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HOPE MILLS NEWS.

A Three-Year-Old Child Shot and killed—A Sign of Progress—Adding to Railroad Facilities—Other Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Hope Mills, March 21—Mr. H. H. Pate visited Fayetteville Monday.

Bishop Strange will preach in the Episcopal church here on Tuesday night, April 5th.

Another sidewalk has been added to the business part of town. This shows progress.

On next Sunday Rev. P. T. Britt will preach at Mt. Gilead, 11 a. m.; Union Springs, 3:30 p. m.; at Cotton, at 7:30 p. m.

Mr. James A. Bynum, who has been visiting his brother, Mr. J. G. Bynum, of Newbern, has returned home.

The Hope Mills Mfg. Co. is having drilled an artesian well near No. 4 mill. This is a very valuable addition to its excellent plant.

Rev. J. D. Pegram preached a very fine sermon here in the Methodist church Sunday. He will preach on next Sunday at Parkton, 11 a. m. and 1:30 p. m. and at Lumber Bridge at 3:30 p. m.

The Massey Hill Sunday school choir and the Hope Mills Baptist Sunday school choir will give a song service here in the Baptist church on next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Everybody is cordially invited.

The A. C. L. Railroad Co. is having installed a distant signal outfit here at Hope Mills costing \$1,600, which, together with a union depot it anticipates having, will add greatly to its railroad facilities at this point.

On last Thursday night at about 8 o'clock a terrible crime was committed at the home of Sim McLean, an old colored man who lives two and one-half miles from Hope Mills, when Gaston Kirk shot and killed his little niece, Nancy McLean, a seven-year-old granddaughter of Sim McLean.

About two weeks prior to this time Kirk and his wife had a quarrel at their home in Grey's Creek township, when the wife took her children and went to the home of her father, Sim McLean, near Hope Mills. Thursday night Kirk went to the house of his father-in-law, and asked his wife why she had not brought his children back. She replied that she did not think he wanted them back. Picking up his three-year-old boy, he started for the gate. The grandmother asked him not to take the child off at that time of the night and sent her daughter, Kirk's wife, after him. When he reached the gate, he turned, and drawing a pistol, fired, with the intention of shooting the grandmother. Instead, one of the three balls fired struck the little seven-year-old daughter of the late Gertrude McLean, his wife's sister, in the center of the forehead and went clear through the skull, causing instant death.

Kirk, who had the little boy in his arms when he fired, dropped the child and ran off. We have not, as yet, heard of his being captured.

Lumber Bridge Locals.

Correspondence of The Robesonian

Lumber Bridge, March 23—Mr. and Mrs. D. Z. McGowan went to Buie's Creek last Friday to see their son, Mr. Ernest McGowan, who has a severe attack of pneumonia.

Miss Fannie Avert, of Jonesboro, is visiting at Mr. W. S. Cobb's this week.

We are glad to see Mrs. Cottingham, who has been on the sick list for some time, able to be out again.

Some of the young men of Lumber Bridge had better learn to tie their horses or they might get into trouble.

Mr. J. R. McGowan, of Rocky Mount, was in town Saturday night.—Mr. D. Z. McGowan spent Monday in Fayetteville.—Misses Clyde and Stella Chason spent Sunday with relatives at St. Paul.—Misses Pauline Stamps and Grace Barber went to Antioch Sunday.—Mrs. Beverly, of Bennettsville, is visiting Mrs. Cottingham this week.

RED SPRINGS REVIEWS.

The Laymen's Convention at Antioch—Some of the Subjects and Speakers—A Good Concert.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Red Springs, March 22—The laymen's convention at Antioch church Sunday was an occasion of much interest.

At 10 a. m. the meeting was opened with devotional exercise conducted by Rev. Dr. Vardell. The first address by a layman was then made by Mr. K. M. Barnes, of Barnesville, who spoke interestingly on "The Bible Basis of Missions." This was followed by a masterly presentation of the great subject of missions, the aims and purposes of the laymen's movement, by Dr. W. J. Martin, of Davidson College.

