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FALL OFF IN FEDERAL LOANS

Applications Not Nearly So Many As Last Year—Difference Indication Of Farmer's Financial Improvement.

J. Luther Mitchell, P. O. Fry and R. B. Hutcherson the board which passes on the applications of Stokes farmers for crop loans under the Federal Emergency Loan System, were in session here Saturday and acted upon some 200 applications for assistance from Stokes farmers.

To this date, the Reporter is advised that the board has passed on 800 applications, and the time in which this relief may be secured is about over. Last year more than 1700 applications were received and acted upon. This difference between last year's needs and this year's, is commented upon as showing distinct improvement in the financial condition of the farmers, resulting largely from the better prices paid them for the 1933 crop of tobacco, as compared with former years.

It is pointed out that the most of the 1934 applications for assistance came from the sections of the county where the drouth was severest last year.

The Federal Emergency relief is intended for those farmers who are unable to furnish satisfactory collateral to obtain loans through other governmental loan agencies. Farmers who have nothing but their prospective crops with which to secure loans may be herein enabled to obtain fertilizer and other necessary supplies.

Aycock Club.

Germanton, May 2.—The Aycock Club of the Germanton high school chose as its topic of study Character Education at the meeting held in the school auditorium Monday evening, April 23.

Miss Mary Taylor, first grade, developed finely the art of teaching character in primary grades.

Mrs. Ralph Beck, third grade read a very good paper on the subject of character education in advanced primary grades.

Miss Jessie V. Carson, fourth grade developed the subject under study splendidly as relative to grammar grades.

Miss Clara Smith, high school, was given the assignment of teaching character to high school girls. This assignment was well developed.

Tom T. Tolar, principal, talked generally on the subject of character education.

Dr. W. C. Slate, a former resident of the county, now of Spencer, Rowan county, passed thru Danbury last week on his way to visit his mother-in-law Mrs. Amer Tilley who has recently been ill.

FOR SALE—Lot 100x200 on national highway one quarter of a mile from King school. Bargain for quick sale. Fred E. Shore, King, N. C.

News Of King.

King May 2.—Olga Marie Y. year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Westmoreland, died at their home Friday. The deceased is survived by the parents and one sister. The funeral service was conducted at Poplar Springs church Saturday afternoon at 3:30 and burial followed in the church cemetery.

E. E. Shore, banker of Rural Hall, was here Saturday looking after some business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Love, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday here the guests of relatives.

Henry H. Brown has purchased from O. L. Rains the J. R. Hutchins residence on Main street and has moved his family there.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Newsom spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse George at Brown Mountain.

Dewey Love has purchased from Mrs. Fred E. Shore a lot on Pulliam street on which he expects to erect a new home.

Mrs. Omnie O. Grabs, who underwent an operation in a Winston-Salem hospital last week, is getting along as well as could be expected.

Larnell, the 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Ferguson, fell down a flight of steps at their home Friday. She sustained a broken arm. She had the baby in her arms who escaped unhurt.

The King High School defeated Walnut Cove in a game of baseball here Friday to the tune of 15 and 4. Red Holland hit three home runs during the game. Red is putting King on the map in the baseball world.

Grady Holland, of Meadows, visited relatives and friends here Sunday.

The Juniors of the King High School entertained the Seniors and teachers at banquet held here Friday evening.

James Newton, who sustained a sprained ankle from being thrown by a mule last week, is getting along very well.

The King High School will close May 14th. The closing exercises will be held May 12th, 13th and 14th. A large attendance is expected.

M. L. York, who holds a position at Walkertown, spent the week-end with his family in Woodland Heights.

Fred White, World War veteran of Rural Hall, formerly of King, was a visitor here Saturday.

Bill Holman, of Greensboro, was here Saturday looking after some business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Edwards, of Rural Hall, visited relatives here Saturday.

Gray Moore, planter of the Antioch section, was here Saturday on business.

Attorney Pierceson Rumley, of Winston-Salem, was a visitor here Saturday. Mr. Mumley was reared here.

The following births were registered here last week: To Mr. and Mrs. Grady Collins, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Matt Burrow, a son; to Mr. and Mrs.

