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SCHOOL BUILDING FOR WESTFIELD

Almost Assured In Time For Opening Of Fall Term — Stokes Authorities Approve Plan For Joint Stokes-Surry School Building.

Stokes and Surry counties will more than likely begin the erection of a \$25,000 school building at Westfield in May or June of this year, so that it can be completed in time for the opening of the fall term of school.

The Westfield school is located within a very short distance of the Stokes-Surry line and serves pupils from both counties. For some time the two counties have had a movement on foot to erect a building jointly at Westfield, and on Monday the Board of Education and the County Commissioners of Stokes gave formal approval of the project, so that now it only remains for the Surry county officials to formally approve their verbal offer to put up their part of the funds, and construction of the building will most likely be started in May or June, as the Surry officials have already signified their willingness to do their part at any time.

At present the Westfield school has a wooden structure which is entirely inadequate to the needs of the community. The new building will be of brick with ten class rooms, auditorium, offices, etc., and will have a modern heating plant, electric lights, plumbing, and other modern conveniences. The building will cost, according to plans already drawn, approximately \$25,000. Of this amount Stokes is asked for something less than \$9,000, and Surry has verbally agreed to pay the remainder. Formal approval of the project will no doubt be given by Surry officials at once.

A large delegation of citizens from the Lawsonville community appeared before the school board Monday asking for a school building at Lawsonville. No action was taken by the board in this matter.

Tax-Listers Named For Townships

Tax-listers for the several townships of the county were appointed by the board of county commissioners at their meeting here Monday. They are as follows:

Meadows township — L. J. Fowler.
Sauratown — H. G. Tuttle.
Beaver Island — J. M. Fagg.
Snow Creek — Myrtle Priddy Wilson.
Peter's Creek — J. R. Bennett.
Big Creek — J. W. Simmons.
Quaker Gap — J. D. Hill.
Danbury — Snider Priddy.
Yadkin — To be named later.

5-CENT GAS TAX PUT ON MONDAY

One Cent On Each Gallon Goes For Up-Keep Of County Roads—Will Bring In Three Million Dollars.

Raleigh, March 31. — The state of North Carolina, already famous for its highway development of the last eight years, tomorrow enters upon an ambitious expansion of its original program.

The 5c tax on the gallon of gasoline, an increase of 25 per cent over the present rate, which was voted by the last Legislature, goes into effect at midnight tonight, and the revenue from this source, supplemented by \$1,000,000 from other highway funds, will be devoted to taking over roads from the county systems, and incorporating them in the state system for maintenance.

On the basis of receipts for the last year, Commissioner A. J. Maxwell, of the department of revenue, estimated that receipts from the added tax should be in excess of \$2,500,000, without allowing for any increase in the consumption of gasoline. This will give \$3,500,000 a year for expanding the system, \$500,000 being allocated to the state highway commission for use as a highway equalizing fund without regard to county or district lines.

How Allocation Is Made.

The \$3,000,000 county aid fund, according to the highway act of 1929, will be allocated among the state's 100 counties on a basis taking into consideration population and area. Each county is required to reduce its ad valorem property levy for road purposes by an amount equal to its quota of the state fund.

Counties have an option of applying their share of the funds to the retirement of road bonds already issued, subject to the approval of the state highway commission.

At their last meeting, members of the state commission agreed that the representative of each district should confer with the county officials in his territory, and it is expected that the next meeting of the board, April 11, will see the launching of definite plans for carrying out provisions of the measure. Under a schedule worked out by the commission, the \$3,000,000 would be apportioned among counties in amounts ranging from \$9,150 for Clay, which would receive the smallest sum, to \$69,420 for Wake, the heaviest participant.

A great many counties, it is said, will receive more under this allocation than they have been appropriating for roads in the past.

No Difficulty In Collection. Commissioner Maxwell said the imposition of the added tax

SPECIAL TERM COURT MAY 13

Authorized By the Governor For the Trial of Criminal Cases In Stokes—Judge McRae May Preside.

Arrangement has now been completed whereby Stokes is to have a special term of one week of criminal court beginning on Monday, May 13th. It is very probable that Judge Cameron McRae, of Asheville, will preside over the term, in the opinion of members of the Danbury bar. Judge McRae is one of the State's special judges.