This was indeed a soul-stirring address, delivered in earnestness and with force, after an humble appeal for the presence and help of the Holy Spirit to carry home to the hearts of the hearers the words spoken. Surely it was not possible for any to have listened to Dr. Martin, following him throughout, without having his heart touched with sympathy for those knowing not the Gospel—touched, too, with a feeling of the responsibility resting upon Christians "to be up and doing," lest they be held accountable.

Noon having now arrived, a basket dinner was served in the grove.

In the afternoon, Mr. Fairly Patterson spoke on the practical side of the subject, of the means used in his church, Laurel Hill, whereby the laymen had organized themselves and were "going forward" in interest, zeal and contributions to missions. Then Mr. J. W. McLaughlin, of Raeford, spoke on the "Needs and Claims of the Heathen," and this was followed by an appeal to men to organize as workers, and to take part in the strife for the evangelization of the world, by Mr. H. W. Malloy, of Wilmington.

A concert that was highly enjoyed was given in the college auditorium last evening by Miss Lillian Farquhar, violinist, and Mr. Chas. G. Vardell, pianist. The names of these two most talented musicians are always sufficient guarantee for a pleasant evening—a veritable treat—so a good audience assembled, as usual, and all were highly pleased.

Dr. B. F. McMillan left Tuesday morning for Baltimore to visit his son, Mr. Roscoe D. McMillan, and to spend a while taking lectures, etc.

Mrs. Howard, who has spent a good part of the winter in Red Springs, left Tuesday for her home in Canada. She is well pleased with our town, especially its water and climate, and announced her intention of returning next winter.

Death of Mr. Isham C. Pitman.

Reported by The Robesonian.

Mr. Isham C. Pitman, who lived with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Woodberry Clewis, in East Lumberton, died Sunday night of pneumonia, which seized him on Wednesday evening before.

Mr. Pitman was a son of the late Jordan Lee Pitman and was 25 years old; and was a member of Antioch Baptist church. The remains were buried Monday at 4 p. m. in the family cemetery in Wisharts township in the presence of a very large crowd of friends and relatives, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. J. M. Fleming, pastor of East Lumberton Baptist church.

Meeting of Camp Pope.

To the Officers and Members of Camp Willis H. Pope, U. C. V.:

You are hereby earnestly requested to meet in the court house in Lumberton Saturday, April 2d, at 2:30 o'clock p. m. It is desired that every member of the camp be present, as business of importance is to be transacted. By order of

M. G. McKenzie, Adj. J. A. McAllister, Commander.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Lamb, of Kingsdale, were among the visitors in town yesterday.

MAXTON NEWS.

Bennettsville Defeats Maxton—Movements of the People.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Maxton, March 22—Miss Mattie Williams McLean came home to-night from Lumberton, where she had been visiting relatives for several weeks.—Messrs. Blackwell and Wooten and Dr. Smith, of Rowland, spent Sunday in town.—Miss Ina McNair and Mrs. James Jones, of Laurinburg, were in Maxton today.—Misses Mary and Mattie Watson, of Riverton, attended Patterson McKinnon's millinery opening today.—Mr. J. P. Wiggins went to Garland yesterday.—Mr. E. L. McConney went to Bennettsville Monday.—Messrs. Frank Tatum and Moore, of McCall, S. C., were in town Sunday.—Mr. Jack Crosslyn, of Bennettsville, was in Maxton Sunday, the guest of his sister, Mrs. L. R. Kirkpatrick.

Quite an interesting game of ball was played here this afternoon by Bennettsville and Maxton. The score was eight to seven in favor of the visiting team.

Mr. S. B. McLean went to Raleigh Wednesday on legal business.—Miss Cammie McCaskill went to Red Springs Sunday.

Deputy Sheriff J. T. Singletary, of Lumberton, was in Maxton today collecting license tax.

