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## THE MUDDLE AT THE COURT HOUSE

**THE MEETING OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MONDAY DISCLOSED SOME CROSS-CURRENTS INTERESTING TO CITIZENS AND TAX-PAYERS—MEMBER F. P. STONE RELUCTANT TO RESIGN—AUDITOR'S OFFICE CONTINUED FOR ANOTHER MONTH UNTIL THE ATMOSPHERE CLARIFIES—THE COST OF THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE DURING TWO YEARS—BEER LICENSES GRANTED—OTHER INCIDENTS.**

At the regular May meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held Monday, some cross-currents of wind that fans the cheeks of the average tax-payer and citizen of the county with a coyness that may be refreshing or not, were released and stirred interestingly.

First, a good many people had thought a vacancy existed on the board owing to the non-existence any longer of the Rev. F. P. Stone as a qualified citizen of the county. This impression appears to have been rather hasty or ill-considered, being as how Mr. Stone showed no intention whatever of relinquishing his position and prestige and power as a member of the Stokes county board of commissioners.

Notwithstanding his removal to another county, notwithstanding the very personal reference to his incumbency memorialized by the late grand jury, and in spite of the fact that Judge Stack intimated that his service was automatically closed, Mr. Stone said nothing about any abdication whatever, and his official acts as spread on the minutes of the board, whether legal or otherwise, are there.

Soon after the board had opened for business Frank P. Stone appeared and observed that if the office of auditor was to be continued, "he would be pleased to have the job."

Member J. A. Joyce therefore stated that he thought this matter had been settled at the April meeting of the Board.

Member Stone rejoined that though Mr. Sparger had drawn or dictated such a settlement that "we did not sign it."

It is thus presumed that as far as Mr. Stone is concerned the resolution which the minutes of the April meeting prescribe, is null and void.

The resolution reads as follows: "That all of the duties and powers heretofore vested in the county Accountant or Auditor of the county, together with his records and papers are transferred to the office of the Register of Deeds, who is hereby officially designated as county accountant, auditor and chief financial officer."

"That the collection of all taxes shall be placed in the hands of the Sheriff, and that the Register of Deeds and Sheriff shall perform all of the duties without further compensation."

During a rather heated discussion of the question whether or not the status quo is still preserved or whether the resolution of the April meeting shall be honored, Member

## HOME COMING DAY AT BETHEL CHURCH

**WILL BE HELD ON THE SECOND SUNDAY IN MAY—LOYAL WESLEY CLASS HOLDS REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING.**

The Home Coming Day at Bethel Baptist church, near Meadows, will be held on the second Sunday in May instead of the third as has been previously announced. The date was changed on account of the annual Primitive Baptist Association being scheduled for that date in Walnut Cove.

Rev. M. E. Manuel, pastor of Bethel church, extends a cordial invitation to everyone to come and bring well-filled baskets. There will be several visiting churches present and part of the day will be spent in an old-fashioned community singing.

The day promises to be one of real worshipful entertainment for all who attend.

The Loyal Wesley class of Putmyra M. E. church held its regular monthly meeting recently with Mrs. Travis Tuttle at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. B. Green. The president, Mrs. Pearl Lewis presided and Mrs. Charlie Blaylock conducted the impressive devotional exercises. The program was in charge of Mrs. W. C. White and Mrs. Travis Tuttle, and was composed entirely of instrumental and vocal music. This was the first program of this type that the class had had, and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The Bible test was conducted by Mrs. Claxton Lewis and Mrs. Paul Lewis, Mrs. Oscar Greene, and Mrs. Charlie Blaylock tied for the highest grade.

During the business session several matters of interest to the class were discussed and a class song was selected.

After the class benediction, Mrs. Tuttle assisted by her mother served delicious refreshments.

The next meeting of the class will be held on Friday, May 26, at the home of Mrs. Marvin Young.

Stone arose and declared that neither the Register of Deeds or Sheriff was competent to do the auditorial work.

It was finally decided that the auditor's office, with Frank P. Stone, as incumbent, be continued another month until the atmosphere cleared.

Frank P. Stone is county auditor with a salary of \$1500.00 per year. At the court house it was stated the office of the auditor has cost the tax-payers between \$8,000 and \$10,000 during the two years of Mr. Stone's incumbency. This of course includes the work of special audits, modern book records, etc., which have been deemed to be necessary during the years 1931 and 1932.

Beer license was granted to the following:

Powell Robertson, of Lawsonville. John Lewellyn, of Walnut Cove. Theo. Smith, of King.

The prices of the various license per year as follows: County, \$25; State, \$5; federal, \$20.

Further transactions before the Board were of a routine nature such as payments of claims, etc.

