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Report Of Red Cross Contributions In Stokes

Stokes county's quota of contributions for the Red Cross is \$5,480.00. Of this amount \$2,271.52 has been raised. The sum of \$3,208.48 is yet needed to complete the Stokes quota. The drive will end next Wednesday, the last day of the month.

Townships reporting to date are as follows:

Sauratown	\$890.80.
Yadkin	861.02.
Quaker Gap	151.45.
Meadows	251.10.
Big Creek	2.00.
Peter's Creek	35.00.
Beaver Island	80.25.

Danbury and Snow Creek townships have not yet reported collections received.

Letter From Bob Simmons

Editor Danbury Reporter:

I have got 3 sons in the army and another one has done registered, but they haven't called him yet, and I am not able to work as I have been. There are lots of families haven't got any. It is going very tough with me. My wife isn't able to work at all. She has been in care of the doctor for several years.

I hope the war will soon end.

Yours truly,

BOB SIMMONS,

Danbury, N. C., Rt. 1.

Big Preparations For Poultry Raising

It is said that the people of the county are making greater preparations for chickens and eggs ever known before. The food question is regarded as a serious one for the future, and along with vegetables poultry products have a high value.

Somebody has said if you give the old hen a fair show, she will feed the nation.

Carried To Sanitarium

Sheriff J. J. Taylor and Register of Deeds R. L. Smith this week carried Everett Lawson and Luz James to the Oteen sanitarium in western North Carolina near Asheville, Lawson and James, Stokes county men, are in very delicate health.

Call From Peter's Creek

Paid us a pleasant visit today: Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Nicholson of Lawsonville. Mrs. Nicholson was before her marriage to Johnnie, a daughter of George Robert Martin.

Last Sunday their daughter, Mrs. Novella Sheppard and Mr. and Mrs. Coy Rhodes, all of High Point, visited them at their home. They reported Jack Martin very ill.

Death Of Mrs. Nina Heath Mabe

(Written by a friend.)

Mrs. Nina Heath Mabe, aged 43, wife of Tenzie Mabe, of Danbury, Route 1, died at her home Thursday morning at 5:45 o'clock after an illness of two months.

Surviving are the husband and one daughter, Nina Ruth Mabe of the home, and the following children by a former husband: Mrs. Paul Priddy and Euel Nelson, of Martinsville, Va., and James Nelson, of Stuart, Va.; five grandchildren, and two sisters, Mrs. Brockley Gray, Mrs. Jim Cobbs, Mrs. Nora Dollyvide, Mrs. Crite Gray of Stuart, Va., and Mrs. Leonard Stevens, of Danbury; three brother, Buck Heath of Bassett, Va.; Harry Heath, of Stoneville, and Moir Heath of Stuart, Va.; her father and step-mother, Mr. and Mrs. Sanders Heath, Stuart, Va.; and four step-children, Douglas, Randolph, Lorene and Josephine Mabe of the home.

Mr. Mabe has lost a loving companion and the children have lost a good mother, but we feel our loss is heaven's gain. She bore her suffering patiently and greeted everyone with a smile, and told her loved ones she didn't fear death at all but hated to leave her husband and little children. She professed a hope while she was in the hospital, and was the happiest person I ever saw during her sickness. She sang many songs as long as she could and asked others to sing and pray for her. She often talked of her heavenly home and told them she was a bud that would bloom in heaven.

Funeral services were held at North View Primitive Baptist Church Saturday at 2 o'clock by Elders W. J. Brown and Edd Priddy and Rev. J. F. Manuel, with interment following in Peter's Creek Cemetery.

Flowerbearers were Meadames C. M. Dillon, D. B. Young, J. B. Young, Noel Oakley and Erby Wood.

Pallbearers were Mavin Dillon, Otha Wood, J. B. Young, Jack Alley, Noel Oakley and Wilbert Tucker.

To Hot Springs

Paul T. Taylor, of Taylor's Warehouse, is spending a while at Hot Springs, Ark., to receive treatment for a recent attack of rheumatism.

Court Next Week

The regular spring term of criminal court will convene next Monday. The docket is the smallest for years and will probably last from one to two days, hardly three. The Judge is his Honor J. Donald Phillips of Rockingham, Richmond county.

The following week will be civil court.

WHEN THE POT CALLS THE KETTLE BLACK

Stokes county has been excommunicated and ostracized from the community of holier-than-thou counties.

As the bull was issued by the Forsyth county Union Republican we are not sure yet whether it was a political or ecclesiastical manifesto.

Now, you see, it all happened this way:

Some weeks ago the Reporter published some statistics furnished by a local minister in which it was shown that out of a population of 22,656, Stokes county had 16,744 citizens who do not belong to any church.

Following this disclosure the Union Republican went holly aghast. It severely rebuked Stokes people for their irreligiousness.

The Republican said: "Now we know what is the matter with Stokes county. Such a record is a shame on any county."

The Republican continued its sermon: "When Stokes county people pay no more attention to religious matters than these figures show, the secret is out. That's what's the matter with Stokes county."

