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DISASTROUS FIRES.

Entire Plant of Kingsdale Lumber Co. Burned—Loss About \$60,000, Covered by Insurance—Many Thrown out of Employment and Large Pay Roll Stopped—Will be Rebuilt—Mr. A. B. Fisher's Residence Destroyed by Fire Friday.

The entire plant of the Kingsdale Lumber Co. at Kingsdale, 5 miles from Lumberton, was destroyed by fire of unknown origin Thursday night, destroying property valued at about \$60,000, throwing between 150 and 200 people out of employment, and stopping a pay-roll of about \$5,000 a month.

When first discovered about 9.15 o'clock at the south end of the planing mill the fire was about the size of a man, but it spread with incredible swiftness and in a short while the entire plant, which covered a large area, was a mass of devouring flame. All that was possible was done to check the flames, but the early exhaustion of the water supply available through the hydrants made hose useless, and the only defense was what water could be handled with buckets. That good work was done is evidenced by the fact that only six dwelling houses were burned. It seems a wonder, considering the size of the fire, that a single house was left standing in the entire village.

With the exception of the blacksmith shop, the entire plant, including hand-saw mill, 5 dry kilns, a stock of lumber, 5 planing machines, 5 boilers, the company store and warehouses (containing a stock valued at about \$10,000), was burned. Three box cars, one of them full of dressed lumber ready for shipment, were burned, as was also the depot and postoffice, which were a part of the company store building. Most of the books and valuable papers in the office of the mill were saved. The entire loss was estimated Friday by Mr. G. D. Yeakee, assistant treasurer of the company, as at least \$50,000 or \$60,000. The insurance will about cover the loss.

Six dwelling houses belonging to the company were burned, one of them unoccupied. Messrs. H. W. Ivey and Chas. Land occupied two of the houses, the others being occupied by negroes. Part of the furniture in these was burned.

The burning of this plant is a great blow to the people of that section. Between 150 and 200 people are thrown out of employment, some of them doubtless with nothing laid by for a rainy day, and a pay-roll that amounted to about \$5,000 a month suddenly ceases, for the present at least.

Mr. F. Sitterding, president of the company, of Richmond, Va., where all the stockholders live, passed through Lumberton Saturday on his way to Kingsdale. He says that as soon as the insurance is adjusted the plant will be rebuilt on a different plan, with concrete dry kilns. A later and more conservative estimate than that given above places the loss at between \$40,000 and \$50,000. The plant was built some 12 years ago by the Southern Sawmill & Lumber Co. and was sold about 3 years ago to the Kingsdale Lumber Co.

The residence of Mr. A. B. Fisher, used as a boarding house, just across the tracks from the Seaboard depot, was destroyed by fire Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock. The fire started on the roof, it is thought from a defective flue, and had gained considerable headway before it was discovered. Not much of the furniture was saved. It was a frame dwelling containing 21 rooms and had been built this year. The insurance of \$3,000 will about cover the loss.

It seems that with any sort of properly directed effort the lower part of the house might have been saved. No steam was up at the power house and the fire whistle could not be blown, and not a single hose was brought out. The house simply burned down for lack of any proper effort to check the flames.

Miss Jessie Beulah Moser, of Hickory, and Mrs. T. L. Johnson, of Lumberton, to be Married on the 22nd Inst.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Pierce Moser request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Jessie Beulah

to Mr. Thomas Lester Johnson on Wednesday afternoon the 22nd of December nineteen hundred nine at four o'clock Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Hickory, N. C.

At home after January 7, 1910 Lumberton, N. C.

Mr. Johnson is a promising young lawyer who came to Lumberton something over a year ago from the Western part of the State. Mr. T. A. McNeill, Jr., of Lumberton, will be best man at the wedding, and Messrs. E. J. Britt and W. S. Britt, of Lumberton, will be ushers. The honeymoon will be spent in Washington and perhaps New York, and on their return trip they will visit relatives of Mr. Johnson in Richmond and Danville, Va. Mr. Johnson is building on North Elm street a residence which is expected to be ready for his bride when he brings her to Lumberton in January.

