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HARD SURFACE TO STUART IN 1929

Assurance Given By State of Virginia That Money For Stokes-Stuart Road Will Be Available Next Year.

"The roar of the Lion's of Stokes County" is indeed a pleasant sound to Patrick citizens when it echoes "hard surface from Danbury to the Virginia line." This will mean that the largest markets of North Carolina will be opened to every person in our county, for we may rest assured that Virginia will do her part. We already have a splendidly graded highway from Cruise's Store, North of Stuart, to the North Carolina line, and construction on both 12 and 23, pushing on North and west is underway. Not only this, but we have been assured that making a hard-surface from Cruise's store through Stuart and to the North Carolina line will be included in the 1929 allocation.

Yes, Virginia will do her part to make this connecting link a reality.—Stuart, Va., Enterprise.

N. C. Dry Agents Not Expected To Wear Uniforms

Charlotte, July 23.—There is little likelihood that Federal Prohibition agents in this section will be required to wear uniforms in the near future. Ben C. Sharpe, Assistant District Prohibition Administrator, said here today in commenting on dispatches from Washington that Prohibition Commissioner Doran had ordered that this be done.

It was the opinion of Mr. Sharpe that uniformed men would be used only on highways.

The ten agents employed in the western district of North Carolina are now engaged principally in conducting a war on source of supply, he declared. To them uniforms would be a great hindrance and they were not expecting to have to wear them.

Real Estate Transfers In Stokes Last Week

James M. Fagg, Beaver Island township, 331 acres to J. Q. Adams, consideration \$3000. Moore's Springs Co. Quaker Gap township, 454.43 acres to J. G. Bradshaw, consideration \$1,000, etc.

C. E. Davis, Adm. of Geo. L. Jarvis, Trustee, Sauratown township, 1 lot and 199.4 acres, to Mrs. Lettie L. Dunklee, consideration \$2,000.

N. E. Pepper, Peters Creek township, 87 acres to J. W. Whitten, consideration \$3250. James Moore, Peters Creek township, 34 acres to Dora Moore, consideration \$1500.

Man and Wife Are Arrested Here

Deputy Marshall J. W. Cooley on Saturday arrested Will Westmoreland and his wife on a warrant charging violation of the prohibition laws. They were brought here from the Walnut Cove section and gave bond before Commissioner N. A. Martin in the sum of \$500 each.

The hot weather brings more people to our mountains every day.

WALNUT COVE MAN CRITICALLY ILL

Dr. C. R. Hutcherson Taken To Hospital — Bud Creakman Breaks An Arm—Personal and News Items.

Walnut Cove, July 24.—Bud Creakman, the small son of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Creakman had the misfortune to break two bones in his arm when he fell from a tree in his yard last Thursday.

Dr. C. R. Hutcherson, prominent dentist of this place, is quite sick at the Baptist hospital. He was taken critically ill last week and was moved from his home here to the hospital on Saturday.

Misses Eunice and Gladys Moorefield spent the week end at Wrightsville Beach. They were guests of their sister, Mrs. J. D. Franks, of Greensboro, who is occupying a cottage there.

Mrs. Paul Davis and daughter, Miss Mary Frances, and Miss Helen Fulton left yesterday for a ten days trip to Wrightsville Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gentry and small son of Huntington, W. V., visited Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Rierson last week.

Mrs. George Fulton and children returned home last Thursday from a visit to relatives at Elkin.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wesley Kurfees, of Winston-Salem, visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Petree the latter part of the week.

Miss Odell Mitchell is attending summer school at Boone.

Miss Johnnie Graham, of Red Springs is the guest this week of Mrs. Leake Loving.

Rev. E. R. Mallett, of Greensboro, preached at the Episcopal church here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Woodruff spent Sunday at Roanoke, Va.

F. P. Webster, of Leesburg, Fla., who is spending the summer here with his sister, Mrs. Nannie Fulton, returned Monday from the Baptist hospital in Winston, where he took treatment several days. He is very much improved.

Mrs. C. C. Fordham and baby, of Greensboro, are visiting Mrs. Paul Fulton.

Dr. R. H. Hackler made a business trip to Greensboro Monday.

John Woodruff, who holds a position in a bank at North Wilkesboro, spent the week end here with his mother, Mrs. J. B. Woodruff.

Miss Ruth Hairston is spending some time at her home near here on Dan river.

Mrs. W. P. Wheeler, who has been attending summer school at N. C. C. W., Greensboro, has returned to her home here.

Mrs. Beverly Jones and children returned to their home in Winston-Salem last week after spending two weeks with Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Jones.