Messrs. R. M. McQueen and M. W. McLean, of Raeford, were in town Tuesday.—The Misses McMillan, of Spring Hill, were in town shopping today.—Mr. A. H. McArn, and family, of Laurinburg, came over in their automobile on Tuesday.—Mr. Sandy McKinnon went to Norfolk Monday night.—Mr. B. W. Phillips and a party of young ladies drove over to Rowland Tuesday in automobiles.

Senator Simmons Brings State's Appropriation to \$1,270,000, Largest Amount it Ever Received.

Washington Cor., 23d. Charlotte Observer.

Senator Simmons covered himself with glory before the commerce committee today by adding \$265,000 more for North Carolina waters to the river and harbor bill, making the total amount added by him \$870,000. The bill, as amended, carries provisions for \$1,270,000, the largest amount the State ever got.

The best thing about the situation is that Mr. Simmons says that every dollar will stick in conference.

This bill, as it left the House, carried \$390,000. Senator Simmons may still add several hundred thousand dollars more for the purchase of the Albemarle and Chesapeake canal as a part of the inland waterway, if the survey gets in time.

Of the sum added today, \$200,000 is for the lower Cape Fear, below Wilmington. The House provided for \$200,000, making a total of \$400,000, half of which is to be used to construct a modern hydraulic dredge for exclusive use in that river.

Notices of New Advertisements.

Newest springs fabrics—W. J. Prevatt.

Tailor from Baltimore here today with Chas. P. McAllister. A reduction in watches—Boylan's Jewelry Store.

White & Gough use a page to tell of some unheard-of bargains. Opportunities lying all about you—see the A. K. J. W. Co.

See J. N. Creel to have your house moved, raised or straightened.

Young man wanted to travel with manager.

Eight weeks after it had begun its investigation for alleged violations of the Sherman law, a Federal grand jury at Chicago Monday returned indictments against the National Packing Company and ten subsidiary concerns. Immediately after the announcement of the indictment before Judge Kennesaw M. Landis, the government filed a suit seeking the dissolution of the National Packing Company. The latter action is known as a suit in equity, and besides those indicted, sixteen firms and individuals are made defendants.

OUT SADDLE TREE WAY.

All Should Help in Betterment Work—Home Mission Rally—Other Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Lumberton, R. F. D. 2, March 22—We hear Miss Hattie Powell will entertain a few of her friends on the evening of the 25th.

Mr. H. A. M'White has returned from a hospital at Fayetteville.

Dr. S. B. Rozier, after spending two weeks with his son, Mr. S. B. Rozier Jr., returned to his home in Fayetteville.

The betterment society meets at Saddle Tree school house at 3 p. m. Friday before the third Sunday in each month. We do think everybody should take a great interest in this organization and come out and help us accomplish something.

Some of the members of Barker's church met the 13th in a rally on home missions and with the aid of the pastor, Rev. W. A. Jenkins, and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Humphrey, Mrs. Ellen Redman and Mrs. Daisy Jenkins of Lumberton, got up considerable enthusiasm and gained several members to the society.

W. B. Hudson is to exhibit motion pictures at Saddle Tree school house this evening.

There will be a home mission rally at Barker's church on the evening of the tenth of April.

Rev. N. R. Pitman Closes Successful Meeting at Fairmont—Greatly Impressed with evidences of Prosperity in Robeson.

Rev. N. R. Pitman, who had been assisting the pastor, Rev. D. P. Bridges, in a meeting at the Baptist church at Fairmont for two weeks, spent Monday night in Lumberton at the home of his nephew, Mr. M. W. Floyd, on Tenth street, and left yesterday for his home in Kansas City, Mo. The meeting, interest in which increased daily from the beginning to the close, closed Sunday.

