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## RE-DISTRICTING THE COUNTIES

BILL IS INTRODUCED TO CUT STOKES LOOSE FROM SURRY AND ATTACH TO FORSYTH—OTHER MEASURES OF VITAL INTEREST TO STOKES NOW PENDING AT RALEIGH—REPRESENTATIVE PHILLIPS GIVES A RESUME OF LAST WEEK'S PROCEEDINGS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Member of the House of Representatives from Stokes, A. R. Phillips, stopped over in Danbury Saturday enroute to his home at Dalton to spend the week end.

While here Mr. Phillips discussed with this Reporter various legislation now pending in the General Assembly of vital interest to Stokes county.

Several bills of interest, Mr. Phillips says, were introduced last week in the lower branch of the Legislature including one reducing the marriage fee from \$5.00 to \$3.00. This bill received the support of the representative from Stokes, as did Stokes, as did the bill relieving contracting parties in marriage to post 5-day notice, or for necessity of a physician's certificate.

In the matter of "deficiency judgments" the House carried by a small majority the question of relief to buyers of land where a part of the purchase price is paid, and later in case of foreclosure the mortgagee is not entitled to judgment for balance due on note other than the particular property mortgaged. This, it is deemed would encourage home-ownership.

An item of interest to certain individuals is a bill to reduce the cost of a trailer, carrying farm produce attached to a passenger car, to a fee of \$1.00. At present this cost is one-half the price of the license plate.

Mr. Phillips advises the Reporter that matters of educational holding the center of interest at present, which interest was highly accentuated the past week by a large mass meeting held at the Memorial Auditorium in Raleigh in behalf of education. Since the 15 cent ad valorem tax is to be removed from property, and land is to be revalued, then the all important question is just how the necessary funds for education may be procured for the State. He says the trend at present is for a reduction of salaries on a graduate scale, a possible change in the set up of school administration, and a combination of certain institutions which at present may be doing parallel work.

When the approximate amount of money needed by the State in this matter is determined then the problem of raising such funds will be the next step. This will lead naturally to the rather unwelcome idea of a sales tax. Just what the outcome in this line will be is rather problematical but seems to quite a few as inescapable.

Bills have been introduced relieving tax payers of penalties on unpaid taxes and giving a longer term in which to redeem property sold for tax. Action on such questions will be decided upon at an early date. A memorial to Congress requesting a moratorium by Land Banks as to

## MOUNTAIN FALLS INTO DAN RIVER

"PINNACLES OF THE DAN" BEAUTY SPOT NEAR STUART, PATRICK COUNTY, TOPPLES TWELVE HUNDRED FEET AND DAMS STREAM.

A remarkable convulsion of nature happened near Stuart, Va., a few days ago when the top of the mountain known as "Pinnacles of the Dan" suddenly slid off 1200 feet into Dan river.

The Stuart Enterprise tells of the catastrophe to this celebrated beauty spot, as follows:

Nature lovers and mountain climbers of this and other counties, will be sorry to learn of the tragedy which recently befell the beautiful and picturesque mountain peak known as "The Pinnacles of the Dan" which rise from the gorge of Dan River in the western part of this county. Reports from that locality are that the whole top of the mountain, or middle, point of the Pinnacles has fallen off and plunged down the perpendicular northeast side of the mountain 1,200 feet into Dan River.

Mr. Len Reynolds, who lives nearby and reports this phenomenon says that while he has not visited the actual scene, that from a distance the three points known as The Pinnacles now appear to be about the same height and estimates that approximately 300 feet of the stake-like mountain have toppled off into Dan River. He attributes the cause of this geologic shifting to the unusually heavy rains of the last months of the past year which loosened and softened the great masses of rock lying at such a sharp angle that friction was overcome and the enormous weight slid off.

He indicated that further investigation will probably reveal that the river has been dammed in the deep gorge possibly forming a considerable lake and high waterfalls.

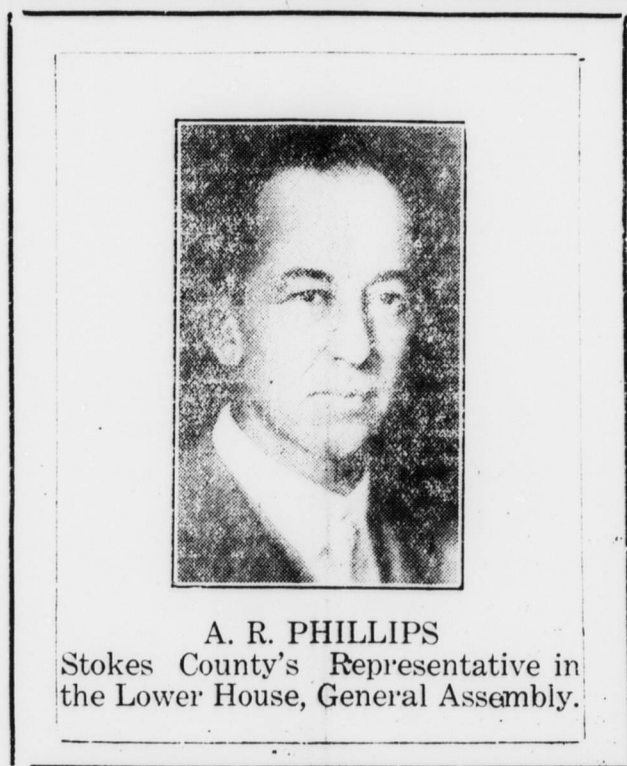
foreclosures, was passed.