P. W. Davis, G. H. Fulton and Jacob Fulton attended the automobile association at Morehead City the first of last week.

The Crews family reunion will be held the second Sunday in August at the home of Robert Boles, near Walnut Cove. Everybody invited. Bring a well filled basket and enjoy the day.

N. C. PRESS WANTS 8 MONTHS SCHOOL

Adopted Resolution To That Effect At Meeting of Association in Greensboro Last Week.

Raleigh, July 23.—The action of the North Carolina Press Association in adopting a resolution expressing its conviction that the next important step in the State is the "establishment of a state-wide system of public schools with a minimum term of eight months," and asking the 1929 General Assembly to make the necessary provision, has been enthusiastically received here in Raleigh by the proponents of the eight months school term.

One of the most pleased of all, naturally, is Dr. A. T. Allen, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, whose particular pet is the 8-months term. Dr. Allen has been talking figuring and working tirelessly for years trying to show the people of the State that an eight months school term, in the end is the cheapest educational investment that can be made. But only recently has there been any perceptible tendency on the part of the people to accept his reasoning.

"I feel that this is one of the biggest things that has ever happened to the eight months school term movement," said Dr. Allen in commenting on the resolution adopted by the State Press Association. "For when more than one hundred newspaper editors and publishers, men accustomed to examining everything from every possible angle, say that the eight months term is a good thing and to be desired for the State as a whole, then it must indeed be a good thing."

Because the editors of the State have more to do with moulding public opinion than other classes, because of the confidence of the public in them, this declaration on the part of the Press Association is bound to have a far-reaching effect throughout the State, Dr. Allen believes.

It's fine, it's fine—nothing could be better," said Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, State high school supervisor, in commenting on the action of the editors. "These men know what they are talking about, and the people know they know, and are going to follow them. The day of better schools will dawn with the advent of the eight months term."

In Justice Martin's Court Here Saturday

M. D. Robertson and Frank Crofts, giving their residence as Mt. Airy, were brought before Justice N. A. Martin here Saturday night on a charge of engaging in an affray, or fist fight. Just before the trial Robertson made his escape and has not been captured so far. Crofts was tried and fined \$2.50 and the cost.

At the same sitting of the Justice's court Frank Lowry was tried on a charge of being drunk and disorderly and was fined \$5.00 and the cost.

Miss Mabel Hudspeth is spending some time at Chattelley Springs with Mrs. J. D. Humphreys.

CATCHING FISH ON BIG SCALE

Coastal Waters of North Carolina Yielded Forty-Six Million Pounds of Food Fish the Past Year.

Raleigh, July 22.—Coastal waters yielded the greatest profusion of fish to North Carolina commercial fishermen during the biennium ended June 30 that has been recorded in several years.

Figures made public tonight from the report of Captain J. A. Nelson, State Fisheries Commissioner, revealed a total catch of 46,159,610 pounds of food fish, exclusive of shellfish, for the two year period, or a gain of 14,039,485 pounds or more than 40 per cent. over the preceding biennium.

The value of the food fish catch, though not of the same proportionate increase as was shown in volume, jumped almost half a million dollars, the 1924-26 valuation being \$2,675,481, and the 1926-28 valuation, \$3,124,155, said Captain Nelson.

Both bienniums showed substantial gains over 1922-24 when the total catch amounted to 26,285,618 pounds, worth \$2,251,373.

With few exceptions, increased catches were reported for all principal varieties of food fish. The notable exception was black bass, which demonstrated forcibly the damage being wrought to the industry by the descent of salt water into fresh water fishing grounds in Currituck Sound, hitherto known as the leading producer of this fish in the country.

Captain Nelson reported a catch of only 83,221 pounds of bass during the last biennium, as compared with 698,960 pounds for the previous two-year period. During the most fruitful biennium for bass, the estimated value was \$119,741, and for the last biennium, it was only \$14,026. The greatest increase in catch of any variety was with the croakers, this yield being more than three times as great as that of the previous period. A total of 8,041,379 pounds of herring was hauled in during 1926-27.

The most valuable catch was shad with more than one million dollars worth hauled in.

Business Men Favor Smith, Says Raskob

New York, July 19.—Numbers of big business men have gone to John J. Raskob, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, and pledged their support to Governor Alfred E. Smith for President, Raskob said today.

"I've had any number of big business men come to me and tell me they are going to support Governor Smith," Raskob said.

"Of course they could not speak for their corporations, but were speaking as individuals."

Bible School Here Two Weeks

Beginning yesterday a Bible school will be conducted in the Presbyterian church here for a term of two weeks by Misses Nan Lingle and Audrey Williams, of Richmond, Va. Parents are requested to bring their children to the sessions.