Mr. Pitman is a brother of Mrs. A. E. Floyd, of Fairmont, and has many relatives in that and other sections of the county, also a host of friends, all of whom were delighted to welcome this former Robesonian. His father was for many years pastor of the Baptist churches in Lumberton and Fairmont, and he was at one time a compositor on The Robesonian. He is still in newspaper work, being on the editorial staff of The Word and Way of Kansas City, and he has an enviable reputation as a writer and speaker. In recent years he has visited China and Japan twice and during his stay in this State he delivered several interesting lectures on mission work in those countries. During the 18 days prior to Monday Mr. Pitman, though not at all well during that time, preached or lectured from one to three times every day.

Mr. Pitman was greatly impressed with the progress made in Robeson since he lived in the county and thinks that the future holds boundless possibilities for this section. His father owned at one time some 300 acres of land in the Fairmont section which he sold years ago for \$10 an acre. Mr. Pitman thought he would like to purchase some of the land formerly owned by his father, but upon inquiry he found that \$75 an acre had been refused for some of it recently and that other portions are held at an even higher figure.

Death of Mrs. Vance Paul.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Parkton, March 21—This community was saddened Saturday morning by the death of Mrs. Vance Paul, which occurred at her home near here about eight o'clock.

Mrs. Paul was a daughter of Samuel Cox, of Marlboro county, South Carolina, and had only recently moved here. She joined the Baptist church early in life and had been a faithful member ever since.

The interment took place Sunday morning at eleven o'clock at Lumber Bridge.

The deceased is survived by her husband, who has the profound sympathy of this section.

ROWLAND NEWS ITEMS.

Improvements at the Graded School—Meeting of Book Club—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Rowland, March 23—Mrs. H. K. McCormick spent Tuesday in Fayetteville.—Mr. Charlie Walker spent a few days with his parents here last week.—Mr. Will Pleasant, of Lumberton, is spending a few days with his brother, Mr. V. G. Pleasant.—On account of ill health Miss Lola Bell, who has been attending Littleton College, is at home.—Mr. E. C. McCall, of Durham, spent a few days last week with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. F. B. McCall.

On account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. W. W. Webster left Friday for Waycross, Ga. Mrs. T. J. Williams has been sick several days. A trained nurse from Fayetteville is with her.

Miss Hassie Smith, who had been visiting relatives near Clio, S. C., is at home.—After spending several weeks in New York, Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Crawford returned last Thursday.—Mr. Ernest Barker returned Monday, from a short business trip to Greensboro.—Misses Mary and Kate Southerland, Nettie Pace, Margaret Baldwin and Jessie Burns, of Maxton, spent Tuesday night in Rowland.—Mr. J. McR. Bracy spent Monday in Fayetteville.

Tuesday and Wednesday Mrs. Milton Lytle and the McArn Co. had their millinery opening.

Rowland has a graded school that any town of its size should be proud to own. The building is of brick, is well furnished, and has a beautiful auditorium. Recently, some improvements have been made on the grounds, also the interior of the building has been beautified by the addition of pictures, potted plants, etc. There are six teachers in the school and two hundred and thirteen pupils enrolled. The school is doing a splendid work and is making rapid progress.

Thursday evening the H. G. L. Book Club held its regular meeting with Miss Mattie Draughon.

The new officers presided and almost all the members were present. A very interesting program followed the business part of the meeting. One feature of the program was a literary contest, which was thoroughly enjoyed. Delicious refreshments were served by Misses Draughon and Alford. As each one departed, declared Miss Draughon to be a charming hostess. The next meeting will be with Miss Phila Ballard. Those present were: Mr. J. McR. Bracy and Miss Maude McLeod; Mr. T. J. Graham and Miss Phila Ballard; Mr. Taylor Marrow and Miss Elma Alford; Mr. O. P. Chitty and Miss Bess McCormick; Mr. Eugene Bond and Miss Nina McCall; Dr. J. McN. Smith and Miss Sallie Graham; Mr. James Campbell and Miss Harriet McLeod; Mr. Ernest Ward and Miss Lula McCall. Stags: Messrs. Ernest Watson, Edison Lytle, John McArn, Jack Ward, Ernest Barker, Grady McCormick.

Mr. Frank Gough Victim of Unusual Accident.

