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## RED SPRINGS.

**Citizen.**  
Cotton picking has been temporarily stopped on account of Wednesday's storm.

Fayetteville Presbytery meets Tuesday, September 20, 11 a. m. at Bensalem church.

Miss Eloise McDiarmid, of Fayetteville, is visiting Misses. Ellie and Rosie Williams.

We are sorry to part with Mr. B. J. Sanderlin and family. They have returned to Bladen.

Mrs. Fannie Cobia, sister of Mrs. Dr. B. F. McMillan and Mrs. Lucious McRae, arrived this morning.

Mrs. Archie Baker, of Charleston, arrived yesterday, and is visiting at the home of Mr. J. D. Austin.

We learn that efforts are being made to remove the post-office to a more secure and better location.

A report comes from Raeford that a negro girl killed her brother. The crime was committed with a pistol.

We learn that Mr. J. E. Purcell, who was nominated as county surveyor on the Democratic ticket in Lumberton last week has declined the office, and so written the chairman of the county executive committee.

Messrs. L. M. Cook and J. A. Huggins are attending the Wilmington Carnival. They are on the lookout for attractions for Masonic Fair week here, and as only the best and purest are to be secured, they will keep a watchful eye over what they see and hear before making contracts.

The Committee, headed by Mr. Huggins, are meeting with great success, and the Masonic Fair promises to be the most enjoyable event ever held in this section of the State.

Mrs. Mary C. Campbell died at her home near Antioch last Saturday morning and was buried Sunday at 11 a. m. The funeral exercises were conducted by Rev. J. A. Caligan. She is the mother of our townsman, Mr. C. B. Campbell, and was a lady loved and esteemed to the extent of her acquaintance.

At Ardlussa, the hospitable home of Dr. J. W. McNeill, on the 8th inst., another of those happy annual reunions was held. Many long and intimate friends of the family were present by invitation, and the day was well spent and much enjoyed.

## In Memoriam.

Miss Belle Rone.  
Miss May Belle Rone, eldest daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Rone, of the North Carolina Conference now stationed at Rocky Mount, died at the home of her cousin, Dr. L. L. Aldrey, at Bandera, Tex., on the 8th day of September, 1904.

She had lagrippe last spring and it developed into consumption, and it was with the trust bravery that she, accompanied by her father, bade the loved ones at home good-bye about 5 weeks ago, and was willing to seek the dry regions of Texas, that she possibly might regain her health. It, too, took a brave heart after they had been there about 10 days, and when there had been no visible signs of improvement, to insist on her father going back to his work, hoping almost against hope that she would ever be any better.

The disease had made such inroads into her constitution, that her cousin, Dr. Ardrey, who is a lung specialist, could not arrest it, and thus one of the purest, brightest and best lives I ever knew, went to the God who gave it.—Charlotte Observer.

## Lumber Bridge Locals.

Mr. Ed. Cobb, of Laurel, Mississippi, who has been visiting his mother, Mrs. Nellie Cobb at Shannon, returned to his far southern home.

Col. S. J. Cobb lost his balance in his wagon last Thursday and in falling his foot was caught in a wagon wheel with the painful consequence of a hurt ankle and foot. We hope no bones were broken or severe sprain incurred and he will soon be himself again and tully so.

The Swamps were greatly swollen by the heavy rains last Thursday and great inconvenience was suffered by travellers for several days. Messrs. John A. Hodgins and J. A. McNeill's mill dams were broken and many bridges damaged. Cotton was blown down, much timber in the woods was uprooted and broken off and telegraph and telephone wires were down in many places. How much damage was done to the cotton crop cannot be foretold but it will not be as great we dare say as was feared while the storm was raging in so great fury.

According to the records of the railway agent here 970 bales of cotton were shipped from this point during the year ending September 1.

The railroad authorities are to enlarge our cotton platform we learn by adding twenty feet to each end.

It is expected by many that this community will make nearly fifty percent more cotton than it made last year. But while these words are being penned a great wind and rain storm is raging and what effect it will have upon the crop we have no means of telling.

The initial steps have been taken looking to building a new school house. Let the work go on. This means progress. We cheerfully as a great privilege affixed our names to the petition for an election for a special tax at which not one opposing vote was cast.

Rev. G. T. Pace will move from Red Springs back to Philadelphia we learn to take up again the school work he carried on there so successfully two years and more ago in connection with preaching.

Many of us would be glad to see Rev. D. P. McGeachy elected to fill the position of Superintendent of Synodical Home Missions to be laid down by Rev. E. E. Gillespie in November.

Mr. Gilbert Hughes is yet at home. Later no doubt he will resume his work in a new field where his fine business capacities will have ample range.

