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MULLICAN SAYS TIME HERE TO ACT

THINKS COUNTY SALARIES SHOULD BE CUT AND A NEW VALUATION OF REAL ESTATE BE EFFECTED — SUGGESTS THAT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CALL MASS MEETING IN TOWNSHIPS.

Editor Danbury Reporter:

The one question uppermost in the minds of the taxpayers of Stokes Co. at this time is "Will Stokes County get any relief on taxes this year?" The great mass of property owning taxpayers of the county had hoped against hope that some relief would be forthcoming and there would be some chance to carry on and preserve their property until times were better so they could at least make a fair sail. As yet nothing has come in sight. The Legislature has been in session for about three months and very little has been accomplished. Many of us had hoped for a reduction in the cost of county government for Stokes County and thereby helping in some measure to relieve the tax burden. Many counties have taken this action. In fact I do not know of any county under Democratic control but what has made some reduction in county government cost except Stokes. Are we Democrats of Stokes going to permit our county to remain on high salaries and mounting expenses while our brother counties make drastic cuts? The Democratic president is putting his stamp on economy on all national affairs. The State is having to go on drastic economy basis. Is there a difference in our Democracy from that of these others? If Democracy means the same thing every where then it is time for some one to act in Stokes county. The Democratic party of Stokes county should not permit this Legislature to pass without lowering all salaries to 1920 base level. The Democrats should see that the people of Stokes county should have a new deal in the revaluation of real estate. We have been laboring for several years under a value far in excess of the limit specified in the constitution. Other counties all around us are now having the real estate revalued and still we are waiting. What is the reason for this? Surely no one will advocate permitting the property to remain on the books at its present figures. If this should be done I believe the people will rise up and refuse to pay taxes based on false valuation. One county official recently advised me that the revaluation would cost so much that the county could not afford to pay for same. He then suggested that the commissioners make a horizontal cut of fifteen or twenty per cent. I must say this did not sound very good coming from one of the county's monthly payroll. If the county can pay his salary surely it can do the honest and just thing by the man who is carrying the load. I would suggest that the county commissioners request the citizens of every township to meet in mass meeting and select of their numbers three men to serve with out pay to revalue all the real estate in their township. I believe that

NOT QUITE SO MANY FARM LOANS

COUNTY COMMITTEE, WITH FEDERAL FIELD INSPECTOR, IN SESSION SATURDAY PASSING ON APPLICATIONS — NUMBER OF APPLICANTS SMALLER TO DATE AS COMPARED WITH LAST YEAR.

The county loan committee and the Federal field inspector were in session here Saturday passing on applications by farmers for federal aid in making their crops. The county committee is composed of Messrs. P. O. Fry, of Quaker Gap township; Luther Mitchell, of Sauratown township, and R. B. Hutcherson, of Snow Creek township. The Federal field inspector is H. S. Anderson, who is making his headquarters in the county now for the expediting of quick loans to the farmers. It is learned that applications for federal crop assistance in the county are not quite so numerous as last year, and considerably fewer than for the year 1931. The difference is attributed largely to the fact that many farmers, who received more for their 1932 crop than they have been paid for the last two crops, consider that they will be able to get along without outside help in cultivating the 1933 crop. The Reporter learns that the Stokes county farmers, despite the extremely adverse conditions under which they have labored for several years, have yet been able to repay the government about 95 per cent. of former loans, a record which is much more favorable than the showing made by the average county which has been extended federal aid. However, though the applications here are below the notch made at the same date last year, they are coming in quite lively, and N. E. Wall, Robert Sisk and Thurman Martin, who are filling out the blanks for the applying farmers, are kept quite busy at their quarters in the grand jury room at the court house.

From Hospital Improved

Mrs. Clyde Goin was taken seriously ill last week, and carried to a Winston-Salem hospital for treatment. She has now returned home, and is much improved. Mrs. Goin is a daughter of Clerk of the Superior Court and Mrs. J. Watt Tuttle.

School Closes

The Danbury school will close for the session Thursday, April 6. An entertainment will be rendered the public. The people would be glad to do this to help get a revaluation and still not put the county to any expense for same. I am submitting this plan to the county commissioners and to the people of the county as I believe the county commissioners will gladly welcome any plan by which they can serve the county and save the expense.

Respectfully,
N. S. MULLICAN

PROPOSED ROAD TO HANGING ROCK

CHIEF STATE LOCATING ENGINEER BROWNING OF RALEIGH CONSIDERS MOST FEASIBLE ROUTE — PROJECT ASSUMES ASPECT OF REALIZATION.