Farmers' Meetings.

Congressman H. L. Godwin, Mr. J. O. Wright of the U. S. Drainage Office, and Mr. J. P. Campbell, field agent of the Farmers' Co-operative Demonstration work of the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., wound up Friday at Back Swamp a series of farmers' meetings, which were held at various points in Robeson and Cumberland counties. Meetings were held at St. Pauls Thursday and at Barker's Thursday night. The meetings were well attended, much interest was manifested, and it is thought that much good will result. The object was to teach the importance of drainage and good roads and to discuss other subjects of vital importance to the farming interests.

A Trip Around the World.

Know all men, women and children by these presents that a "Trip Around the World" will be given by the Young People's Society of the Presbyterian church on Friday evening, the 10th inst. Auto-cars will run every 10 minutes, the first car leaving "Union Station" (the court house) at 6 o'clock. America, Ireland, Scotland, Japan, China and the Sunny South will be visited. Refreshments will be served free in each country. Round trip, 25 cents for all.

Death of Mrs. Margaret McRae.

Mrs. Margaret McRae, relict of Chas. McRae, who died some 10 years ago, died suddenly Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock at her home at Alfordville, aged about 57 years. She was stricken at one o'clock Thursday afternoon with hemorrhage of the brain and never regained consciousness. The interment took place Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Ashpole Presbyterian church, near Rowland. Mrs. McRae was the last member of the family.

A meeting of the Robeson County Teachers Association was held at the graded school building Saturday, attended by 88 teachers, who were entertained at dinner at the Waverly hotel. Owing to the crowded condition of the paper a detailed report of this interesting meeting is held over for Thursday's paper.

Marriage of Miss Elizabeth Adams and Mr. Lacy Price.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

A quiet wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Adams, near Rowland, on the 18th ult. when their daughter, Miss Elizabeth, was married to Mr. Lacy Price, a prosperous young farmer of the Iona section. Only a few friends and relatives were present. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Price drove to Mr. J. E. Price's (father of the groom), where a delightful reception was given. Their many friends wish for them a prosperous and happy life.

Elrod, N. C., Dec. 3, 1909.

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MAXTON NEWS ITEMS.

Four Young Men From Scotland Find Homes Near Maxton—Skating Rink Opened To-day—Social and Other Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Col. G. B. Sellars and family spent several days last week in Rowland with Mrs. Sellars' father, Mr. Daniel J. McKay. Mr. Sandy Barker passed through Maxton Monday on his way to Red Springs. Mrs. Sadie Weatherly and Mrs. Pearson of Bennettsville, S. C., visited Mrs. T. L. Smith this week. County Treasurer M. G. McKenzie was in town Monday. Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon is spending a few days with relatives in Red Springs. Mr. J. T. John, Jr., of John Station passed through Maxton Wednesday night on his way to Wilmington. Messrs. Geo. McLeod of Lumberton, R. W. Livermore of Red Springs and W. J. Carter of Dillon, S. C., were at the Maple Shade Tuesday night. Mrs. Floyd of Fayetteville spent a few days with Mrs. T. G. Whitlock the first of the week. Mr. I. L. Davis, of the Elba Manufacturing Company of Charlotte, was in town this week in the interest of the oil mill which they are erecting here. Miss Minnie Lou McRae of the S. P. C., Red Springs, spent Sunday and Monday with home folks.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Dr. Hill's brother, Dr. J. M. Wharey. He died at his home in Davidson Wednesday morning. Dr. Hill attended the funeral.

The Ladies Foreign and Home Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church met at Mrs. M. E. McKinnon's this afternoon. This was the last meeting of this year. New officers were elected.

Much excitement was created last Tuesday morning by the alarm of fire. It was found to be a pile of poles between the tracks of the Seaboard and A. C. L., opposite the graded school house. The school boys soon had the hose out and had little trouble in extinguishing the fire.