THE AFFAIR AT GAP, APRIL 15TH

Who Shot and Robbed Elmer Bennett Is a Mystery to the Magistrate — Warrant Against Elmer Haden Dismissed Owing To Lack of Evidence.

There appears to be a good deal of mystery about the alleged shooting of Elmer Bennett by Elmer Haden, and the robbery of Bennett of the sum of \$74.00 on the night of April 15th.

In fact there was so much mystery about the affair that at the trial here Saturday, Justice P. C. Campbell dismissed the warrant against Haden for lack of evidence.

It seems that Bennett was shot in the leg by a .32 pistol—not seriously. It also seems that Bennett himself owns a .32 pistol.

The scene is laid at Gap on the mountain near D. C. Taylor's store. Deputy Sheriff Berkly Smith went over there with other officers to investigate. There was to have been a "party" at Bennett's home the night in question. Bennett's wife was gone somewhere.

The officers made about three visits before they got anything definite about the affair. Bennett finally told that Haden shot him. Haden was arrested for "breaking and entering."

It developed that there were several stories about the affair. Bennett, it is said, stated to others that he did not know who did the shooting.

On the hearing here Saturday, at which there was quite a crowd of spectators from the Gap neighborhood, the magistrate could not proceed owing to scarcity of facts.

Dillinger In Town?

A wave of excitement swept through Walnut Cove Friday when somebody reported that Dillinger was in town.

Two fellows driving a car with New York license stopped at a curbing, and the man at the wheel looked almost exactly like the Illinois bandit.

They soon sped on and maybe it wasn't Dillinger.

Child Died

A 11-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lawson, of Lawsonville, died Saturday and was brought back to the former home in Stokes for burial Sunday.

Mr. Lawson, the father, formerly lived at the Cascade, 5 miles west of Danbury.

Willie Bowling, a daughter; and to Mr. and Mrs. Gloma Burrow, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kiser, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday here the guests of Mr. Kiser's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kiser. Leon Wolff, of Mountain View, was among the visitors here Sunday.

Farmers in this section are very busy turning land in preparation for another crop.

BRUTAL AFFAIR IN THE MOUNTAIN

W. J. Booth Severely Handled By Bunch of Winston-Salem Men and Women—Assaultants Under \$1,000 Bonds Each For Appearance At Hearing In Danbury May 19th.

W. J. Booth, who lives near Moore's Springs, was cruelly assaulted and beaten last week, at a Boys' Scout Camp near Vade Mecum, by three men and three women.

The accused parties have been arrested by Winston-Salem officers and are under \$1,000 bonds each for their appearance at a hearing before Justice N. A. Martin on the 19th inst. at 2 o'clock.

It appears that Booth, who had the custody of a Boys' Scout cabin in near Vade Mecum, protested against the occupancy of the camp by the Winston-Salem men and women, who were participating in a party.

Booth sustained a broken jaw on each side of his face, while his arms at the wrists were dislocated by being pulled around a tree. He was otherwise severely beaten, sustaining bruises all over his body. He was conveyed, by neighbors who came to his rescue to a Winston-Salem hospital where his injuries were treated.

Will Fulp Wins.

W. M. Fulp, of Walnut Cove, one of the Security Life and Trust Co.'s star insurance salesmen, Monday of this week completed his race in an agents' contest for insurance in which he and others of the company's successful agents won handsome premiums. The race was to sell \$100,000 insurance within a specified time. At the close, Mr. Fulp had booked \$102,000 of new business and was still writing when the sun went down. In June Mr. Fulp will take a two weeks' vacation at a well known seaside resort at the company's expense, besides participating in other attractive emoluments which are incidents of hundred-thousand-dollar salesmen.

Mr. Fulp's scores of friends rejoice with him in his success.

Destructive Fires

Destructive fires occurred on the mountain this week, burning over several thousand acres. County Game Warden T. L. Booth, assisted by more than 100 boys from the Walnut C. C. C. camp, finally got the flames under control.

The fire, it is said started from Chestnut Cove Sunday night, where some careless visitors left their campfire.

Goes To Hospital.

Mrs. P. M. Stephens was carried to Baptist hospital at Winston-Salem to be treated for a form of rheumatism, and other complications.

