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AUTO WRECK WALNUT COVE

P. W. Davis Goes To Hospital For Operation—A. J. Fair Is Ill—Personal Items.

Walnut Cove, Dec. 26.—An automobile wreck occurred 3 miles north of town on the Danbury road Tuesday night when a car driven by Gilbert Hill collided with a car driven by Wiley James. It has not been learned to what extent the occupants were injured.

Mrs. W. L. Vaughn, who has been taking treatment for sometime at a Winston-Salem hospital has returned home very much improved her friends will be glad to know.

Mrs. Jacob Fulton Jr. entertained at three tables of bridge Wednesday evening. After several progressions Miss Mattie Sue Taylor, of Danbury was awarded high score prize, a novelty pin cushion. Paul Fulton received high score prize for the gentlemen, a deck of cards. Leake Loving was given the consolation a miniature Santa Claus filled with candy. The hostess, assisted by Mrs. Leake Loving very attractively served cake a la mode.

P. W. Davis, who has been sick for sometime went to Greensboro yesterday where he will submit to an operation on Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Davis spent Christmas day in Winston-Salem with Mrs. J. J. Adams.

Communion service was held at the Episcopal Church here yesterday morning by Rev. E. R. Mallett, of Greensboro and Christmas presents given to the Sunday School children.

Mrs. Anne Carter and Little daughter, Anne Holingsworth spent the holidays in Mt. Airy with the family of Attorney W. F. Carter.

Miss Jonsie Graham, of Red Springs is the guest of Mrs. Leake Loving.

Mrs. George Fulton and children visited relatives in Elkin this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Zimmerman have returned from their wedding trip and are at the home of Mr. Zimmerman's parents.

Friends of A. J. Fair will be sorry to know that he continues quite sick at his home here.

Dr. R. H. Hackler visited his parents at Sparta Christmas day.

Attorney J. Gilmer Sparger spent the Christmas holidays in Baltimore with relatives.

Robert Hedgecock and Billy Bowles University students at Chapel Hill are spending the holidays here with their parents.

Miss Nellie Chilton, who teaches at Greensboro is spending trip and are at the home of father, M. T. Chilton.

Roy Willard Gets In Jail Again

Roy Willard, of the Asbury section, was brought here to jail last night on the charge of bigamy. Willard married a Virginia girl last Sunday when it was charged that he already had two living wives. He served a term here on the same charge when he married the time.

Insurance is like fun—the older you get the more it costs.

CASH FOR STOKES GAME PRESERVE

\$2,500 Is Voted By State Board To Start Work Here—More May Be Available Later.

Raleigh, Dec. 20.—Assurance was given the people of Stokes and Forsyth counties that a sufficient amount of money would be expended by the State to insure adequate development of the Sauratown Game Preserve in Stokes county.

This action was taken late today by the State Board of Conservation and Development in session here, after an earnest appeal by Sanford Martin, of Winston-Salem, member of the board. The vote was unanimous and will mean the expenditure of several thousand dollars by the State on the Sauratown Mountain Preserve near Winston-Salem.

Earlier today, the board had appropriated \$2,500 to begin development of this preserve. Captain R. T. Stedman, of Winston-Salem, had asked for five or six thousand, but Director Phillips of the board recommended the smaller amount, and it was approved at the morning session.

But just before adjournment this afternoon, Mr. Martin succeeded in getting through his motion of a sufficient amount to insure "the people an adequate development of the Sauratown preserve."

Gasoline Tax Yields \$10,000,000 to N. C.

Raleigh, Dec. 21.—The State Department of Revenue reported today that gross gasoline tax collections during the calendar year have crossed the \$10,000,000 mark for the first time in the history of the State. Tax collections to date this year are \$10,001,868.16, compared with \$9,111,297.24 last year. A collection of \$100,000 is expected during the remainder of the month, the department reported. This will mean a million dollar increase over collections last year.

Miss Stewart Bride Of Mr. Durham

Miss Sallie Mabel Stewart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Stewart, of Mocksville; and John E. Durham, of Francisco, were married Saturday evening at the home of Rev. James T. Murray, in Winston-Salem.

The young couple will make their home at Knoxville, Tenn.