Mr. Phillips, with every sympathy for the home owners of Stokes county, will support such aid and give any assistance that may be possible to all bills favoring our citizens and Stokes county in general.

The legislative committee on roads recommends a graduated cut in salaries of highway employees beginning with a 10 per cent cut on salaries of over \$1500, to a 33 1/3 per cent cut in the higher brackets. Cessation of new road construction will be another means of aid in balancing the budget.

One matter brought to the attention of Mr. Phillips on Friday was the redistricting of the Senatorial districts in the State. Under the suggestion as made by the committee Stokes and Forsyth would be grouped together rather than Stokes and Surry. In the opinion of Mr. Phillips this would not be so acceptable as our present arrangement. However, in this, as in all questions, he is anxious to carry out the wishes of the people of the county and would appreciate any and all suggestions of his constituency.

Phillipinos, evidently, don't want it when they want it. —Chicago Daily News.



A. R. PHILLIPS  
Stokes County's Representative in the Lower House, General Assembly.

## Three Homes Burned In Patrick County

The Stuart, Va., Enterprise of Feb. 2 has the following:

Three homes in the south side of the county burned down the first of this week. The first was that of Hassel Sheppard who lives at the Bill A. Martin place near the North Carolina line, which burned Sunday afternoon. Mr. Sheppard was at home alone, it is learned, his family being away visiting in the neighborhood. He was aroused from an afternoon nap by the smoke and upon investigation found the second story of his house in flames. Neighbors nearby gathered quickly and helped to remove all furnishings from the first floor before the building collapsed. The house was a substantial five room structure and it is said the loss is partly covered by insurance.

The home of Abe R. Martin, near Five Forks, burned early Monday morning. It is learned that Mr. Martin had just started a fire in his kitchen and while alone, preparations for breakfast he dropped an oil lamp which produced such a fire that he was barely able to escape from the room without being burned. He rushed upstairs and aroused his family. The flames spread so rapidly that very little furnishings were removed, most of which later burned near the house. The family was able to save only part of their wearing apparel. His was a seven room frame house partly covered by insurance. Mr. Martin had recently removed from Stuart to his place in the country.

On Monday the home of C. O. Hanby, who lives near Peers Creek was burned. Details have not been learned except that only a part of the furnishings was saved and that he had some insurance which he had recently reduced.

The young people are urged to keep up with the times, but it is more difficult for the times to keep up with them.

**MEN WANTED**—for Raleigh City Routes of 800 Consumers in Cities—Lawsonville, Mayodan, Madison and Walnut Cove. Reliable hustler can start earning \$25 weekly and increase rapidly. Write immediately. Raleigh Co., Dept. NC-86—V, Richmond, Va. Feb 8 23 2v

## KING NEWS

King.—On Thursday evening at seven-thirty o'clock the Woman's club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. New, Mesdames H. H. Leake, Gladys Newsom, C. O. Boyles, Jr., associate hostesses with Mrs. New.

Peers of evergreens lent a welcome to each member as they entered the living room. The president, Mrs. G. E. Stone presided over the meeting, while the roll was called, and minutes read by the secretary Miss Agnes Pulliam. The reports from different committees were presented, each being favored by the club.

A motion was made and carried that a committee be appointed to investigate and see by what means and how we might build a club house sometime in the future. Then an interesting program was given by the Home Makers club which consisted in reading from Misses Gertrude Bow, Elizabeth Raley, and Mrs. Chas. Carroll.

A contest was given by the hostesses in which each member received a new year's wish. Later in the evening delicious meat salad with cake and coffee was served by the hostess, assisted by Miss Doris and Little Virginia New.

Mrs. Joe Gibson aged 73 died at her home three miles north of King last week. The deceased is survived by four daughters, they are Mrs. James Boyles, Mrs. William Denny of King R. F. D. 2, Mrs. L. K. Pulliam of King and Mrs. Roy Snider of Tobaccoville R. F. D. 2. Several grandchildren also survive. Mrs. Gibson was a good woman and was liked by all who knew her.

## Weddings.

Licenses have been issued at Stuart, Va., for the marriage of the following Stokes county couples:

Lacy Dollarhite and Hester Pike both of Brim, N. C.

Thornton Tuttle, Walnut Cove, N. C., and Lois L. Smith, Lawsonville, N. C.

Crossing Her Fingers.—"I shall miss you while you are on your hunting trip, dear," said the young wife affectionately. "and I shall pray that the hunters you are going with will do the same."—Laughs.

