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HAIL HITS STOKES SEVERE BLOW

BUCK ISLAND HILLS SUSTAIN DAMAGE — DODGETOWN ALSO SUFFERER — KING FARMERS TAKE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS LOSS—TOBACCO INJURY HEAVY.

This has been hail week in Stokes county.

Monday evening, from two or three different storms, several sections were visited by severe hailstorms, accompanied by downpours of rain and strong winds.

Farmers of the Buck Island hills where the tobacco crop has never been better, sustained right considerable damage; Dodgetown, eight miles below Danbury to the east, was visited by hail and wind which injured crops on a number of farms.

Last week's storm did heavy damage in the King section.

The Buck Island hills, wrapped in the maturing gold leaf, mourn the loss of a number of beautiful fields of tobacco. The crops of Paul Bennett, son of Jim, and Floyd Cook, tenant on the same farm, were well nigh destroyed. Lefford Mabe's farm is severely damaged, his own crop and those of Troy Mabe and Homie Mabe, sustained severe losses, also Harvel Cook. J. L. Bennett's individual crop was not materially injured. Frank Collins on Monroe Fagg's place had considerable loss. Claytie Bennett and Sam Bennett were badly hurt. These are sons of Jim. Carlo Flinchum's crop was damaged, while the crop of his brother Alex, on the opposite side of the road, was not injured. E. R. Nelson and McKinley Nelson sustained losses. Claud Calhoun on Jack Gentry's farm was severely hit. Hooker, a tenant on S. A. Flinchum's farm, got it heavy. Ralph Lawson and Cary Hole were sufferers. Gaston Shelton and his son Reid had their crops almost destroyed. Tenants on the Bob Mabe farm owned by Monroe Fagg suffered serious injury to their corn crops.

The storm in the Buck Island area occurred about 2 o'clock P. M. Monday, and followed the river basin, tearing up numbers of crops in that section.

At The Beach

Chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Martin a party of Danbury young people visited the beach at Wrightsville the weekend. The following attended: Hazel and Margie Petree, Katherine Sisk, Prather Hall, Lois Wall, Ellen Kate Pepper, Paul and Francis Martin, George Petree, Beverly Christian, H. M. Joyce, Jr., Martin Luther Mitchell, and Mr. and Mrs. Martin. While at Wrightsville the party was entertained at the cottage of Mrs. "Red Johnson," who is the mother of Mrs. Thurman Martin.

Sheriff J. J. Taylor motored to Mt. Airy Monday.

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WPA Shake-Up

Raleigh, July 22.—An unexpected situation directly affecting nearly a quarter of a million North Carolinians has developed as a result of the WPA order to drop all who have been on WPA work 18 months.

This situation has arisen in the surplus commodity distribution system, which is supervised by 13 persons on the state pay roll but operated by some 375 men and women paid by the WPA.

Of the 375, more than 200 will be dropped right away, today estimated A. E. Langston, the tall, big and broad-shouldered director of surplus commodity distribution in the state board of charities and public welfare. Many of those left in the first sweep of the WPA scythe will be dropped within the next month or so, because most of those in the work have been on the project for a year and a half.

So now Langston and his four supervisors, including Charles Wilson at Winston-Salem, face a tough problem in quickly getting clerical workers sufficiently skilled to pick up where those who are laid off leave the books and lists. That is a tough problem, said Langston today, as he conferred with his supervisors.

Not so tough, in fact not tough enough to worry about, is the problem of getting unskilled workers to do packing and wrapping and other manual tasks. Langston believes that the WPA can furnish plenty of workers to do these tasks.

Langston expects solution of this problem to take so much time that it probably will not be possible to make the first distribution of surplus commodities in August. Ordinarily, there are two distributions each month. One has just been completed, but Langston sees very little possibility of another distribution before the latter part of August, in most counties where experienced clerks must be replaced. In counties where the WPA order does not affect the present clerks, the distribution will be made as usual.

The director does not look for any great hardships to result from this delay because of the distribution just completed. Also, he hopes to hurry up the second August distribution as much as possible.

A real meaning has this delay for nearly a quarter of a million North Carolinians, as previously mentioned. In North Carolina 47,987 families or 223,448 persons have been certified by welfare departments as eligible to receive surplus commodities.

In plain English that means that 223,448 persons need to get food to eat. What the economists and other high brows term "surplus commodities" means plain "vittles"—flour and meal and beans and other food—to these 223,448 persons.

