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## ST. PAUL NEWS.

**Directors and Officers of New Bank—To Erect Large Office Building—New Railroad Work—Personal.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

St. Paul, Feb. 15—The stock for the St. Paul Bank has been subscribed and at a meeting held here today the organization was completed, with capital stock \$10,000. The directors are as follows: L. Shaw, Dr. T. L. Northrop, E. N. Davis, L. McInnis, A. R. McEachern, A. B. McMillan, Bun Tolar, A. D. Evans, Dr. R. G. Rozier, L. L. McGooch, J. Joseph Allen. At the meeting of the directors the following officers were elected: Dr. T. L. Northrop, president; Mr. A. R. McEachern, vice president; Mr. L. McInnis, cashier. The bank will build a nice large brick building and arrange for the St. Paul Cotton Mill office and a drug store, also build a hall for the different orders, namely, Masons, K. of P. and Woodmen. Work on the building will begin immediately.

The contractors have begun work on the new railroad which is to run from here to Elizabethtown.

Mrs. Dudley Odum spent a few days with her husband, who is in Fayetteville at one of the hospitals. Mr. Odum's condition has not improved much.

Mr. R. C. Lawrence, of Lumberton, is here today. Mr. W. P. McAllister, also of Lumberton, spent yesterday in our town.

Mr. I. H. Townsend went to Fayetteville today on business.

Mr. W. K. Bethune, secretary and treasurer of the Robesonian Pub. Co., spent part of the day in our little town. Come again Mr. Bethune.

Mr. J. M. Butler, who lives near Tolarville, was here today. Mr. A. W. McLean, of Lumberton, was here last Friday.

## PARKTON PARAGRAPHS.

**A Valentine Party—Personal Mention.**

Parkton, Feb. 15—Miss Essie Lancaster delightfully entertained at a Valentine party at her home Monday evening. The out-of-town guests present were Messrs. Justin McNeill and W. N. Smith, of Lumberton, and O. P. Breece, of Fayetteville. Miss Lancaster proved herself a very charming hostess, giving her friends a jolly good time.

Miss Ethel Cashwell, who is teaching at Rennett, spent Saturday and Sunday at home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gillis attended the Gillis-Harmon wedding at Rockfish last week.

Messrs. O. P. Breece and Marshall Jones, of Hope Mills, were in town Sunday.

**To Build Through B. & L. Association—Mr. Wittkowsky Invited to Address Meeting Next Thursday.**

The first two applications for loans were passed yesterday by the Robeson Building & Loan Association, the applicants being Mr. Dennis Biggs and Rev. E. M. Hoyle. Mr. Biggs will build on his lot on North Elm street, between the residences of Mr. T. L. Johnson and Mr. J. L. Stephens, a 6-room cottage. The contract will be let in a few days and the house will be built at once. Mr. Hoyle will build a 6-room two-story house on his lot in Lindell, North Lumberton.

Mr. S. Wittkowsky, of Charlotte, has been invited by the Industrial & Commercial Club to address the citizens of the town on the building and loan on Thursday night of next week. If the date suits Mr. Wittkowsky a meeting will be held that will doubtless arouse much interest in this new institution for Lumberton.

A few minutes delay in treating some cases of croup, even the length of time it takes to go for a doctor often proves dangerous. The safest way is to keep Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house, and at the first indication of croup give the child a dose. Pleasant to take and always cures. Sold by Dr. J. D. McMillan & Son and The Pope Drug Company.

## PHILADELPHUS PENCILINGS

**Washington's Birthday Exercises—A Valentine Party—Personals.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Red Springs, R. F. D. 2, Feb. 15—A short programme is being prepared by our school for Washington's birthday. It will be open to any visitors who wish to attend.

Miss Kate McMillan, one of the former teachers here, spent last week visiting her sister, Mrs. A. MacKenzie. She is now in Soria, S. C., spending a while with relatives there.

A very novel and entertaining Valentine party was given at the home of Misses Blue Belle and Katie McCallum on the evening of the 14th. The Misses McCallum are ideal hostesses, and a fine time is reported by the many young folks present.

Misses Isable and Mary MacKenzie spent the week-end in Rowland, visiting at the hospitable home of that genial Scotchman, Mr. Sandy MacKenzie. They report a most enjoyable trip, and assure us that Rowland is the place to go for a good time.

Misses Mack Carmichael and Mary Weatherly, of Dillon, S. C., have been guests at the home of Mr. J. F. McKay for the past week.

Mrs. D. A. Buie, who has lately been confined to her bed with grippe, is convalescing.

Dr. Vardell, of the Presbyterian College at Red Springs, preached at the Philadelphus church in the absence of the pastor. His sermon was greatly enjoyed by all present.

