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LIGHTNING KILLS STOKES MEN

ROBERT WELCH, WHITE, AND HENRY DAVIS, COL., BOTH OF PINE HALL, DIE WITH PAUL RUSSELL OF SUMTER, S. C. — TRAGEDY AT WHITE PLAINS, SURRY COUNTY.

Three men, one white and two colored, were killed by lightning as they sought shelter at the side of the old Rockford road ten miles south of Mount Airy at 1 P. M. last Thursday.

Six other men, sitting in the truck from which the trio had alighted and standing near them in the road, were unharmed. One negro was knocked down by the bolt and slightly stunned but not injured seriously.

Robert Welch, 30, of Pine Hall, lived about ten minutes after being hit. The two negroes, Henry Davis, 23, of Pine Hall, and Paul Russell, 40, of Sumter, S. C., died instantly.

The specter of lightning which killed the three men at the side of the road was plainly visible but never felt by those in the truck, says the Mt. Airy Times. Balls of fire played about the heads of two negroes standing in front of the vehicle, knocked one to the ground and made the other dance as if trying to dodge the bolt. The colored man who fell down jumped to his feet again and fled from the scene, unhurt.

The crew was moving a sawmill which had been in operation at the Coley Hodge place about five miles out on the road that leaves the Dobson highway beyond the Hutchens place a short distance from White Plains, according to the accounts related by A. J. Little and L. D. Blackwell, of Pine Hall, owners of the mill.

The second load of machinery had just been made ready for its trip back to the Walnut Cove section when the storm started. Hail was followed by the heavy rain and the workers hurried to find shelter.

The two negroes were crouching under some bushes at one side of the road and Welch had come out from under the truck on that side and was about eight feet from the vehicle when the bolt killed all three.

The lightning blackened Welch's face slightly but, strangely, left no other marks on any of the victims. One negro's shirt was ripped from his back but the clothing of the others was intact. Buttons, change and other small articles in the men's pockets were not melted and a watch, worn by Welch, was still running when its owner died.

Robert Welch, the white man who was killed, was the son of John Welch, of Pine Hall. He was unmarried. The Davis negro was also unmarried. Little was known by the employers about Russell,

STOKES BUSINESS WILL BE GOOD

TRADE-AT-HOME CAMPAIGN TO START SEPTEMBER 3 — DANBURY REPORTER TO SPONSOR SALVAGE OF BIG FUNDS SOON TO BE IN CIRCULATION — MERCHANTS TO CO-OPERATE, SUBSCRIBERS TO GET THEIR PAPER FREE.

Beginning September 1, green subscription coupons will be issued by the Danbury Reporter which will sponsor a trade-at-home campaign, which will mean home circulation for many thousands of good Stokes county dollars.

The subscription coupons, each worth 5 cents, will be accepted as cash by co-operating merchants and business men of the county.

The arrangement is expected to largely increase the circulation of the Danbury Reporter while at the same time those merchants and business men who co-operate with the publicity scheme will increase the volume of their sales by many thousands of dollars.

With the opening of the tobacco season and the fall harvesting season, funds will be released practically as follows:

Tobacco Crop	\$2,500,000
Bonus Payments	225,000
Other Crop Incomes	350,000
	\$3,075,000

Those merchants and business men who receive their just share of the huge sum will be only those who by using modern scientific methods are able to command it. This is by keeping the things the people want and need, and by adopting an intelligent and logical scheme of publicity.

The Danbury Reporter will be glad to send its representative to explain this plan to those who are interested.

Col. J. C. Goodman, of Winston-Salem, dropped in today to pay us a pleasant visit. He is spending a while at Moore's Springs, Col. Goodman is well known and popular in Stokes especially to the fertilizer dealers to whom in days past he sold thousands of cars of guano. He has been out of the game for several years.

Mrs. J. J. Taylor and children, Angela and Nellie Louise, and Mrs. A. G. Sisk and daughter, Catherine, visited Winston-Salem Wednesday.

who, they said, had just moved to their section from South Carolina.

The men on the truck, who were miraculously uninjured, were Glenn Beale, Charles Neale and L. D. Blackwell, all of Pine Hall section, and Beale's brother-in-law from Charlotte whose name was not learned.