That's no theoretical figure,

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PAUL LINVILLE DIES IN HOSPITAL

HE HAD BEEN UNDER TREATMENT FOR SEVERAL MONTHS — SNAKE SWALLOWS DOORKNOB FOR AN EGG — OTHER NEWS OF KING.

King, July 27.—"Watch King grow."—James Rumley has moved into his new home recently completed on Dan River street.

Work is well underway on a new two-story factory building being constructed of cement blocks for J. A. Gordy and Son on south Depot street.

The large new home of Pierce-Kiser near the old fair ground is just about completed. Mr. Kiser expects to move in within the next few days.

Gilmer Newsom is preparing to open a new store and service station at Five Forks just south of town.

Robert Meadows, planter, killed a large black snake at his home just west of town last week. Mr. Meadows was attracted by a large knot in the body of the snake. He cut the reptile open and found a white doorknob which Mrs. Meadows had put in a hen's nest for a nest egg.

Bill Boyles has about fully recovered from a recent illness at his home.

This section was visited by a severe wind and hail storm last Wednesday which damaged the tobacco crop thousands of dollars. The hail covered an area of about one mile wide and three miles long. William Kapp, who resides at Five Forks, estimated his crop damaged seventy-five percent, and he had a fine crop. Lightning struck a feed barn belonging to Wiley Fulk in North Side during the storm which was burned to the ground. The building was filled with hay and also housed a quantity of farm tools which were burned. A new binder which was stored in the building was saved.

Paul Linville, 42, died at a Winston-Salem hospital Friday night where he had been under treatment since March 2nd for burns incurred at his home here. Mr. Linville was manager of the electrical department of the Duke Power Company.

There is decided improvement in the condition of S. S. Boles, who suffered a light stroke of paralysis at his home, Lose Oak Farm, one mile south of town. For a while his condition looked serious and his many friends will be pleased to learn of his improvement.

Oscar Eaton and family have returned to their home in Buffalo, New York after spending a few days with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davis are the glad parents of a new baby boy. The youngster arrived Friday.

Mrs. Martha Cook is convalescing from a recent severe illness at her home on Meadowview Drive.

OPAL KINGTON WINS HIGH HONOR

SANDY RIDGE GIRL ACCORDED FIRST PLACE IN STATE 4-H HEALTH CONTEST.

Opal Kington, 16-year-old Sandy Ridge high school girl, was today pronounced winner in the State 4-H health contest at State College, Raleigh. Miss Kington won over 60 other contestants from all over the State.

The news was received in a telegram sent by County Home Demonstrator Miss Ellen Jenkins, who is at Raleigh in charge of six Stokes 4-H club students who entered the contest, as follows: Opal Kington, Marie Webb, Evelyn Joyce, Walter Joyce, Wesley Collins and Ellis Slate.

Miss Kington's selection as the leader in health of all the State 4-H boys and girls, is quite a signal honor to herself and to the county, as her victory entitles her to represent the State in a national 4-H health contest at Chicago in the fall.

Tonight at a ceremony to be held at State College she will be crowned queen of health for her State.

Trial Postponed

The hearing in which Lemuel Fagg and wife and a negro named Preston are indicted, before Justice of the Peace S. A. Flinchum, has been postponed until September. All the parties are in jail here.

Mrs. S. P. Christian, Mrs. N. E. Wall, Mrs. N. E. Pepper and Mrs. W. E. Joyce will spend the weekend with Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Houck at Todd, Watauga county.

Iron Mines On Dan River Will Probably Be Developed

Messrs. Henry Hutchens and A. Moore of Roanoke, Va., this week visited the Rogers ore banks on Dan river near Danbury with the prospect of opening these mines and shipping this 85 per cent. magnetic ore to manufacturing plants. It is also noticed that the U. S. government is becoming interested in reopening the old lime kiln plants to furnish cheaper lime for the farmers in this and other counties.

To Fort Bragg Hospital

Clifford, young son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. King, who holds a position at the Hanging Rock CCC camp, was taken by the camp ambulance to Fort Bragg Saturday. The young man was thought to be suffering with an attack of appendicitis, and goes to the government hospital for examination and possibly operation.

George R. Martin, prominent citizen of Stuart, Va., is dead; also Samuel Taylor Newman, aged 89, of Patrick county.