"Uncle Joe."

**Mrs. B. R. Tillman, Jr., Wins Suit to Secure Possession of Children.**

Columbia, S. C. Dispatch, 15th.

Granting the mother's plea for the custody of her two little children, the Supreme Court of South Carolina this morning handed down a decision in favor of Mrs. B. R. Tillman, Jr., who sought to recover her two little girls, Douschka Pickens Tillman and Sarah Stark Tillman, from the possession of Senator and Mrs. B. R. Tillman. The decision is based on the ground that the deed of transfer by B. R. Tillman, Jr., was invalid, as applied to the mother, the act under which it was made being in violation of the State and the United States constitutions, in that it did not carry the signatures of both parents, the court, therefore, granted the application for habeas corpus. As soon as the decision was announced attorneys for young Mrs. Tillman took steps toward securing the children.

It is said that Mrs. Tillman may shortly bring suit for separation and ask the court to change the name of the children.

**A New Hospital Practically Assured.**

That Lumberton will have in the near future a new and up-to-date hospital is now practically assured. And this has been the work of only two days, for the matter had not been mentioned until Tuesday. On that day Dr. T. D. Kitchin conceived the idea that it would be a good thing for the town to have a hospital conducted upon certain lines, and the way in which the suggestion has been received by other doctors and by business men warrants the assertion that the hospital will be built.

It is proposed to form a stock company and to place the hospital when ready for operation in charge of some competent man who shall run it on a business basis and shall have entire control, no doctor having anything to do with the management. In this way patients who are taken there will be at liberty to summon any doctor they may prefer either from Lumberton or any other town. It is thought that doctors from other towns in the county will take stock.

The proposition has met with encouragement from the start and there seems no doubt that the hospital will be built.

## NOBODY'S BUSINESS.

**What's Everybody's Business—A Veteran Fisherman, an Ex-Lumbertonian, Wants to Know.**

To the Editor of The Robesonian.

Being an old Robesonian I very naturally have still in my system considerable interest in all that pertains to the good of the people of Robeson county, but this article will deal particularly with that portion adjacent to Lumber river.

Robeson is endowed with a great many things of which she should justly feel proud; not only the things which are constantly being accomplished by the tireless efforts of the good people within her borders, but her natural resources.

It is more particularly the latter to which I wish to call attention than the former, yet there will necessarily be a blend of the two in order to bring out the point I have in mind.

Not long since I read an article on the subject of draining Lumber river, and I am at a loss for words adequate to express the feeling caused by the realization of what this would mean. A few years ago I should have been very much opposed to any such project; not because I haven't always realized the good that this would bring to the people owning property adjacent to this river in the reclamation of real estate of untold wealth, but if this were done it would result in the destruction of the most palatable fish that ever swam and of the finest fishing grounds in the State of North Carolina. Under the wheels of progress conditions are continually changing, and what was probably at one time for the good of a people may now be to their great detriment. The inventive mind has not only been busy with warships and rapid-fire guns, but with fishing tackle as well.

It can therefore be readily understood, when, at this season of the year, the much-prized and beloved Red Breast can be purchased at the fish markets in towns over one hundred miles distant at considerably less money than will buy them on the banks of the Lumbee during fishing season, that it is well for the people of that community to have the dear old stream drained to the bottom, so that the vast acres of land adjacent thereto may be made available for agricultural purposes; for, it can easily be seen that the reputation of Lumbee for Red Breast will soon vanish, and will only be to a few old lovers of the fishing sport—a fond recollection. A few days ago, when walking up the streets of the town in which I now reside, my eyes fell upon a beautiful bunch of fish at one of the markets, and the recognition was instant. "Where did you get those fish?" I asked the market man, and he replied, "From Lumberton."

The writer of this article has had the pleasure of holding the large end of the rod on a good many occasions when there was a monster Red Breast making the fine sing through the water—a music that cannot be described in words; but never in his recollection did he know of such a thing occurring at this season of the year.

Yet, as the law forbids, and as we all know there are no traps or nets in this beloved stream, may I ask of you, Mr. Editor, if the times have so changed along the banks of the Lumbee as to make it possible for an old veteran to enjoy a few days of the old sport were he to get his tackle in order and drive in on the next train?

Ex Lumbertonian

## NOTICES OF NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Money to loan—McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor.  
A horse for sale.  
A great premium offer.  
Town lots and houses for sale.  
Beef cattle wanted.  
Winchester shotgun for sale.  
How to blast stumps—N. Jacob Hdw. Co.  
Win the prize at the Morris Steam Bakery.  
Bargains in real estate.

## A DELIGHTFUL AFTERNOON

**Young Matrons' Club Entertained by Mrs. George Godwin French.**

Reported for The Robesonian.