The special term is badly needed in order to clear up the congested criminal docket in county, as the court this week will not be able to dispose of half the cases, it is stated.

As was stated last week, Stokes will now have three regular terms of criminal and three terms of civil court, under an act of the last Legislature. The first criminal term under this act begins here on the first Monday in July next, the civil term beginning one week later.

It is hoped that with three criminal terms each year the docket can be kept fairly clean, and prisoners will not have to be held in jail so long before getting a trial.

School Committeemen Appointed Monday

The Stokes Board of Education appointed new school committeemen in the several school districts of the county Monday. In Danbury district the committee is now composed of Rev. H. W. Hudspeth, J. D. Humphreys and J. W. Hall.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their kindness shown us during the sickness and death of our dear little son Cleatus Carlyle.

Mr. and Mrs. Reid Martin.

would not throw any burden upon the collection machinery of his department, and no difficulty was anticipated in making the change in this respect.

By raising its tax to five cents, North Carolina took its place among a small group of states imposing that rate, which was the highest gas tax levied in any state until the South Carolina legislature recently made the tax in the Palmetto state six cents a gallon.

The \$1,000,000 to be added to the income from this fifth cent is to come from the highway department's revenues from motor vehicles licenses and the gasoline tax. For the last several months, the income from these sources has been in excess of the department's needs for bonded indebtedness, for maintenance of the present system, and for contemplated extensions.

SCHOOL BOARD IS RE-ORGANIZED

J. C. Carson Is Again Named County Superintendent — Board Meets In School Building Here.

The Stokes Board of Education met here Monday and re-organized by electing H. H. Leake chairman and J. R. Forest chairman pro tem. Supt. of schools J. C. Carson was re-elected Supt. of Schools for another term. The school board is now composed of Messrs. H. H. Leake, J. R. Forest, John W. Priddy, H. McGee and Bruce Hutcherson, the latter being the new member of the board. Mr. Hutcherson qualified for his office Monday.

The session of the school board on Monday was held at the Danbury school building on account of congested conditions at the court house, the attendance on court being unusually large.

The approving of the Westfield school building project and the hearing of citizens of the Lawsonville section, who want a new school building, composed the principal business of the board at the session.

Ladies Of Eastern Star Elect Officers

Walnut Cove Chapter 157, Order of the Eastern Star, met Wednesday night, March 27th, at 8:00 o'clock P. M., for the installation of officers. Mrs. P. T. Harrington, of Winston-Salem, past worthy Matron of Walnut Cove Chapter, and Past District Deputy of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, was invited to preside over the ceremonies, assisted by the Marshall, Mrs. Rebecca Shaw, Past Worthy Matron of Walnut Cove Chapter, and Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.

The officers elected were installed as follows:

Mrs. Floy Wheeler, Worthy Matron; H. R. McPherson, Worthy Patron; Miss Kathleen Marshall, Associate Matron; Miss Lillie Fulton, Secretary; Mrs. Annie Davis, Treasurer; Mrs. Gladys McPherson, Conductress; Mrs. Myrtle Bailey, Associate Conductress; Mrs. Flora Jones, Chaplain; Mrs. Mattie Lewellyn, Adah; Mrs. Viola Rothrock, Ruth; Mrs. Louise Jones, Esther; Mrs. Hilda Hutchison, Martha; Mrs. Cora Davis, Electa; Miss Sallie Matt Marshall, Warda; Mr. B. P. Bailey, Sentinel.

After the installation, a beautiful jewel was awarded to the retiring Worthy Matron, Mrs. Hilda Hutchison, in token of the appreciation of her services. A beautiful set of vases to the Secretary, Mrs. Myrtle Bailey, and a lovely cigarette case to the Worthy Patron, H. R. McPherson, was presented by Mrs. Hilda Hutchison. A gift of lovely cut-glass bowl

HARVEY JOHNSON IS ROAD SUPT.

New Highway Commission Organized Monday—W. S. Hart Made Chairman and J. W. Kiger Secretary.

Nineteen applications for superintendent of roads were considered by the new county highway commission Monday when the first meeting of the board was held at the court house here.