ASBURY IS GLAD OVER THE RAIN

CORN CROP IS SERIOUSLY INJURED — LATE TOBACCO HAS A BETTER CHANCE — WILLIE RAY IMPROVING — WILBUR CHILTON TAKES A FALL.

This rain is as manna from heaven to the drouth stricken farmers.

Everything will begin to live all over again. Some corn look like it's too far gone to be revived but much of it that's just begun to form the ear will be helped very much.

Just lots of women are cooking pintoes for want of green things to eat. Now gardens will live again and the late ones can grow. Everybody should plant everything they could for late eats. A big kiln of turnips will go a long way towards replacing the Irish potatoes we didn't grow.

Chicken stews will be the fashion for a while now, as the tobacco barns are inhabited most nights. Corn, apples and peas were never as good as when cooked over a tobacco barn furnace.

The surveyors begin their work of surveying the tobacco farms Monday, August 10. The work is more complicated this year as it seems the entire farm must be surveyed instead of just the tobacco patches as formerly. For this reason more men are working.

Late tobacco has a better chance to make itself than the early crop.

Mrs. A. N. Chilton is right sick. She has been bothered with high blood pressure and diabetes for some time.

Miss Glennie Stone is spending a few days in Rex Hospital, Raleigh, with her back in a plaster cast as a result of an automobile accident several weeks ago.

Willie Ray, who was hurt by a falling mule several weeks ago, is reported to be getting along fairly well now.

Wilbur Chilton, son of Floyd Chilton, climbed up a 30 foot pine last week and sawed the top almost off (which contained a possum.) He suddenly lost his balance and grabbed top of pine, it came loose and down he came top and all. The part he brought down acted as a kind of a parachute to break the fall. He was hurt pretty bad but no bones broken and seems to be O. K. now, just sore.

Wesley Collins, son of W. E. Collins got hit on side of his head with a horse shoe Sunday eve while pitching quoits with a neighbor boy.

Seventeen candidates were baptised near Johnstown this afternoon (Sunday) having united themselves with the Baptist church during the two weeks meeting recently held there.

KING CITIZENS BACK FROM BEACH

NEGRO KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS BY FALL FROM TRUCK — NEW HOME FOR J. E. STONE — DEATH OF ALBERT SIDES.

King, Aug. 12. — Rev. Clyde James, of Winston-Salem, preached at the Baptist Mission on West Main Street Sunday.

W. G. Hendrix, Lee Butner, John Hauser and Roscoe Hauser have returned from a sight seeing trip to Canada. They visited Niagara Falls, New York City and Washington, D. C. on their trip.

R. H. Gentry, of the Mount Olive section, was among the visitors Sunday.

The following births were registered here last week: To Mr. and Mrs. Watt Wilson, a son and to Mr. and Mrs. Alva Smith, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Rains, Prof. J. M. Feltz, Mesdames C. O. Boyles, Jr., C. S. Newsom and Johnny McGee and Newel Newsom, Rudy Bennett, T. G. Slate, Billy Halsbeck and Beckie Halsbeck, Aveline Eolon and Beckie Rains have returned from Carolina Beach, where they spent a week's vacation.

A negro man whose name was not learned and who was riding on the rear end of a truck was jarred off when the truck crossed the Atlantic and Yadkin Railway tracks on east Main street Saturday morning. He landed on his face on the hard pavement, two teeth were knocked out and a piece of his lip cut out. He was knocked unconscious for a short while. He was brought to the King Drug Company, where doctors dressed his wounds and he continued on his trip.

Walter B. Sprinkle left last week for the South Carolina tobacco markets. Mr. Sprinkle has bought tobacco on the South Carolina tobacco markets for the past several years.

A force of men are at work excavating for the foundation of a new home for J. E. Stone on Main Street.

Mrs. Edwin Kiser is quite sick at her home two miles east of town, her friends will regret to learn.

The following patients underwent tonsil operations here last week: Bert and Bettie, children of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Meadows, of King, and Mrs. Kermon Tuttle, of Germantown.