Mrs. George Godwin French entertained in honor of the Young Matrons' Club Friday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock. Owing to the inclement weather, carriages were sent for the guests by the thoughtful hostess.

Mrs. A. W. McLean received at the door, while Mrs. French welcomed the guests in the hall, inviting them into the sitting-room, where Mrs. Tom Cox received and conducted the guests to the conservatory, to the punch bowl, over which Miss Anna McLeod presided with grace and ease.

The halls and parlors were beautifully decorated in festoons of bamboo, and the curtains were adorned with cupids, hearts and arrows, all harmonizing in tasteful effect under the brilliant light of chandeliers.

Master Berry Godwin French, with his heart upon his sleeve, paid his respects to the ladies, winning many hearts in return for his gallantry.

A contest, in heart shape, engaged the earnest attention of the guests for some minutes. When the allotted time had expired the hostess requested all to repair to the dining-room, where a scene of beauty delighted the eye. The table, with snowy linen, ornamented with groups of crimson hearts encircled with sprays of smilax and suspended from chandelier to the corners of the table, made a blending of artistic color which was enhanced in beauty by a background of palms.

Misses Berta McNeill and Maria Nash served refreshments in heart design, both in salad course and cream and cake. Each guest was presented with a heart as a souvenir by the hostess, then all returned to the parlor to learn the result of the contest. Mrs. A. H. McLeod and Miss Anna McLeod cut for the prize, Miss Anna being successful. Several other ladies deserve "honorable mention" for just missing the prize, even by a half point. A crimson satin box of sweets in heart design with dainty blue ribbon was presented by the hostess.

Guests other than club members present were Mesdames Johnson, Parmele and Cox and Misses Virginia Whitfield, Anna McLeod and Katie Tate.

With reluctance we bade our hostess adieu, assuring her of our appreciation for an afternoon so full of delights.

**Smallpox at Rowland—Situation Well in Hand at Red Springs.**

Dr. W. A. McPhaul, county physician, received a message yesterday afternoon from Mayor Bullock, of Rowland, to the effect that there was smallpox in that town and to come at once to investigate. Dr. McPhaul started to Rowland last night but missed connection at Pembroke and returned, but has gone today in his automobile. Last night Dr. McPhaul was in conversation with Dr. Vardell, president of the Presbyterian College at Red Springs, and Dr. Vardell assured him that the danger was over there, that everybody had been vaccinated and the quarantine had been raised.

Dr. McPhaul wishes to call attention to the fact that the law requires cases of smallpox to be reported to the county physician and now that the disease is known to be in the county he urges everybody to be cautious and to report any cases that resemble smallpox to him.

**Negro Cuts Wife's Throat and Shoots Mother-in-Law.**

Fayetteville Observer, 15th.

News reached the city today that on last Thursday night in 71st township, four or five miles east of Raeford, Jerry Willis, a negro, cut his wife's throat, and as her mother, Annie Jones, came into the room he drew his pistol and shot her in the breast, from the effects of which she died last night. Willis escaped and is still at large. Annie Jones was the wife of Abram Jones, a well known colored man in that section.

## LOCAL TALENT MINSTREL.

**At the Opera House Tomorrow Evening—A Great Treat in Store.**

Reported for The Robesonian.

Local theatregoers have a rare treat in store for them tomorrow evening, when the local talent minstrels hold the boards at the opera house. For several weeks the best musical talent of the town has been faithfully engaged rehearsing the show which will be put on tomorrow evening, the result of which will be an entertainment that no professional organization could feel any hesitancy in reproducing if they could.

Like all other minstrels, this show will have two parts, the first part being given over entirely to songs and jokes, solos, quartettes and choruses. The second part will consist of comedy skits, high class vaudeville and more musical selections. A quartette which can't be beaten anywhere will give some of the latest and prettiest selections. Among the musical selections will be the following up-to-date and popular songs: "Do your Duty, Doctor;" "Say No;" "If I Could Gain the World by Wishing;" "I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now?" "If I Had a Thousand Lives to Live;" "There's a Warm Spot in My Heart for Tennessee;" "Some One's Knocking on My Family Tree;" "Come After Breakfast;" "Come be My Sunshine;" "Dearie;" "Transmag-nif-a-can-bam-dam-uality."

The manager of the local talent minstrel has made arrangements whereby the production will be completely staged and costumed in the very latest manner and every one desirous of putting away all cares for a few hours should come out and help the boys by their presence. Tickets are now on sale at McMillan's drug store, the prices being, 25, 35 and 50c, with the entire first floor reserved.

The proceeds of the performance will be given to the local chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy.