Chief State Locating Engineer Browning of Raleigh was here Monday traversing tentative routes for the proposed road to be built to the top of Hanging Rock. Mr. Browning was accompanied by Engineer E. D. Gentry, of the State highway department, and by Lawrence MacRae of Greensboro and Walnut Cove, and N. S. Mullican of Wilson's Store. There are two respective routes proposed, to-wit, one by Danbury cemetery, and around the mountain, reaching the crest of the ridge a mile southwest of Danbury, thence practically following the ridge to the destination. The other route proposed is starting from a point near Flag-shoal church on the south side of the mountain. It was not definitely learned which route Browning favored as the most practicable, but it is quite certain he viewed either location as entirely feasible. Among the advantages insisted upon by those who favor the Danbury route is that a hard surface road will be available to tourists and patrons of the road quite to the foot of the mountain. This would leave a distance variously estimated at 3 to 5 miles to be built to Hanging Rock. Lawrence MacRae, to whose unceasing activities the progress of the project thus far may be attributed, and in whose head was born the inception of the enterprise, believes that the Hanging Rock proposition is entirely practicable, and that the road will cancel its own expenses within a very few years. Mr. MacRae's idea is to establish a toll gate at the intersection of the proposed mountain road with the State highway. It is generally believed that patronage of the road would be most liberal from hundreds of visitors and tourists. An incident of Mr. MacRae's idea is that a park should be developed at the terminus of the road in the flat lands right near the Rock, in which modern attractions and conveniences would be arranged and which would doubtless go far toward defraying the cost of the project. As quickly as the most practicable route is chosen, the next step in the enterprise will be to induce the State to make the survey. Following this will be the procurement of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation's aid in financing it. Everybody in Stokes county, and especially those citizens living continuously to either of the proposed routes, earnestly desire that Mr. MacRae may be successful in his efforts to put over the project, which will mean a great deal not only to Stokes county, but to the State. It will mean the employment of hundreds of hands at fair remuneration, and the turning loose of thousands of needed dollars throughout this section.

SCHOOLS TO RUN EIGHT MONTHS

THE SITUATION HANDLED SATISFACTORILY ALL AROUND IN PATRICK COUNTY — EIGHT FELONS IN STUART JAIL AWAITING REMOVAL TO RICHMOND PENITENTIARY—DEATH EX-CONFEDERATE SOLDIER — BANK OF CRITZ IS OPEN.

Through the united efforts and cooperation of the local School Board, the loyal teachers of the county, the State Board of Education and the patrons of the county, what seemed to be an almost impossible situation has been solved, and the schools of Patrick county, Va., will continue for eight months, thereby remaining on the accredited list. As was stated in a previous issue of the Stuart Enterprise, the funds were exhausted, so the teachers were asked if they would continue to teach, giving their services for the remaining six weeks. This they have consented to do. Not a single teacher approached has hesitated to do this work. When it is realized that the teachers have agreed to give approximately \$13,000 that this year's work may not be lost for the boys and girls, one cannot fail to appreciate the splendid public spirit thus manifested. The patrons were asked to board the teachers who are giving their time in this manner, and in no instance have we heard of a failure to respond. Another difficulty arose which threatened the continuance of the schools even after the above provisions had been made. It is unofficially learned that local tax collections fell considerably below budget estimates making it impossible to pay the teachers the county's part of their last month's salary, but this latter was taken up with the State Board of Education and satisfactorily arranged, so we are unofficially informed that schools will continue. Commitment papers for eight felons now in Stuart jail have been made out by the County Clerk to the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary and are awaiting removal to Richmond. Seven convicts were also prepared for commitment on the road. The felons are: Oral Buck, for life; Bill Waller, alias Bill Williams, total of 43 years; Harvie Vernon, 40 years; Sam Waller, alias Sam Williams, total of 35 years; Foster Going, seven years; Columbus Going, seven years; Walter Trent, one year; Roy Lee, two years. The seven men sentenced to the road are: Todd Martin, Edgar Light, Anderson Martin, Harry Going, W. L. Turner, Reggie Jones and Tom Thomas. Mr. Jehu Barnard, one of the few remaining Confederate veterans, passed away at his home near Stuart Tuesday, March 14th. Mr. Barnard was 92 years of age. He was taken ill most one year ago and was confined to his bed since that time. He was one of Patrick county's best citizens. The Bank of Critz is open for its usual business. They report deposits extra heavy and far exceeding their expectations, and withdrawals less than fifty dollars.