Few stormier days are seen in this region than last Wednesday was. The wind blew furiously and the rain fell copiously nearly all day. At times the blasts came in terrific force blowing down cotton and corn and uprooting trees. All of the forenoon the wind came from the north East but it shifted quickly at 1 P. M. and came in equal fury from a westerly direction.

Wilmington Dispatch: Since the editors visited Rosemont many of them are of the mind that Mr. Parker should talk a little more. It has been our opinion that too much speech-making by the candidate of the Democrats would be harmful, but since some of the keen-eyed editors of the country feel that he should make a number of speeches all over the country we say go ahead and about it out. Every time Judge Parker has opened his mouth he has said something of true worth and there is no reason to doubt that he still has many more good things to say. If it will help the Democratic cause any by Judge Parker delivering a limited number of speeches in different sections than he should do so by all means. He has the ears of the whole people and while they are listening is the time to do the work.

## Good Opening.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

Trinity Park School.

The school has had the best opening in its history. There have been matriculated already between 160 and 170 students and others are expected in the next few days. All the rooms in the dormitories are taken and all available rooms in the immediate neighborhood of the school have been procured by the authorities and are being occupied by students. Prof. J. A. Bivins who has been elected headmaster to succeed his brother, Prof. J. F. Bivins, has not yet arrived but is expected in a few days. In the meantime Prof. F. S. Aldridge is acting as headmaster. The school has now settled down to work along all lines, physical, mental and moral. The Young Men's Christian Association held its first opening meeting last evening and quite a number of new students united themselves with the Association. The Association does all its power to build up the spiritual side of a student's life and to inspire him with the highest ideals. Its work meets with the heartiest sympathy of the faculty. Tomorrow evening the Association will give a reception to the new students of the school. Refreshments will be served and a program has been prepared.

The Calhoun and Grady Literary Societies have gotten under way again and have initiated a number of new men. There is some very promising material for society work among the new students and the year promises to be successful to the societies. The staff of the Park School Gazette are at work on the first issue and hope to have it out in a few days. Prof. C. L. Hornaday has been sick for a few days, but is able to meet his classes again.

Truly yours,  
RICHARD M. NORMENT,  
Sept. 18, 1904.

## Foreign News.

Rejoicings are being held throughout Italy over the birth of the throne. The pope has sent congratulations and have most of the sovereigns of Europe. Congratulatory messages have been received from President Roosevelt.

It is reported that during the fighting on August 25 the Russians abused the Japanese flag. Japanese troops were advancing upon a fort, which thereupon displayed the Japanese colors. The Japanese, thinking that the place had been captured, did not fire. When they approached they received a severe fire that nearly annihilated one company.

Russian decision on contraband has been communicated to the British, German and American Embassies. It is understood that Russia recognizes the principles and provisions that contraband when consigned to private parties as only contraband when the cargoes are government, military or naval stores.

The London newspapers say that Sir Thomas Lipton recently invited Herbert Crossland, a prominent member of the Windermere Royal Yacht Club, to design a challenger for the America's cup. Mr. Crossland submitted a design, which Sir Thomas is now considering.

A hundred and nine children were born in Rome the same day as the heir to the Italian throne, which is four times above the average for days in births. In all cases where parents are willing the State will educate the male children born on that day at military colleges as officers.

Physicians of Prince Herbert Bismarck at Berlin, declared that the death agony had begun and that the illustrious patient would not survive until sunrise. The latest reports received are that a feeble ray of life still flickers.

Chinamen who left Port Arthur September 12th say the Japanese are tunneling under the Russian forts with the intention of blowing them up.

Mr. Dunie, of the firm of Dunie Bros, who have recently opened up in the mercantile business here, has moved his family into rooms over the Bakery.

## ASHPOLE.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Mr. Fred Pitman, a son of Mr. Frank Pitman formerly of this county who is now a citizen of Alabama is here among his relatives who are glad to welcome him and hope his stay may be long and pleasant.

Mr. E. W. Floyd and wife returned from their bridal tour Tuesday night and are boarding with Mrs. Belle Baker.

We are glad to welcome another pretty young bride in our midst. Mrs. Freeman who was Miss Hester of Boardman.

Mr. J. G. Williams was accidentally shot last Wednesday, we are glad to know not seriously and hope he will soon be out. The shooting was done by Mr. Owen one of his best friends who most sincerely regrets the unfortunate occurrence.

There will be an ice cream supper next Tuesday night, given by the ladies of the Presbyterian church for the benefit of the church furnishing fund. We hope it may prove a success in every way.