**How a Buggy Came to Grief—An Automobile the Innocent Cause.**

A buggy belonging to Mr. J. A. Barker came to grief Tuesday afternoon about 5 o'clock because a boy driving a two-horse team hitched to a wagon was interested in an automobile which his team did not give more than passing notice. Mr. Barker's horse was standing hitched to the buggy at the hitching post at the side entrance of the Bank of Lumberton, on Fourth street.

An automobile was standing across the street in front of The Robesonian office. Along came Mr. Dave Jones, son of Mr. Spurgeon Jones, who lives near Barker's, in the wagon. Mr. Jones was watching the automobile and did not notice how far he was edging to the side of the street away from the machine. The buggy was standing there not doing a thing. A hub on one of the wagon wheels caught the right rear wheel of the buggy, caught a felly between two spokes, and tilted the buggy up a bit, and the wagon passed on. And then the horse hitched to the buggy, which had been quiet up to that time—the horse, not the buggy—suddenly took an interest in things and did the rest. No wonder. He wanted to know, doubtless, hucum violence was being done to his buggy; so he reared and pitched and succeeded in turning the buggy wrong side up, broke a shaft, and had almost gotten loose himself when he was caught. Besides the broken shaft, the only serious injury to the buggy was a broken wheel—the right rear wheel, the one that was caught. The wagon kept a-going.

—Mr. J. R. Morris went to Wilmington Saturday night and returned Monday evening with Mrs. Morris, who had been under treatment in Wilmington for a month and had been staying at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. T. Kerr. Her many friends will be glad to know that Mrs. Morris' condition is very much improved.

## LOCAL BRIEFS.

—The condition of Miss Flora Neill McMillan, who has been very sick since Sunday, is somewhat improved.

—Mr. G. S. McKenzie has been appointed corresponding member for Lumberton of the interstate Y. M. C. A., the headquarters of which are in Charlotte.

—Deputy Sheriff T. C. Barnes left this morning for Goldsboro to take Betty McNair a demented colored woman who was brought to the jail here from Raynham a few days ago, to the State Hospital at that place.

—The regular services of the young men's union prayermeeting will be held Sunday afternoon at three o'clock in the Pythian hall over the postoffice. Mr. T. E. Petty will conduct the services and the subject will be, "What Solomon asked and how God answered." Men are cordially invited.

—Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Inman and infant daughter moved Tuesday to Lumberton from Pembroke and are occupying a house belonging to Mr. G. G. French near the V. & C. S. depot. Mr. Inman for the past few years has operated a saw mill for the Pembroke Plaining Mill Co. He will work for the Kingsdale Lumber Co. here.

—Mr. Walter Smith, of Linden, who had been in the Highsmith hospital at Fayetteville for some time, was brought to the Thompson hospital Tuesday. He was accompanied by his brother, Mr. Lawrence Smith, of Linden, and Mr. T. A. McNeill, Jr. Mr. Smith is a brother of Mrs. T. A. McNeill. His condition today is thought to be much improved.

—Messrs. Frank Meares, carrier on rural route No. 5 from Lumberton; Hughey M. White, who lives near Barker's; and Frank Wisard, of Lumberton, left Tuesday evening for Baltimore, where the three of them will undergo operations at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. It is understood that none of the operations is of a very serious nature.

—Mrs. Nannie Williams, field agent for the North Carolina Children's Home Society of Greensboro, which society is doing a great work in placing neglected children in good homes throughout the State, spent Tuesday and yesterday in Lumberton. Lumberton people are always generous in contributing to this cause and several children have been placed in good homes here by the society.

—Tom Covington, 58 years old, a well-known and highly-esteemed negro who had been in the employ of Mr. L. H. Caldwell for the past 42 years, died yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at his home in "New Town", in the north-eastern part of town. The remains will be interred tomorrow at the old Morris cemetery at McMillan's mill, about two miles from town. Tom had been sick for about 3 months. His wife and several children survive.

—Mr. R. L. Sledge returned Tuesday night from Leaksville, Rockingham county, where the remains of his father, Mr. F. L. Sledge, were interred Monday. Mr. Sledge was 76 years old. He died Saturday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of his son, Mr. F. M. Sledge, in Winston, where he had been visiting since last December. The funeral took place from the First Baptist church of Winston at 11 o'clock Sunday morning and the remains were taken to Leaksville Sunday afternoon.

**Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Caldwell Entertain.**

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Caldwell entertained a few friends at dinner Tuesday evening at their home on Elm street. Those present were: Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Durham, Dr. and Mrs. H. T. Pope, Mr. and Mrs. Ira L. Pope, Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Higley, and Mrs. W. R. Pope, of Franklin, Indiana, who has been spending some time in town visiting at the homes of Dr. and Mrs. H. T. and Mr. and Mrs. Ira L. Pope.