Relatives here have been notified of the death of Albert Sides at Cherryville, Virginia, near Washington. The deceased who was a Spanish-American war veteran was reared near Tobaccoville and is survived by the widow, one sister, Mrs. Emory Reed, of Thomasville and one brother, James Sides, of Chestertown, Maryland. The remains were laid to rest in Arlington cemetery.

THIRTY-TWO MEN CHECKING FARMS

AGENT KIRBY SAYS THE WORK SHOULD BE FINISHED IN SEPTEMBER — SEVERAL STOKES FARMERS PLANTING ALFALFA, BUT LET THE RATS GO BY.

The work of checking farms for operators in the Stokes Agricultural Conservation Act. Some thirty-two men are engaged in this work and present aim is to complete the main part of the job by early in September. Those in charge of the program have done much to simplify the work as a means of holding down the expense and to enable co-operators to receive the highest possible rate for their participation in the plan.

Full cooperation on the part of the farmers is expected in this work and this will mean much in expediting its completion at an early date. Farm owners and operators have been requested to prepare a rough sketch or map of their farms showing the fields, the approximate acreage and crops in each, the location of the roads, and buildings. No one will be in position to prepare this sketch or map but where one can, it will prove of much value in hastening the work along. As was true last year, supervisors are not permitted to either survey or certify a farm for payment without the assistance of either the farm owner or of some other person in charge assigned by the owner or operator for this purpose.

Supervisors Make Work Sheets

When requested, supervisors will aid farmers in making and filling work sheets. This is the first step in qualifying for grants or payments under the soil conservation program. Farms on which work sheets have already been or are made in the near future will be checked for compliance. Anyone interested in signing a work sheet may call on anyone of the supervisors, sign a work sheet, and have his farm checked for compliance while the supervisor is in his community. This plan is made to take care of cases in which the work sheet either has been overlooked or neglected so far.

Emergency Hay Crops

In view of the fact that the oat and other hay crops have failed in some sections to produce the required hay for the livestock on the farm, it may be advisable even at this time to seed either Sudan grass or German Millet broadcast on fertile land. Either of these crops produce a heavy yield of hay before the average date of the first frost in this section.

Stokes Farmers Plant Alfalfa. Several local farmers are preparing for and seeding one or more acres each in alfalfa this month. On well drained fertile

STOKES TAX RATE STAYS THE SAME

COMMISSIONERS MET MONDAY IN SPECIAL SESSION — SLIGHT FALL OFF IN PROPERTY VALUATION ON ACCOUNT OF LIVE STOCK EXEMPTION — COUNTY HOME MATTER DEFERRED.

The Stokes county tax rate of \$1.54 will remain the same as last year.

This decision was reached by the board of county commissioners at the court house here Monday. The board was present in full attendance as follows: Chairman Joyce, Brown and Gibson.

There was shown a fall off of between \$50,000 and \$100,000 in county valuations, owing to the recent exemption of live stock from personal property taxation. In spite of this depreciation, the board was able to hold the tax rate at the old figure.

No action was taken in the re-laying of the county home, this matter being deferred. It is generally understood, however, that Superintendent Loftis will be retained, as he is reported to have made a very efficient office.

Commissioner H. H. Brown and Auditor B. P. Bailey left Wednesday for Asheville to attend the annual meeting of county commissioners and tax accountants.

day or clay loam soils alfalfa will prove well adapted here. This crop requires deep preparation, a liberal application of ground limestone, good fertilizer and seed inoculation.

On many farms alfalfa should prove to be one of the most valuable crops. It makes the fine quality of hay and while starting with the crop is a bit high, it should be borne in mind that this crop will continue to yield well over a period of years. Stokes should have a larger acreage of alfalfa.

Rat Bait Moves Slowly

As recently stated in these columns, the annual loss caused by rats amounts to a large sum. Yet there seems to be little interest in doing away with these pests. Red Squill has proved to be the most effective and the least dangerous material used in killing rats. Several packages of this have been secured by the County Agent for use in this county. Each package costs fifty cents. The quantity of this material delivered from the office of the Agent is to be used merely in demonstrating the value of this material. Fifty cents invested in a package may save \$50.00 or more worth of grain or chickens. The rat pest is too serious to be passed up lightly. Rats can be killed.

S. J. KIRBY, County Agent.