Born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Coy Mabe, of Danbury Route 1, a boy.

NEAL-MAURICE

Announcements have been received here of the marriage of Miss Margaret Woodland Maurice to Dr. Charles E. Neal, which took place in Richmond Saturday, April 14.

Mrs. Neal is the attractive daughter of Judge and Mrs. Henry A. Maurice, and has visited in Stuart a number of times, where she has made many friends. Dr. Neal, the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Neal, is a promising young dentist of this place.

Dr. and Mrs. Neal will make their home in Stuart—Stuart Entrepriser.

Fine Arts Club.

Mrs. W. E. Joyce and Mrs. R. J. Scott were joint hostesses to the members of the Fine Arts Club Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Joyce.

With the president, Mrs. H. M. Joyce, presiding the meeting opened with the club collect. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, the roll was called and the dues collected, after which a civic program was rendered.

First reading, "Make Room for the Children," by Mrs. S. G. Sparger, was omitted because of her absence.

Second—"Playground Equipment" by Mrs. Edwin Taylor.

Third—"A Model Playground" by Mrs. R. J. Scott.

After the program was completed a tree contest was given with Mrs. J. J. Taylor winning high score prize. Following this a social hour was enjoyed while refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Death Of Sandy Ridge Man

Jack Martin, a prominent citizen, of Sandy Ridge, died at his home Friday night after a two weeks' illness of Bright's disease.

He is survived by one son, Buck Martin, and one daughter Mrs. Robert Knight, both of Sandy Ridge.

The interment was at Oak Ridge cemetery Saturday.

W. G. Petree Buys Moore's Springs

It is learned that W. G. Petree has bought Moore's Springs at the price of \$7,500.

This property includes besides the mineral spring, several hundred acres of land, some of it valuable for farming purposes.

The plans of the new owners have not as yet been given out.

Announcement.

I hereby announce myself a Democratic candidate for member of the Stokes county Board of Education, contingent upon the action of the Democratic primary June 2, 1934.

I solicit the support of my friends in the primary.

R. E. L. FRANCIS,
Francisco, N. C.

Annual Inter - Society Contest Germanton High School.

Germanton, May 2.—The annual inter-society contest of the Germanton High School was held in the auditorium on Friday evening, April 13, at 7:30 o'clock.

The O. Henry and Sidney Lanier Literary Societies met in their annual clash about the citadels of wit, debate, declamation, and oration more in accord with the spirited feeling usually found existing in colleges rather than in high schools. This occasion is the crowning event of the year on the calendar of extra-curricula activities of the Germanton High School.

The debate created much interest. The query, Resolved; That Sales Tax in North Carolina is Justifiable was debated in the affirmative by Francis Ross Mullican and Nathaniel Faulkner of the O. Henry Society, while the negative was upheld by the Sidney Lanier Society, represented by Arno Chapman and Durward Banner. The judges declared the negative as winner. Durward Banner, of Sidney Lanier was presented with a gold medal as best debator.

In declamation Nathaniel Faulkner of O. Henry, was awarded a gold medal as best declaimer with selection, "Mother's Love," the fine presentation of the selection, "Man's True Self."

The gold medal for best recitation was awarded to Dorothy Carson of O. Henry with the winning selection, "The Highwayman." Sidney Lanier was represented by Betty Miltimore with selection, "Madame Butterfly."

In oration Erlene Green of O. Henry captured the gold medal award with the winning selection of "America Faces the Crisis." Sidney Lanier was ably represented by Edith Merritt with the selection, "American Ideals."

In addition to the awarding of 4 gold medals, the inter-society contest silver cup was awarded permanently to the O. Henry society. This cup has been in the possession of the two literary societies of the high school for the past four years. But at the termination of the fourth year of contest, the society winning the cup the greater number of times should be awarded the silver cup permanently. This the fourth year of contests, the O. Henry won 65 of the possible 100 points.

The programme provided for contesting in choruses, O. Henry also captured this laurel. The award in this event was winning points. The winning selection was "The Home Road." Sidney Lanier chose as its competing selection, "In Old Madrid." Both selections reflected fine training on part of music teachers.

Sidney Lanier moved forward with the winning of the duet

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