Mrs. H. G. Mitchell is enjoying a visit to her old home near Barkers Church above Lumberton.

Rev. J. M. Ashby went to Asbury Church Tuesday to conduct the services at the funeral of Mrs. W. D. Smith of Rowland, whose death caused much regret among her former friends in this community.

The storm did a good deal of damage to crops and roads but we are glad to learn that no serious damage has been done. The most damage done in the town was to Mr. A. J. Floyd's new brick store, to the roof and plastering.

Rev. J. A. McLaughan went to Boardman Monday to unite in marriage Mr. Freeman who is Superintendent of the South Eastern Lumber Company to Miss Hester of Boardman, A. U. Ashley, Esq., also accompanied the groom. We wish the newly married couple all happiness.

Miss Saunders, milliner for J. E. and G. W. Thompson is expected by the twentieth of the month and they will have an up to date stock for Fall.

## Mr. Humphrey Dead.

We regret to hear of the death of Mr. W. Jimmie Humphrey, which occurred at his home in Saddle Tree township this morning about five o'clock. He has been critically ill for a long time and his death was not unexpected. He has been totally blind since the Civil war, having lost his sight then by a bullet wound. He was well known in this county as a man of sterling integrity and honor. His presence will be greatly missed by the large number who held for him the high esteem and sincerest regard. He was a life well and nobly spent. A good man has gone to rest. The funeral will take place tomorrow at Saddle Tree church at 10 a. m. The funeral services will be conducted by Rev. I. P. Hedgpath. We extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.

## Rising Light.

Mr. John Charles McNeill, the "free lance" of The Charlotte Observer, is one of the most brilliant literary men in the State. He is not only an able writer of prose and verse now, but the character of the work he is now doing gives promise of a brilliant career for him.

Mr. McNeill is a man of rare and diversified gifts, and is a full graduate of one of our best colleges. By inheritance, training, and inclination he is fitted for literature, which he has chosen for his life work. He writes with equal ease the stately article, the thrilling news letter, and the light piece overflowing with fun, as circumstances may suggest. His poetry in this respect is like his prose. His poetry finds a ready market at good prices in our best magazines.—Warrenton Record.

## List of Letters

Remaining in the Lumberton, N. C., postoffice, Sept. 5 th, 1904. If not called for in one week will be sent to the Dead Letter office, Washington, D. C. Parties calling will please say advertised:

Miss Vernia Byrd, J. C. Cullins Miss Florence Clark, Miss M. H. Edwards, E. C. Hays, Miss Below McNeal, D. W. Regan Mrs. M. A. E. Smith, G. Wynne, Miss M. J. Williams.

R. M. Norment,  
Postmaster.

## RAFT SWAMP.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Mrs. W. C. Powell who has been suffering for several weeks with fever, is improving, we are glad to note.

Rev. Z. Paris filled his regular appointment at Moss Neck Sunday after noon preaching an excellent sermon.

Mr. Elia J. Prevatt who has been sick several weeks is not at all improved.

Messrs. E. L. Odum and L. E. Tynes leave to-day for Raleigh where they will board the special train carrying North Carolina's delegation to the Cotton Growers' Convention at St. Louis.

The water is running across the road on both sides of McNeill's bridge six inches to a foot deep making it impossible for pedestrians and wheel riders. The bridge seems in good condition.

## Dinner Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Angus Wilton McLean gave a dinner party on Thursday evening in honor of Judge George H. Brown, Jr. The invited guests being the members of the bar and ladies. Judge and Mrs. Thomas A. McNeill, Mrs. E. K. Proctor, Jr., Miss Annie Neill McLean and Mr. John G. McCormick assisted in receiving. At the proper moment the guests were invited to the dining room where a seven course dinner was served. The parlor, halls and dining room were decorated with ferns and cut flowers.

Judge Brown's approaching elevation to the Supreme Court bench while a source of much satisfaction to his friends here, nevertheless causes regret because of the fact that his regular visits here as Superior Court Judge have given pleasure to his many warm friends in a social way.

## Improving Cotton Seed.

Recently much has been said by cotton experts as to the deterioration of cotton seed as the prime cause of decreased production of lint. There is not much truth in that statement. But it is evident that owing to the plan of ginning cotton these days seed are pretty thoroughly mixed. But it is not a difficult matter to improve seed. When a farmer decides on the variety that suits him, let him put a careful hand or two to picking choice bolls from choice stalks. After he has made that selection and gathered 300 or 400 pounds of seed cotton, he will be sure of good seed of one variety. He may have to wait till the ginning season is nearly over and perhaps pay something extra to have a small lot ginned. Five hundred pounds of seed cotton will give ten bushels of the select seed. Let a similar selection of choice bolls from best stalks be made from that crop. He will then be able to exhibit a variety of cotton that is the same throughout the field. It stands to reason that improved cotton seed will increase the yield. Well selected corn is better than the shattered corn picked up in the bottom of the crib. There is no reason why industrious young farmers should not improve their cotton seed until select lots will bring \$1 a bushel. There is a fine opportunity for a careful young farmer to get \$1 a bushel for choice seed instead of 25 cents at the oil mills. Thoroughbred seed of any kind will always be in demand at a fair price.—Cotton Plant.