## H. S. ANDERSON IS SUSPENDED

**FIELD INSPECTOR FOR FEDERAL LOANS UNDER THE FERTILIZER AND SEED LOAN ARRANGEMENT TO BE SUPERSEDED—ANDERSON WAS APPOINTEE OF THE HOOVER ADMINISTRATION, AND ESTABLISHED A RECORD FOR COLLECTIONS.**

News has reached here that H. S. Anderson, who has been acting for several years as field inspector and chief administrator of the federal crop loan agency in Stokes, has been suspended.

Mr. Anderson, who was an appointee of the Hoover administration, will probably be succeeded by a Democrat named by Congressman Frank Hancock, of the Fifth North Carolina district, who has charge of Federal patronage in this territory.

It is not known that charges were brought against Mr. Anderson in his official capacity. He was understood to be a gentleman well qualified in the duties of his position, but there was a general feeling that he was rather too conservative in passing upon the qualifications of applicants for federal loans among the farmers, that he sought a record with the department at Washington for efficiency in collections, and that he aspired to a 100 per cent. "clean up" of farm loans under his administration. It is quite well known that the farmers of Stokes, though probably harder hit than any other planters of this section of the State, had more nearly liquidated their obligations to the government than the farmers of any average county.

It is not known who will be appointed in Mr. Anderson's place, though there are several candidates already for the position.

## Farmers Who Can't Get Federal Crop Loans

There is quite a cry throughout this section from farmers who say they are unable to get loans from the federal agency, and are therefore unable to make crops for the year 1933.

The complainants allege that they are turned down without just cause, having complied with the government's requirements to the best of their ability, and being without money and without credit, are left in helpless condition.

Specific instances are mentioned below:

Bob Simmons, who applied for \$100.00 loan, and was refused. Simmons owes the government \$159.00 on 1931. He claims he paid it all his crop brought. He received no loan for 1932 as his landlord refused to assign waiver.

George Lankford, who applied for \$50 and was turned down. He was also refused last year. He owes the government nothing.

Jerry Mabe who was turned down because he owed a balance of \$13 on 1932. He declares he paid the government all his crop brought, with the exception of a few dollars which he used for clothing for his family and some taxes.

## ELECTION DAY LIVELY AT COVE

**TOOK ON THE ASPECTS OF A POLITICAL CONTEST—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY M. E. CHURCH MEETS—NEAL BOONE POST WANTS THE BONUS PAID.**

Walnut Cove, May 1st.—May Day was ushered in with a rush. Before old Sol made his appearance, the town election officials were at their post of duty. Mrs. Dolly Fair Dudson, Registrar, assisted by Mrs. Christine Stultz and H. H. Fowler, Judges, J. C. Joyce, Bailiff, J. L. Welch and R. R. Mills, Markers, all took their places as election officials before the dawn had broken in full. Before long the election had taken on the proportions of a Hoover-Roosevelt affair. True to precedent, the candidates, some with their wives assisting, made their appearance early working throughout the day, transporing in their cars the duly qualified electors from their homes and offices to the voting place. One of the candidate's wives, in particular, remarked that she got a real thrill in working for the cause of her husband's ticket.

The old board, candidates for reelection, composed of Messrs. J. L. Mitchell Mayor; R. L. Vaughn, E. F. Michael, C. R. Hutcherson, and H. H. Davis, Commissioners; J. R. Voss, City Clerk, submitted to defeat without any outward display of emotions.

The newly elected Board of Commissioners, were jubilant over the victory, and are determined to show the people of Walnut Cove that something can and will be done to relieve the burdened, tax-ridden people of this town. Mr. Fulp, who issued a circular in reply to Mayor Mitchell's statements in a similar circular, says that he has no hard feelings toward any member of the old board, and desires the wholehearted support from them.

The official ballot follows:

NEW BOARD	
J. C. Hutcherson, Mayor,	152
W. M. Fulp, Commissioner,	172
E. F. Michael, Commissioner,	161
W. F. Marshall, Commissioner,	168
O. M. Southern, Commissioner	229

OLD BOARD	
J. L. Mitchell, Mayor,	112
H. H. Davis, Commissioner,	103
E. F. Michael, Commissioner,	47
C. R. Hutcherson, Commissioner,	96
R. L. Vaughn, Commissioner,	97

"Neighbors to All" was the subject studied by the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church, when it met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. R. McPherson. Mrs. McPherson and Miss Lillie Wheeler were associate hostesses on this occasion. The rooms were bright with tulips, lilacs and other spring flowers.