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Walnut Cove Must Collect Tax Money

(Greensboro News.)

The town of Walnut Cove in Stokes county has had no town tax levy for the past six years but under an order just signed by Judge Johnson J. Hayes in United States District court it will have a rate of \$1.25 per \$100 valuation until it has paid into the office of the clerk of federal court the sum of \$40,440 to satisfy a judgment for that amount held by the J. S. Farlee and company, incorporated, of New York.

Judge Hayes signed the order instructing the town of Walnut Cove; the mayor of the town of Walnut Cove, and M. N. Wheeler, M. O. Jones, R. R. Mills and J. G. H. Mitchell, commissioners of the town of Walnut Cove, and their successors in office to levy and collect the taxes to satisfy the judgment which was rendered against the town, mayor and commissioners in federal court November 18, 1938.

The action came after a petition was filed by the plaintiff corporation alleging that no effort had been made by the town officials to meet the judgment and that no tax rate had been fixed. The money, it was shown, is due on bonds issued for water, lights, sewer and street improvements.

Uncle Bib Priddy Is Critically Ill

News has been received here that Uncle Bib Priddy, who lives at Amelia, Va., with his nephew Ed Priddy, recently fell and hurt himself and is seriously ill. Uncle Bib is 93 years of age, and at this great age of course a fall is serious.

Uncle Bib formerly lived at North View, a few miles north-east of Danbury. His many friends in the county wish for him a speedy recovery from his accident.

Stovall Buys J. R. Hill Lands

Two tracts of land, including homestead of the late John R. Hill lying on the Virginia line above Lawsonville, were resold here Wednesday to W. M. Stovall for \$1095.00. This was a resale of this property, and it will be subject to increased bid before the clerk of court, after 20 days.

The sale was made by Dallas C. Kirby, commissioner.

G. G. Shelton Near Death's Door

Gaston G. Shelton of Danbury Route 1 is reported to be critically ill. Mr. Shelton is 70-odd years old and recently sustained a stroke of paralysis. He is also practically blind.

Attorney Hall Recovers

Attorney John W. Hall has recovered from his recent illness and is now back in his office. This is pleasing news to Mr. Hall's friends.

TONSIL CLINIC AT WALNUT COVE

AUGUST 30-31 ARE THE DATES — CHANGE MADE FOR CONVENIENCE OF LOCAL PHYSICIANS.

The county tonsil clinic, usually conducted at the county seat, it being centrally located and the easiest point of access to patients having children to be operated on, will be held at Walnut Cove this year.

This change is ordered by Dr. J. Roy Hege of Winston-Salem, medical overlord of Stokes county. Mrs. Hart, county nurse, says the reason Walnut Cove is chosen for the clinic instead of Danbury is at the "request of our local physicians." The county nurse also resides at Walnut Cove.

The announcement by Mrs. Hart is as follows:

"The Stokes county tonsil clinic will be held on August 30 and 31. Dr. Belmont Helsabeck will be the surgeon. The clinic will be held in Walnut Cove school building instead of Danbury. This change was made by request of our local doctors.

"White and colored parents that have children who need their tonsils removed are requested to see a Stokes county doctor for a physical examination and referral to this clinic as early as possible. No doctor outside of the county can refer patients for operations.

"The clinic will be conducted just as it has always been, under the direction of Dr. J. Roy Hege and his staff of doctors and nurses."

Lawsonville News

Lawsonville, July 26.—Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Robertson, Mrs. C. M. Mabe and Mrs. B. O. Sheppard from here, enjoyed the farm tour Wednesday, July 19. Picnic lunch at King club house. They also visited several sections in the county.

Several of the boys of the Lawsonville baseball team enjoyed an ice cream supper at Madison Saturday night.

The farmers are very busy priming tobacco around here which looks good at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Clark and family of High Point visited here the week-end.

Mrs. C. M. Mabe and son spent Tuesday in Winston-Salem. Mrs. Mabe's mother, Mrs. Bob Oakley, of Walkertown, accompanied them home to spend a few days.

Mrs. Gertrude Lawson and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Young of Sandy Ridge.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Smith and son went to Stuart, Va., Tuesday.

Misses Gladys and Josie Lawson spent the week-end with their sister, Mrs. Georgia Joyce, of Stuart, Va.

Ruth Stephens visited Novella and Angella Stephens Sunday.

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