FEDERAL AID FOR STOKES DESTITUTE

FIGURES SHOW \$6,166,000, SPENT IN FEBRUARY, OR \$246.00 MORE THAN JANUARY — INFORMATION FURNISHED BY GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AT RALEIGH — SHOWING MADE BY OTHER COUNTIES OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Expenditures from Federal relief funds for destitution in Stokes county amounted to \$6,166.00 for February, and \$5,920.00 for January. These figures are sent to the Reporter from the Governor's Office of Relief at Raleigh. The total expenditures in the state during February showed a decrease for the first time since Federal relief funds became available, according to the information given out Sunday by the Governor's Office of Relief. The total amount spent for February was \$1,166,432 as compared with \$1,287,611 in January, or a decrease of approximately 10 per cent. Dr. Fred W. Morrison, director of relief, stated that the decrease was almost entirely accounted for by the fact that February contained three fewer days than January. The figures show that the daily expenditures for the two months is approximately the same. The fact that the requirements for the last month were no greater than in January, however, is in itself an encouraging sign, Dr. Morrison pointed out. Under ordinary circumstances it was expected that the financial needs would be greater in February than any month so far because of the fact the resources of less fortunate people have a tendency to become exhausted as time continues. The fact that the total financial requirements were no greater was regarded as an indication that some of the destitute have found ways of becoming self-supporting. The reason for the slight increase over Jan., in Stokes as indicated by the report for the month of Feb., may possibly be explained on the hypothesis that a good many tenant farmers had exhausted by February the small surplus which they had received for their tobacco crops in the fall and were forced to call for assistance when their resources had been spent. However, the increase of February over January in Stokes is small, being only \$246.00. In comparison with the aid being furnished to Stokes, it will be interesting to contemplate the amount of help which a few other counties have received for the month of February, as follows:

Surry	\$7,067
Rockingham	12,419
Forsyth	56,947
Guilford	60,462
Yadkin	3,571
Moore	8,543
Montgomery	11,800
Randolph	7,146
Wilkes	6,245
Mecklenburg	91,078
Wake	54,284

Seventy Stanly County farmers plan to dig trench silos this summer as a result of the success had with his by P. E. Miller of Richfield.

LOOKS LIKE EIGHT MONTHS SCHOOL

AND A SALES TAX TO PAY THE BILLS — CARSON RETURNS FROM RALEIGH — SCOPE OF RELIEF WORK IN STOKES — MANY CHURCH YARDS, CEMETERIES AND SCHOOLS GROUNDS IMPROVED — OVER 200 PERSONS AT WORK.

Prof. J. C. Carson, Superintendent of Stokes County Schools, was here Tuesday. Prof. Carson has lately returned from Raleigh where he attended the State-wide gathering of superintendents, teachers, and educationists held in the interest of the 8-months school, and for other educational interests. Prof. Carson advises the Reporter that the atmosphere circulating in and around the legislature looks more and more favorable for the 8-months term for the schools, and equal opportunities for all the children of the State, and that in all probability the general sales tax system will be adopted to balance the budget. Sentiment among the law-makers has undergone quite a change recently in regard to the sales tax. Prof. Carson, who is head of the federal aid allotted to the destitute of Stokes county, as dispensed by the Governor's Office of Relief, says that more than 200 persons are now being given employment in the county by this agency, and that many church yards, school grounds, cemeteries, etc., have been beautified and improved. Besides the benefits which the relief funds have afforded in the way of relieving unemployment and providing subsistence for many families who otherwise must have suffered, the results of the work are happily shown in the many spots that have been wonderfully improved in looks and convenience in all sections of the county. Prof. Carson, in assuming the important duties involved in the relief work, has done so without any compensation aside from his salary as county superintendent.

E. C. Mabe And Len Tilley In Law's Toils

E. C. Mabe was arrested Tuesday by Prohibition Officers Kennedy and Raladge at a still in Meadows township. Mabe was given a hearing by N. A. Martin, U. S. commissioner, and in default of \$500.00 bond for Federal court, went to jail. Len Tilley was caught at a still in Sauratown township. Bond fixed at \$500.00 by Commissioner N. A. Martin—Bound over to court.

T. L. Booth Game Warden

Gilbert Alley, who has been acting as County Game Warden for several months, has resigned his position for the time being, and T. L. Booth, who has been Assistant Game Warden for several years, has been appointed Warden. This arrangement was effected Monday by District Warden Lusk, who was here. Gardening by those who failed to plant during the winter is in progress.