The new board, composed of W. S. Hart, James W. Young and J. W. Kiger, was organized by electing Mr. Hart chairman and Mr. Kiger secretary.

Harvey Johnson, of Yadkin township, was elected superintendent of roads to succeed B. P. Bailey. Mr. Johnson will enter on his duties at once. He was selected from the following named list of applicants: T. M. Smith, R. L. Lawson, Z. R. Moran, C. M. Hauser, W. R. Stovall, J. C. Frans, J. T. Christian, W. M. Wall, S. M. Walker, Y. S. Smith, J. W. Fowler, B. P. Bailey, Ed. Tedder, Hobart Browder, H. H. Brown, E. D. Smith, L. M. McKenzie, Charlie Eaton and Harvey Johnson.

Other business transacted by the highway commission consisted principally of passing upon claims against the county.

Appropriation Expected For Stokes-Stuart Road

Thos. J. George, of Stuart, Va., who has represented Patrick county in the last three sessions of the Virginia Legislature at Richmond, spent several hours in Danbury Monday. Mr. George is a son of Rev. R. W. George, of Francisco, Stokes county.

Asked about the prospect for getting a surfaced road from Stuart to the Stokes line Mr. George stated that he believed the Virginia authorities would make an appropriation for this road within a short while.

Germanton Route 1

Germanton R. 1, April 3.—Mr. Howard Bolejack and Miss Pauline Wall, of Rural Hall, Miss Stella Cook and Raymond Fulp, of Germanton, and Mr. Gloma Burrow, of Walnut Cove, spent the Easter holidays with Miss Ruby Rutledge.

Mr. Simpson Fowler, Misses Clare Rutledge, Nellie Mozell Edwards and Gloma Burrow and Charlie Kiser spent Tuesday at Danbury.

Mr. Jones Newsum has returned home after spending the week-end at King.

presented to Mrs. Harrington by the Chapter.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies, refreshments were served, consisting of ice cream, cake, mints and nuts, the color scheme being carried out in yellow and white.

COURT HAS FOUR CAPITAL CASES

Porter Wall Goes Free On Rape Charge — Campbell-Rhodes-Sheppard Murder Case Taken Up—John Hairston and Rufus King Trials To Follow—Number Of Road Sentences.

Four capital cases appear on the docket for this week's term of Stokes criminal court, which convened here Monday morning with Judge J. H. Clement presiding and Solicitor J. F. Spruill representing the State. One of these cases has been disposed of—that of the State against Porter Wall, charged with rape, the jury returning a verdict of not guilty within an hour after taking the case.

In the Wall case the defendant was charged with having carnal knowledge of a female under the lawful age, the prosecuting witness being Reva Browder, daughter of J. T. Browder, of Yadkin township. Since the disposition of the charge of rape, a charge of incest has been brought against Wall, it being alleged that the Browder girl is Wall's aunt by blood relation, and he was again remanded to jail, but will be allowed to give bond, as the second charge will likely not be tried at this term of the court.

Immediately after finishing the trial mentioned above the court began the selection of a jury from a special venire of 75 men summoned yesterday. The jury will try Otis Campbell, Louis Sheppard and Glenn Rhodes on a charge of murder in connection with the shooting of Nettie Burkheart in northern Stokes a few months since.

Next on the trial docket, after the Campbell-Sheppard-Rhodes case, it is stated, will come that of John Hairston, col., charged with killing W. M. Pyrtle, near Walnut Cove, recently.

The fourth capital case, will be that of Rufus King, charged with rape. The grand jury this week found a true bill against King and he was placed in jail without bond pending a hearing. The prosecuting witness against King is Mrs. Will Murry, and the act is alleged to have been committed at her home in Yadkin township several months since.

Up until the time of taking up the capital cases mentioned above the court had disposed of quite a few minor cases, and witnesses and spectators, as well as members of the bar, are complimenting Judge Clement and Solicitor Spruill in their quick dispatch of cases and the business-like manner in which they are disposing of this unprecedented heavy criminal docket.

Other cases disposed of up to this time are as follows:

Roy Williard, bigamous cohabitation, two years on roads.
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