Everyone will be glad to know that the town hall has been enlarged and improved. A hardwood floor has been laid and it will be opened as a skating rink next Monday by Messrs. June McKay and Jobie Weatherly, who have leased it for the coming year. It will be called "The Grand."

Four young Scotchmen arrived yesterday direct from Scotland. They have already succeeded in finding homes on farms, where they expect to study farming. They are: Messrs. C. Leith of Berwick, who is with Mr. H. C. McNair; A. A. McIntosh and J. H. McCall of Edinburgh, with Mr. Jas. McBryde; and A. A. McKenzie of Forres, with Capt. J. W. McLaughlin of Raeford. We hope these young men will like their new home and be given a hearty welcome.

Maj. A. J. McKinnon, who had been down at Councils on a deer hunt, came home the first of the week. The party caught thirteen.

The Edinburgh Book Club met with Mrs. J. S. McRae Thursday afternoon. This was an unusually interesting meeting. Misses Flora Currie and Maude McRae met the guests at the front door and little John Sumpter greeted them into the hall and ushered them into the parlor. Cards with a number of a committee on them were distributed and all were soon busy at some occupation—some sewing, others telling fairy tales, while others were in the kitchen cooking. Mrs. Malloy won the prize for dressing the prettiest doll, Miss Jimmie Croom for telling the most interesting story, and Mrs. R. M. Williams for making the best candy. The refreshments were a variety of most delicious fruits and candies. All had a most delightful time and voted Mrs. McRae a charming hostess.

Maxton, N. C., Dec. 3, 1909.

The greatest danger from influenza is of its resulting in pneumonia. This can be obviated by using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, as it not only cures influenza, but counteracts any tendency of the disease towards pneumonia. Sold by Dr. J. D. McMillan & Son and The Pope Drug Co.

RED SPRINGS REVIEWS.

Miss Ethel Johnson Entertains—An Informal Dance—Pleased With Return of Pastor—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Mrs. D. P. McEachern spent Friday and Saturday in Fayetteville. Mr. John McEachern and daughter, Miss Margaret, of Savannah, Ga., spent several days in Red Springs this week as the guests of relatives—Mrs. Sallie McNeill and little daughter, Betsy, of Laurinburg, spent Wednesday in town at the home of Mr. D. P. McEachern.

Miss Ethel Johnson charmingly entertained the Good Times Club at her beautiful home on College hill Thursday evening. The guests had lots of fun in an old-time spelling match and many had to sit down for missing very simple words, but this only made the game funnier. Miss Johnson is a fine hostess and she gave the members of the club a most pleasant evening.

Ex-Deputy Sheriff Barker of Lumberton and Mr. McIntosh of Wilmington were in town Thursday evening on business.

This evening Hotel Red Springs will give an informal ball. There will be a fine orchestra and many out-of-town guests are expected to be here. This will be the first ball that the new hotel has given, but there will be many more to follow. Mr. Price, the manager of the hotel, understands his business and has become very popular with the traveling public.

Dr. Vardell is away on an extended business trip. Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon of Maxton is visiting her uncle, Mr. Martin McKinnon. Mr. Wetzel spent several days of last week at his home in Gastonia.

Mr. Dock McEachern of Laurinburg was a visitor in town this week.

The people of Red Springs are so glad to have Rev. S. A. Cotton with us for the coming year. Mr. Cotton is a good preacher and a noble man, much loved by his own congregation and also by the people of other denominations.

Mrs. S. L. Morgan returned Monday to her home in Burlington after spending several days here with her mother, Mrs. Robeson.

Red Springs, N. C., Dec. 3, 1909.

Minor Court Cases.

Hector Hunt, Croatan, who lives 5 miles from town on the Fayetteville road, was arrested Friday and brought before Justice J. A. Rowland on the charge of disposing of mortgaged property. The trial was continued until Monday of next week and Hunt was released on a \$200 bond.