## SPARGER OFFERS BILL IN SENATE

WITNESS FEES AND COMPENSATION FOR JURORS TO BE LEFT TO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Raleigh—Witness fees and compensation for jurors in Stokes county would be left to the board of county commissioners of that county under a bill introduced in the senate today by Senator S. Gilmer Sparger. The bill would repeal sections two and three of Chapter 33, public local laws of 1921. The sections to be repealed provide for \$4.00 and 5 cents mileage both ways for jurors and \$2 a day and the same mileage for witnesses.

Senator Sparger's bill would repeal Stokes under the state wide law, which permits the county commissioners to fix the compensation of jurors at from \$2 to \$4 a day and up to five cents a mile for travel, and places the compensation of witnesses at from \$1 to \$2 a day and up to five cents a mile for travel, also in the hands of the county commissioners.

The bill does not repeal section 1 of Chapter 33, public local laws of 1921, which fixes the compensation of the members of the board of county commissioners at \$5 a day and mileage at 5 cents.

## Death Of James Kiger

James Kiger, 84, died at his home on Winston-Salem Route 3 January 31, after suffering a stroke about Christmas.

Interment was at Box Mountain the day following.

Mr. Kiger was member of the Church of Christ, at Winston-Salem.

Survivors include his wife, who was Miss Malinda Gibson prior to marriage; four daughters, Mrs. Sadie State of Stokes county; Mrs. Minnie Denny and Mrs. Lela Edwards, of Winston-Salem; Mrs. Dona Lovins, of Kernersville; five brothers, Gene Julius, and Charles Kiger, of near Rural Hall; Francis and William Kiger, of near Germantown; a sister, Mrs. Gene Kiger, of near Walker, town, and ten grandchildren.

## REV. R. R. BURNETT, PASSES

Rev. R. R. Burnett, pastor of Patrick Circuit Methodist Church died at his home at Patrick Springs Monday morning of influenza and pneumonia after a few days illness.

Kansas farmer slept so soundly thieves harvested his forty acre wheat crop, and he did not find it out until two days later. He would like to secure their names and addresses in order to thank them.—Florida Times Union.

How He Got That Way.—Howell—"A good deal depends on the information of early habits."

Powell—"I know it; when I was a baby my mother hired a woman to wheel me about, and I have been pushed for money ever since."—Washington Labor.

Speaking of the ten most beautiful words in the English language, how about this list: "Business is improving steadily so we are raising our salary."—Duluth News-Tribune.

## BUCK AND THE WALLERS GUILTY

STUART, VA., TRIAL RESULTS IN CONVICTION AND LONG SENTENCES FOR KILLERS OF "BUNN" SHEPPARD — BUCK GETS LIFE TERM, WALLERS THIRTY YEARS EACH—MIDKIFF AND VERNON TO BE TRIED THURSDAY.

After three hours' deliberation, a jury of Patrick county farmers Wednesday of last week returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree against Ora' Buck, Tennessee young man charged with the slaying of County Comptroller R. D. "Bunn" Sheppard on last December 11, near Stuart.

The jury fixed his penalty at life imprisonment, although the death penalty was asked by Commonwealth's Attorney Frank P. Burton. The case was given to the jury at 2 o'clock.

The prisoner took the verdict calmly. He with four other men were indicted for the murder of Sheppard and the wounding of Town Sergeant Joe Francis, of Stuart, while the officers were in pursuit of a stolen liquor car which had been confiscated. The others, to be tried at this same term of court, are Bill and Sam Waller, also from Tennessee, and Harvey Vernon and James Midkiff, of Mount Airy, N. C.

Trial of Bill Waller, alias Williams, was begun today for aiding and abetting in the same murder and the felonious shooting of Officer J. W. Francis. Trial of Harvey Vernon and James Midkiff was scheduled to begin Friday.

After presentation of instructions to attorneys by Judge J. T. Clement, S. A. Thompson opened for the state and W. M. Mitchell opened for the defense. W. L. Joyce concluded for the state and Senator Samuel L. Price, of Johnson City, closed for the defense. He urged the evidence only showed second degree while Attorney Burton made a fervent appeal for the death sentence. The jury's verdict constituted a compromise.

## WALLERS CONVICTED

Later it is learned that the Waller brothers were convicted, and were sentenced to 20 years each.

The trial of Midkiff and Vernon is slated to begin Thursday.

## Tobacco Market Closes Feb. 17

The Winston-Salem Tobacco Board of Trade, in a meeting held Feb. 1, decided to change the closing date from February 10 to February 17. M. R. Gass secretary and supervisor of sales announced.

"This change in extending the closing time," Mr. Gass stated, "was done in order to give those who have tobacco on their hands ample time in which to get it in market. No more change will be made in the closing date, and I advise those who have tobacco still on hand to make an effort to sell the remainder of the crop as soon as possible."

The people holler about their rights, but they whisper about their duties.