Wire For Game Preserve Arrives

Wire for enclosing the Stokes game preserve has arrived and will be put up at an early date. Only a single strand of wire will be used. It is not intended to confine the game but to mark the boundary of the game preserve. The boundary line covers about 40 miles.

Death of Good Woman Near Hartman

Mrs. Harriet Alley, aged 70 years, died at her home in the Hartman community on Tuesday night following an attack of pneumonia. The deceased was an excellent Christian woman and the widow of the late Levin Alley, and is survived by several sons and daughters.

NEWS RECORD AND REVIEW OF THE YEAR 1928 IN STOKES COUNTY

A SUMMARY OF THE NOTABLE EVENTS OF THE TWELVE MONTHS IN STOKES COUNTY

Off Year—Income of County Drops One Million Dollars—Hard Times Come—Schools Improving—Tax Rate Increased.

By The Secretary Chamber of Commerce of Stokes County
It is a common superstition that the periodic visit of seventeen year locusts bodes evil and however fallible the locusts and a presidential election coming to have upset conditions which have not been overprospered several years. Rock bottom must have been reached. A very wet growing season caused a short and inferior crop and when the golden leaf fails Stokes is in a bad way. How bad, few people realize because our citizens are still inclined to hope for better conditions and are not inclined anything about it, neither seeking or applying. Although conditions were much worse than during the previous the times are marked by an absence of protest in farmers mass meetings on tobacco prices. A lethargy to have attacked the people and bewilderment exists to a degree in farming and all commercial pursuits.

FINANCIAL CONDITIONS.

The tobacco crop brings in 92 per cent of the total income of the county and from figures compiled on this year's market up to date and concisely interpreted for the remainder of the selling season the total cash received in the county this year will be a little over one million dollars less than that received last year. There has been a small increase in income from other sources which comprise less than 10 per cent of the total income of the county.

Analysis shows this to be a serious condition as the total income of the county which are short this year represents the entire income available from the entire production of the county. The county's income, if anything, only represents and may be short of the total cost of production. There is nothing to be gained from improvements and luxuries. Our citizens this year were unable to buy phonographs, radios, pianos and bigger automobiles, and already a 40 per cent drop in automobile sales has been noted and cash sales for autos have slumped. Replacement sales are the bulk of the auto business. The sale of cars dropped 12 per cent in the county during the year and it is to be reasonably assumed that the annual cost of all the automobiles in Stokes county of \$1,300,000 this year, which is about one-half the total income from all the crops, will be materially reduced this and next year.

This experience in Stokes county is at variance with the general conditions in the State as a whole which show a slight increase in total production and a slight increase in income per acre. The weather which was very wet during the year is blamed principally for the poor crops but the statistics are accurate enough to determine whether these conditions were the governing factors, however it is evident that the old belt is overproducing in type and quantity of tobacco, and that although his crop will bring a monetary value per acre cultivated than any other crop, it is radically wrong. It is also evident that our citizens must diversify and include crops which will allow them to work more than 100 days if the 300 working days in each year are to be greatly increasing their income.

No benefit can be expected from the proposed farm law because this legislation will be framed to benefit the farmer producing foodstuffs and not tobacco which is a luxury subject to a maximum of taxes.

It is estimated that the wheat crop was 50 per cent short and the corn crop 30 per cent short in this county principally due to unfavorable weather conditions. The shortage of foodstuffs added to the one million dollars shortage of cash income from tobacco hits the county harder than evidenced by general appearances and the effect cannot be predicted for the new year.

The year is closing with the dulllest trading season in a decade or more. An influenza epidemic accompanied the effect.

Walnut Cove, the largest town in the county, has been hit of any section of the county a similar additional shortage on crops this place which was the working force constructing or paving state highways 77 and 89 during the last 18 months, is also minus about \$150,000 which represents funds spent by the state for labor and hauling in the construction of these highways. The community has stood up well under these double setbacks which has been somewhat offset by the Power Co. taking off its shoulders the electric system. Walnut Cove is coming back strong as evidenced by a presence of residences and a year marked by the building of modern buildings.

SCHOOLS BEING IMPROVED.

The County School Board and J. C. Carson, Superintendent of Schools are to be complimented upon the improvement of county schools and the wise use of additional funds from the State Treasury. It is noted that the teaching force is constantly improving in ability and experience, the

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