county because they think it has possibilities of development. They don't do much guessing. Right now they are engaged in a nation-wide campaign to bring industries to Stokes county and surrounding territory where land is cheaper and labor is more plentiful. We need them and need them bad.

Some people might condemn Walnut Cove for spending so much for an electric plant when instead of censure they should be highly praised for what they have done. They have saddled themselves with a \$4 tax rate in an effort to improve their community and get into the ranks of progress and any mistakes they might have made should not by any means condemn them.

The plant is there. They owe some money for it, but on account of its isolated situation and other natural factors, it cannot be made to operate as efficiently as service from a large concern and we should not expect it. Walnut Cove was progressive enough to go ahead and get something. We must give them credit and now that something better comes along it is up to us to pitch in and help get it.

The Southern Public Utilities Company cannot afford to give for this plant what it cost. The cost of material has fallen since the plant was built and their greater building capacity and operating expenses are much less than for a small plant like this. It will benefit Walnut Cove and the county to sell at a loss. The charges for service will be reduced nearly a third. The tax rate for the city will be greatly lowered and there will be an unlimited supply of power for new industries when the power company connects its lines in.

The county would benefit more than the town of Walnut Cove by this transaction. As soon as the S. P. U. Co. buys the plant they begin to pay taxes and will soon become our heaviest taxpayer and they will bring in industries which will pay more and more taxes. For this reason Stokes county could well afford to assume the bonds covering the loss to Walnut Cove in selling the plant. This is a far greater improvement than a few miles of road and we seldom stand back on this. This is a big opportunity and everyone should push it. Progress requires much push and some money, but it pays big. Don't form an opinion against this proposal until you realize that progress is coming to Stokes county and it is a juggernaut which rolls obstructions flat.

Respectfully Yours,  
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.