Mr. Frank Gough returned Tuesday night from Richmond, Va., where he went for repairs after a rather unusual accident.

Sunday afternoon, at his home on the corner of Chestnut and Third streets, while unharnessing his horse the animal threw his head up and around unexpectedly, landing with terrific force on Mr. Gough's jaw, knocking two teeth loose, knocking off two crowns, and breaking part of a bridge. The accident happened after 5 o'clock, about three-quarters of an hour before Seaboard train No. 39 passes, and Mr. Gough immediately decided to go to Richmond and have the damage repaired at once. He had no idea of hanging around and letting grass grow under his feet while suffering from that blow. His mouth is still sore and he is living on thin diet now, but he thinks it will be all right in a few days.

Mr. J. N. Jacobi, of Wilmington, was a Lumberton visitor yesterday.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

—Monday being a national holiday the banks of the town will be closed.

—Mr. C. M. Fuller returned this morning from Atlanta, Ga., where he purchased a car load of mules for his sales stables.

—Mr. A. W. McLean, who went to Baltimore ten days ago for treatment, is steadily improving and he and Mrs. McLean, who went with him, are expected home tomorrow.

—Mr. J. N. Creel, of Dunn, began work this morning moving Mr. A. E. White's residence further back on his lot on Chesnut street, where he will build a fine 12-room residence. The house will be turned to face Seventh street.

—Wade, infant and only child of Mr. and Mrs. Purdie L. Freeman, of East Lumberton, died Monday night and was buried yesterday morning in the cemetery at the county home, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. J. M. Fleming.

—"Things in motion sooner catch the sight than what not moves." And of that truth the Lumberton Drug Co. is taking advantage. It has rigged up a couple of wheels in the window of its store on Elm street, these wheels are laden with talcum powder, and a little motor drives them round and round.

—A revival meeting began Monday evening at the National Cotton Mills in which Rev. J. M. Fleming, pastor of East Lumberton Baptist church, is being assisted by Rev. R. N. Cashwell. The interest in these meetings increases with each service. They will continue indefinitely and the public is cordially invited to attend.

—It was Mr. Joe N. Regan, of rural route No. 1 from Lumberton, who brought the unusually large blue Andalusian hen eggs to The Robesonian office Saturday, and not Mr. Jno. N. Regan, as was inadvertently stated. Mr. Jno. N. Regan came to town Tuesday and was besieged with requests from people who wanted to buy some of these unusual eggs.

—As mentioned in Monday's Robesonian, Messdames R. D. Caldwell and Jno. T. Biggs left Monday for Oxford, where they are attending the 20th session of the Woman's Missionary Union of the North Carolina Convention, which convened in the Oxford Baptist church Tuesday evening and will last through tomorrow. Mrs. Caldwell was on the program to conduct the united devotional exercises yesterday afternoon.

—This is on the quiet and you must not tell anybody: a bunch of young men hid themselves away this morning to a small town in South Carolina to see a main fought, to see a match at cockfighting. "My lord would ride 20 miles to see a main fought", said one of Thackeray's characters; but that lord was not in a class by himself: there are others. You don't have to know just who went, or the place, do you? Sorry. So long.

—Quite a number of ladies of the town have complained of having flowers stolen from their yards during the last few days. The flowers have been going. The attractiveness of many yards has been greatly disturbed. It is learned that several little boys, who loaf about the streets when they should be in other places, have been paying their way into the 9 cent show, which does business on a vacant lot next to Mr. E. D. McNeill's residence, with nice bunches of hyacinths. Maybe this explains.

—Mr. L. Shaw, of St. Paul, who owns the building occupied by the stores of Messrs. H. C. Boylin and John Wishart, one of the buildings which stand out upon the sidewalk on Elm street, has agreed to move his building and put in a steel and plate-glass front, like Messrs. White & Gough, who own the adjoining building, will put in. This will be an immense improvement. The thing in order now is to have the building across Fourth street from this one moved back.