The Reporter was very much crestfallen. We set out to find why Stokes was so bad, as compared with other counties, especially our pious neighbor to the south. Soon we were supplied with some data pertaining to the spiritual status of Forsyth, and here is what we found:

Population	126,475.
Church members	47,749.
Non-church members	78,726

Thus we learned that while the unchurched population of Stokes is about 73 per cent., the non-church members of Forsyth amounted to 62 per cent. of its population.

Then we proceeded to analyze the comparative ecclesiastical data of the two counties.

It was revealed that Forsyth is a county with one of the largest cities in the State, while it has several good sized towns. Forsyth's population is largely urban, while that of Stokes is mainly agricultural, thinly settled and isolated.

In cities or thickly settled communities conditions are vastly more favorable to quickly secure in large church accessions on account of facilities for easy and effective organization for mass tactics, team work, etc., in religious campaigns that bring in the members. This gives an important advantage, so everyone knows.

Again, the 1940 census figures for Forsyth show a negro population of 41,152—nearly twice as many people as live in Stokes. It is a well known fact that our colored friends are much more susceptible to church membership than whites as they belong to a race which is intensely emotional. This factor, we believe would enter very largely into the question of attachment to church or other religious influences.

The Stokes negro population is very small, while the figures indicate that 12,000 negroes help make up the Forsyth church membership, leaving 35,749 whites.

However, the fact must be admitted that neither Stokes nor Forsyth is in position to boast of its ecclesiastical status.

News Of King

(By E. P. NEWSUM)

"The come back town." If you ever visit King you will want to come back.

King, March 25.—Lloyd Wolf, formerly of King, has been promoted to sergeant and presented with a medal for bravery in action against the Japs in the Solomon Islands.

Oscar Hauser is having some repairs made to his home on Pulliam street.

Chief Air Warden, Theodore Newsum, was well pleased with the blackout here Thursday night which was absolutely one hundred per cent.

Frank Sisk of the Navy, stationed at Bambridge, Md., is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Sisk, on west Main street.

Cephus Payne is quite sick at his home just west of town, his friends will regret to learn.

William Fowler suffered a heart attack at his home last week. His condition is not regarded as serious.

Scates and Thomas Dalton of Dalton were among the business visitors here Saturday.

J. E. Booze of the U. S. Army, stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C., is here on furlough. He is a son of Charlie Booze.

The following patients underwent tonsil removal operations here last week: Mrs. Paul Wilson, of Pilot Mtn.; Miss Betty Anne King, of Winston-Salem; Mrs. Rebecca Brim, of Madison, and Jessie Lynch, of Woodland Heights.

Coster Collins, who holds a position in the shipyards at Newport News, Va., is spending a few days with his family on D. p. t. street.

Sergeant Julius Holman King has returned to his command at Colorado Springs, Colo., after spending a furlough with his brother, Fount King, on Spruce street.

R. B. Reynolds of Wilmington is spending a few days with relatives here.

And that's the news from here.

R. R. King Surveys And Maps Hanging Rock State Park

A survey and mapping of Hanging Rock State Park and other Stokes County lands owned by the State Department of Conservation and Development have been completed by R. R. King, Danbury's expert engineer and land surveyor.

Permanent markings were placed at all corners and all lines were marked and painted to protect against trespassing.

Surveyor King is a bridgebuilder of national reputation, having constructed bridges in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and other States, besides work in North Carolina.

STOKES ASKED TO HELP PREVENT FOREST FIRES

The fire season is getting closer as each day passes, fortunately precipitation, or rainfall is the governing factor, of which we have had an abundance for the past six months. Though clouds may gather and it rains today, with favorable conditions it is possible for a forest fire to break out within forty-eight hours after a good shower.

In the Western States lightning is a common cause of forest fires, but in our Eastern States negligence and carelessness accounts for 99 per cent. of our forest fires. In other words, our fires are man-caused. Today, as never before, we must talk, think and work in the strongest terms of Victory. This second World War must be won; the sooner the better. Your sons and brothers have gone to the front lines, and your daughters are serving. We, on the home front, must and are doing our bit but there is another un-sung hero, our forests. Our Government is calling for timber; timber for ships, planes, medical supplies, wood alcohol for gun powder and a thousand other products to be derived from wood. Today, more than ever before, wood is replacing steel that is much needed on the firing line. We, in the United States, are blessed with an abundance of natural resources, but we are cutting our forests faster than they are producing.

Fire is the greatest enemy of destruction to a forest. Tree growth is either killed or retarded; after fire follows disease and insects. These always prey on the weaker or injured trees. Nation-wide Fire Control is the key to success in the present and future conservation of timber, our greatest natural resource. Our forests should be considered and handled as a crop only, instead of producing a product as corn, etc., each year, it takes many years to produce sawlogs. It must be remembered that soil too poor for agricultural purposes will grow trees. Fire is especially injurious to young or second-growth timber as it may kill entirely the young stand. We must protect our woodland. Besides the aesthetical value and products derived, industry and employment runs into the millions of dollars each year. It has been said that the children of today are the citizens of tomorrow; thus, the community woodlands of the present are the products of tomorrow.

To control forest fires within our State, the North Carolina Forest Service enters into a cooperative agreement with each county desiring fire control. Fire towers are located, roads built, telephone wire strung, equipment

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