ROBBERS AT WALNUT COVE

Opened Four Safes and Secured Around \$300 In Cash —Work Thought To Have Been Done By Local "Talents."

Breaking into three iron safes and one vault at Walnut Cove Saturday night robbers secured around \$300.00 in cash and damaged property to the extent of several hundred dollars. In entering the safes the thieves used sledge hammers and drills, knocking the combination dials off and driving the locks out. No explosives were used.

While the work is thought to have been that of local "talents," the men were adepts at the art, as they seemed to have had very little trouble in opening the safes.

The Walnut Cove Motor Co. was the heaviest loser. Their new vault door was broken open and about \$175.00 in cash taken. The safe on the inside of the vault was open. The thieves overlooked one package containing \$100.00 in currency and several checks, which had been placed among a package of letters.

The safe in the store of J. H. Fulton & Co. was opened and \$80.00 in cash taken.

Safes in both the Meador Grocery Co. and the Walnut Cove Hardware Co. were opened. At the former place \$30.00 was taken, while at the latter the amount of money was not known, but was small.

At A. T. Rothrock's store there was no safe and the cash drawer was rifled, but the money had been removed by the owner the night before.

The safes entered were practically destroyed, while considerable other damage in breaking glass and door locks was done. The thieves seemed to be after money only as no merchandise was missed.

This was the second robbery in the past ten days of the J. H. Fulton store. The former thieves did not molest the safe but carried away considerable merchandise.

Detectives have been put in charge of the case and a strong effort will be made to apprehend the robbers. It is stated that one or more persons are already under surveillance and every clue will be followed up.

Next Meeting At Walnut Cove

The meeting of the Pilot Mt. Baptist Association which closed at Oak Ridge church on last Tuesday was one of the best meetings of the association ever held, it is stated, while the attendance was probably larger than for years.

At the close of the session the association voted to hold its meeting next year at Walnut Cove.

Tobacco Priming Will Begin This Week

Quite a few farmers in Stokes will likely begin priming tobacco this week. In fact one or two farmers are reported to have taken in some last week. The crop taken as a whole is good and it looks now like it would not be late. Corn is also doing fine and even if there should be no more rain soon both tobacco and corn would nodoubt mature.

KING FARMERS PRIMING TOBACCO

Error Corrected In Regard To Mickey Reunion — Revival Services At Baptist Mission — Personals.

King, July 23.—An article appeared in last week's Reporter of the Mickey reunion to be held at Pinnacle Sunday July 29th. I am requested to state that this was an error, the reunion referred to is the Jester reunion and not the Mickey reunion. The Mickey reunion will be held at Pinnacle the second Sunday in September as usual.

Dr. R. S. Helsabeck and family have returned from Morehead City where they spent their vacation.

The following planters of this section have each pulled a barn of primings: Happy Smith, R. C. White and Messrs. Martin and William Spainhower.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Wilson, of Germanton, were among the visitors here Sunday.

Ellsworth Jessup left today for the tobacco market at Douglas, Ga. Mr. Jessup will handle tobacco on the Douglas market this season.

R. C. White has purchased from S. W. Pulliam a 40-acre farm just west of town, consideration \$5,000.

Mrs. George M. Brown, of Marion, is spending several days with the family of her brother, T. G. New, here.

R. F. Fulk, of Perch, was here Saturday looking after some business matters.

C. F. White, of this place, is spending some time at Radium Springs, in interest of his health.

The King Tigers took one away from East Bend Saturday. The game was played on East Bend's diamond and the score was 6 and 1.

Rev. Paul Roberts and Rev. R. J. Barber, both of Reidsville, are holding a two weeks meeting at the Baptist Mission here.

James Wall and family, of Bryant Station, Tenn., are spending several days here as the guests of relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Wall were reared near here.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Caudle, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with relatives and friends here.

J. R. Cook, who holds a position with the Southern Railway Co., spent Sunday with his family in Walnut Hills.

L. J. Kiser, James Rumley, Paul, and Holt Kiser left Monday for Morehead City to spend several days.

Miss Madonna Burge, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday here as the guest of her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Schaub and Miss Clodie Stone, of High Point, spent Sunday with relatives and friends here.

B. L. Manning, of Winston-Salem, was here Monday looking after some business matters.

Upper Stokes Has Slight Hail Storm

The extreme northern section of Stokes was visited by a slight hail storm Sunday afternoon, according to reports from there Monday. Tobacco was damaged some. The crop of Pomp Tucker was injured considerably.