## Resolutions of Respect

Whereas God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst our beloved friend, Ira Lemons Pitman, to a brighter abode in heaven and whereas, he was a loyal member of the Philomathean Society, be it resolved.

First, that we, the members of the Philomathean Society, feel keenly the loss of this excellent young man.

Second, that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved loved ones, and commend them to the God who will wipe away all tears.

Thirdly, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our minutes and that a copy be sent to his family, to the Lumberton papers and to the Wake Forest student.

J. B. WEATHERSPOON,  
H. M. JOHNSON,  
W. R. EDMUNDS,  
Committee.

Wake Forest, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. White returned yesterday from Winston where they have been visiting for a few days.

Mr. Luther Bridgers went to Rowland yesterday for a few days.

## BRIEF ITEMS.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

The revival conducted by Rev. S. E. Marcer of Red Springs and E. W. Smith of Hope Mills proved a success and did much good. 18 professed religion. They organized a Methodist church here, with over 80 members, and large subscription to build a church, several giving as much as one hundred dollars.

The building committee are composed of Messrs. B. J. Bostick, S. B. Williams, J. D. Johnson, Morris Pate, A. C. McLean. The building committee has not decided where to locate the church yet. As soon as the lot is secured the building will commence. We have a very good Sunday school now every Sunday at 8 o'clock in the school house. We have prayer meeting every Sunday night at 9 o'clock, conducted by the young men. Ladies and all are invited.

Mr. Dennis Baxley will move to his new residence near here next week.

Miss Katie Buie has gone to Washington, D. C. to spend a few days with her sister and they will go to the St. Louis Exposition.

Mr. Chas. Dandais, of the firm of Carolina Chemical Co., left yesterday for a month's visit to his home in Pennsylvania.

We are glad to know that Mr. V. E. Ellis has returned to his former position at the spiritine plant.

About twenty girls came here on 40 yesterday enroute to the Southern Presbyterian College at Red Springs.

Col. N. A. McLean returned last Sunday after an absence of several days.

Mr. L. H. Ashley, of Kingsdale, was registered at the Waverly last Sunday.

We call attention to the change of ad. of the National Bank of Fayetteville.

Mr. John Ward, of Rowland, who carries a large line of groceries and dry goods, has a change of ad. appearing in this issue.

Mr. Phillip J. Redmond has accepted a position as pharmacist in the drug store of Dr. H. T. Pope & Company.

Those who wish to attend the St. Louis World's Fair would do well to go on Frank Gough's Excursion on October 4th.

A solo "Some time the Silver Cord will Break" was well rendered by Miss Jimmie Bridgers in the Methodist Church Sunday morning, and added to the enjoyment of the service.

Miss Maggie Ward sang a solo in the Baptist Church Sunday evening which was thoroughly enjoyed by the large congregation.

Miss Margaret Cox returned to her home at Affordville, after spending a week here visiting the family of her brother, Mr. G. T. Cox.

## To be Investigated.

Col. Thomas R. Robertson is investigating the charges made against North Carolina soldiers by certain Reidsville merchants. He does not think that Tar Heels are guilty. It will be recalled that certain soldiers, alleged to be North Carolinians, were accused of going in one or more stores, and carrying away watches, dry goods and liquors. This is said to have taken place before day last Monday morning. Col. Robertson was in charge of the first section of the train that brought the Tar Heels. None of his soldiers looted. In his charge were the Charlotte, the Winston, the Shelby, the Concord, the Lexington and the Mt. Airy companies.

The second section was under the care of Capt. F. E. Hearne, of Ashville. He had the following companies: Hickory, Salisbury, Statesville, Asheville, and Waynesville. Capt. Hearne reported that the conduct of his men was good.

In talking with an Observer man, last night, Col. Robertson said: "I am making an investigation of the charges, have written and wired the mayor of Reidsville, and will go to the bottom of the matter. I cannot believe that the alleged looting was the work of North Carolina soldiers."

Col. Robertson is determined to ascertain the truth at any cost.—Charlotte Observer.