The opening song was "There's a Witness in God's March." Devotionals were led by Mrs. A. G. Jones, who also read a story from John Bojer's "The Great Hunger." The "Deaconess a Good Neighbor" was presented by Mrs. H. H. Davis, who told of the Wesley House, and Mrs. J. B. Fitzgerald, who spoke on changed lives. Mrs. Tom Welch read an article, on the Children's

## MRS. A. D. FOLGER VISITS F. A. C.

**DANBURY WOMAN'S ORGANIZATION ENJOYS ENTERTAINMENT AT THE HOME OF MRS. NELLIE MOON TAYLOR—THE DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S INSTRUCTIVE TALK.**

The Fine Arts Club entertained Thursday afternoon, April 27th at the home of Mrs. J. S. Taylor, complimentary to the district president, Mrs. A. D. Folger of Dobson, N. C.

The lower floor of the home was thrown en-suite and lovely spring flowers were used with artistic effect as decoration.

The meeting opened with the club woman's hymn and collect, followed by reports of secretary and treasurer. After a vocal solo, "O Heart of Mine," by Mrs. N. E. Pepper, the afternoon was given to Mrs. Folger, who in her charming way made an interesting talk. Touching briefly on the origin of the Woman's Club, she told of its work, aims and accomplishments.

At the conclusion of the program the guests were invited into the dining room where they were served a salad course, followed by an ice course.

Mrs. Folger was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Reece, also of Dobson. Mrs. Dr. Hackler of Walnut Cove was a guest present.

Home, from the Christian Advocate, and the society planned to help the Orphanage in some way in the near future. Members who attended the Zone meeting at Madison recently gave an interesting report of the meeting there. After a brief business session, the hostesses assisted by Mrs. Frank Petree, served a delicious salad, with wafers and coffee. Visitors were Mrs. Frank Petree, and Miss Claudia Rierson.

On his return from a recent visit to Raleigh, Mr. Lawrence MacRae informs us that in his opinion the Director of the State Relief Funds, Dr. Fred Morrison is going to give serious consideration to the proposed projects of Mr. MacRae's in Stokes county. One of these projects is the grading of a road to Maunick Rock Development; another is the proposed building of a lake near the County Home, and the third objective of Mr. MacRae's is the connecting of the mountainous portion of the county to the National Forest Park, making Stokes County the extreme gateway to the National Park.

Commander Ralph R. Mills, American Legion, informs us that a great deal of interest is now being shown by the members of the Neal Boone Post. New life is being taken on by the members of the Post. New hopes are being revived in connection with Congress paying the balance of the soldier bonus, as proposed by the Texan Representative Patman. Mr. Mills says that a call is being made to the members to meet in special meeting at the Post Hall next Saturday evening to go on record as favoring the payment of this indebtedness.

P. H. Young, of Sandy Ridge, was a visitor here Monday.

## CATASTROPHE IS AVERTED

**GAS LINE ON SCHOOL BUS BREAKS, ALLOWING FLUID TO ESCAPE ON EXHAUST PIPE—CAR, PACKED WITH CHILDREN, IS FOUND LOCKED IN REAR WITH POSSIBLE EGRESS ONLY THROUGH FRONT DOOR—FORTUNATELY MACHINE DID NOT CATCH FIRE.**

One day last week the school bus, which runs between Danbury and Walnut Cove, had a slight accident. The gas line became disconnected, allowing the gas to escape on the hot exhaust pipe. The car was packed with children, entirely unconscious of their danger. The gas fortunately did not ignite.

But the parents of the children, to whom the matter was reported in the evening by the children, became almost hysterical when it was learned that the rear door of the bus, being slightly in need of repairs, had been nailed up or securely fastened, and that the only way of escape for the children in case the car had caught on fire, would have been through the front door which would doubtless have been wrapped in flames, there being the motor underneath.

The Reporter has been requested by a number of parents to call this matter to the attention of the authorities, who are urged to investigate the appallingly serious situation of a school bus operating with its rear door nailed up or securely fastened so that it could not be opened from the inside.

Last week in Rowan county a terrible accident occurred in which five children on a school bus met their death through somebody's criminal carelessness.

Naturally in view of such distressing incidents, parents may be excused in their solicitude for the welfare of their children.

## Young Huns.

Paris Pepper like to have lost an eye yesterday when he was run over by a house, the corner of the building striking the area of his right orb with so much impact that he was knocked down and rendered almost senseless.

Paris is a pal of Bob King, and here is as fine a brace of juvenile vandals, pirates and murderers as ever escaped the halter-rein in the hands of their irate daddies.

They rob more bird-nests, break more window glasses, kill more young shade trees, torture more cats, murder more toad frogs, wear out more overalls, raid more cantaloupe patches, shatter more pop bottles, strip more tomato vines, shake more plum trees, chase more stray dogs, catch more tad-poles, eat more green apples, desecrate more hen's nests, get more whippings, and get by with more rascality than any two amateur youthful buccaneers that ever started out to sail the Spanish main.

If they are not hung before they reach maturity, they will both be presidents.

LOST PIG—A Black pig, with white face.—James Martin, Walnut Cove, N. C., Route 1.