Mr. W. J. Odum, who lives on rural route No. 1 from Red Springs, brought to jail here Thursday Andrew McIntyre, colored, who was in a shooting scrape about a month ago and who held up a negro at Dundarach a week ago Saturday and told him he had been crossing his path enough and he was going to put out his lights—or so he is charged. Andrew was tried before Justice McLaughlin Wednesday and sent to jail in default of a \$200 bond.

Henry Faulk, colored, was before Mayor Rowland Saturday for using profane language in a public place. The case was dismissed.

At the Opera House.

Moving pictures, which will include the discovery of the North Pole by Dr. Frederick A. Cook, will be shown at the Lumberton opera house this evening and tomorrow evening. One film, which costs the management \$10 a night, shows Dr. Cook placing the American flag at the Pole. Doors will open at 7.30 o'clock and the show will begin at 8.15. Admission will be 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children.

Foley's Orino Laxative is best for women and children. Its mild action and pleasant taste make it preferable to violent purgatives, such as pills, tablets, etc. Cures constipation. Sold by all druggists.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

—Rev. Wm. E. Cox, an Episcopal minister of Wilmington, will preach in the Methodist church Thursday evening at 7.30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

—The Wilmington Evening Dispatch of the 1st has an article nearly two columns in length about the jewelry store of George Honnet in Wilmington. New quarters have just been occupied and The Dispatch says it is as handsome an establishment as there is in the South.

—Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Baker entertained members of the congregation of the Presbyterian church at the manse, corner of Chestnut and Tenth streets, Friday evening. There was much music, Mrs. J. R. Poole recited, refreshments were served, and an altogether delightful evening was spent.

—The young men's union prayermeeting will meet tomorrow evening at 7.15 o'clock in the Pythian hall on the third floor of the McLeod building. Short talks will be made on the "Possibilities of the young men of Lumberton." All the young men of the town are cordially invited to attend. A piano has been secured and there will be good music.

—A two-weeks' civil term of Robeson Superior Court convened this morning at 11 o'clock, Judge C. C. Lyon of Elizabethtown presiding. There are 288 cases on the docket and 60 on the calendar. Today is also the regular time for the monthly meetings of the county commissioners and the board of education and a large crowd is in town.

—Rev. C. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church of Lumberton, and Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth, pastor of the churches at Orrum, Long Branch, Saddle Tree and Bladenboro, will leave tomorrow morning to attend the Baptist State Convention, which convenes tomorrow evening in Wadesboro. Others from Lumberton will attend the Convention later in the week.

—Fayetteville Observer, 2d: Four fine looking, well dressed and healthy young men arrived in Fayetteville last night, coming direct from Scotland, having already been secured positions on farms here by Mr. Edward Bagley, the wealthy Scotchman, who was recently here. They are: A. A. McKenzie of Forres, going to Maj. J. W. McLaughlin's farm, Raeford; J. H. McCall of Edinburgh and A. A. McIntosh of Edinburgh, going to Mr. James McBryde's, Floral College; C. Leith of Berwick, going to Mr. H. C. McNair's, Maxton.

—The American Realty & Auction Co. of Greensboro will conduct a grand auction sale of lots at Maxton on Friday of this week. In the half-page Ad. of this sale in Thursday's paper the date was given right, the 10th, at the beginning of the Ad., and at one place near the end it appeared as the 17th. The date as given in the Ad. today is correct; the sale will be Friday, the 10th. The men who have the sale in charge assure its success. They have conducted some mighty successful sales in this section, and no unsuccessful ones.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. M. McAllister, who had been living at the home of Mr. McAllister's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McAllister, corner of Chestnut and Sixth streets, moved Friday into the residence of Capt. L. R. Breece, corner of Walnut and Fourth streets. Mrs. Breece went Friday evening to Pembroke, where Capt. Breece has been assisting in the store of his son, Mr. A. M. Breece, for some time, and thence they will go this week to Baxley, Ga., where they will make their home for some time with their daughter, Mrs. W. C. Fisher.

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