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ROWLAND NEWS ITEMS.

Woodmen Unveiling—An Afternoon Picnic—Quarterly Conference—District Conference Delegates—Personals.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Rowland, March 30—Miss Janie Cobb, who is attending Columbia College, spent Easter at home. Miss Sallie Johnson, of Greensboro spent the Easter holidays with her parents here. Mr. Will Leach, of Wilmington, was in town last week. Mr. H. K. McCormick spent last Sunday in Dillon, S. C.—Dr. J. McN. Smith returned Tuesday from a short visit to his home near Laurinburg. Miss Mattie Draughon is visiting friends and relatives in Maxton. Mr. Webb Barnes, of Maxton, spent the Easter holidays with his sister, Mrs. T. W. Stackhouse. Miss Mary McMillan, who had been spending some time with her sister Mrs. Ann McArn, returned to her home near Raeford Monday. Mr. Ernest Barker spent Sunday at his home near Lumberton.

Miss McDaniel, a trained nurse who had been attending Mrs. T. J. Williams, was called to her home in Rocky Mount last Sunday on account of the death of her mother.

Popular camp, Woodmen of the World, of Rowland, on last Sunday afternoon unveiled a monument to the late Sovereign Z. T. Graham, at Carolina cemetery. Quite a large number attended.

Last Tuesday the members of the H. G. L. Book club enjoyed an afternoon picnic at the home of Mr. W. H. Graham, and every one thoroughly enjoyed it.

Mrs. W. H. Flowers was called to Fayetteville Sunday on account of the death of her sister.

Rev. F. B. McCall and daughter, Miss Nina, are spending a few days with relatives near Maxton.

Misses McArn, McNeil and McEachin accompanied by Mr. Brown and Dr. Hodges, of Red Springs, were visitors in Rowland last Sunday.

Last Saturday afternoon a number of boys and girls enjoyed an Easter egg hunt.

Rev. Dr. Moore, of Rockingham, spent last Friday night at the Methodist parsonage in Rowland on his way to Purvis, where he held the first quarterly conference for the Rowland circuit. There was a large attendance and his sermons on Saturday and Sunday were greatly enjoyed. The following were elected delegates to the district conference which meets in Rockingham April 28 to 30: J. D. McArthur, W. F. Adams, W. B. Webb, H. K. McCormick; alternates, J. W. Gaddy, Wm. Stubbs, J. A. McRae, T. J. Graham.

PARKTON PARAGRAPHS.

Series of Meetings Closes—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Parkton, March 29—Miss Ethel Marsh, a student at the S. P. C. Red Springs, and Miss Dail Cashwell, of Meredith College, Raleigh, spent Easter at home.

Mrs. T. W. Thompson and little son returned home Sunday from a visit to relatives in and near Lumberton.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Parham, of Wilmington, are visiting at the home of Mr. Parham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Parham.

Mr. D. H. McCormick, a student at Warrenton high school, and Mr. W. H. Perry, at Buie's Creek, arrived home last week to spend the summer.

Mrs. Robt. Monroe and Miss Iris Cashwell spent Saturday in Fayetteville shopping.

The series of meetings which has been in progress at the Presbyterian church, conducted by Rev. Mr. Wicker, closed last night.

The Marion, S. C., Black Diamonds and the Lumberton Cubs, colored teams, crossed bats on the latter's grounds Tuesday and yesterday afternoons. The Cubs winning both games. The score Tuesday afternoon was 6 to 5, yesterday, 8 to 1.

HOPE MILLS NEWS.

Church Services—Commencement Exercises—Marriage of Miss Lula Melvin and Mr. Lloyd Smith—Other Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Hope Mills, March 29—Rev. P. T. Britt will preach in the Baptist church here next Sunday at 11 a.m. and at 7:30 p.m. Rev. J. D. Pegram will preach at Sandy Grove next Sunday at 11 a.m. and at Cumberland at 7:30 p.m. On Saturday afternoon fire broke out from both the A. C. L. and V. C. S. railroads near this place and destroyed quite a lot of timber and fence on Dr. J. C. Gilbert's place.

Special Easter services were conducted in the Episcopal church Sunday night. Rev. N. C. Duncan, the pastor, will preach in this church on next Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock.

On last Thursday evening Mr. Lloyd Smith, of Hope Mills, R. F. D. No. 2, and Miss Lula Melvin, of Fayetteville, R. F. D. No. 8, were very happily married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Melvin, who live near Cape Fear Baptist church. This popular young couple have the best wishes of a host of friends.

The closing exercises of the Hope Mills graded and high school will take place on Friday night, April 8th. The program will consist of recitations, declamations, drills and songs. Prof. M. C. S. Noble, professor of pedagogy in the University of North Carolina, will deliver the literary address on the night of April 6th or 7th. The exact date is not yet determined. Rev. Watson Fairley, of Fayetteville, will preach the commencement sermon next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The song service held at the Baptist church last Sunday afternoon was a decided success. A beautiful selection of songs was rendered by both the Hope Mills and Massey Hill choirs and there was some very fine singing done on both sides. The church was filled to overflowing, and the occasion was enjoyed immensely by every one present. The people of Hope Mills were very favorably impressed with the high-classed music furnished by the Massey Hill choir, which is spoken of in very complimentary terms.

The Massey Hill Furniture Company, L. M. Culbreth, manager, is the style of a new firm which has been organized for the purpose of conducting a general furniture business in the Holt-Morgan village. Messrs. L. M. Culbreth and J. A. Bynum, of this place, are the proprietors, and they will open up their business about the 15th of April in the building now being used for a drug store.

Out Singletary's Cross Roads Way—A Runaway.

Instead of writing a letter this week The Robesonian's correspondent at Singletary's Cross Roads dropped in the office Monday afternoon and submitted a few oral observations about the happenings in that section, in substance as follows:

Miss Sallie West, daughter of Mr. E. W. West, who lives near Singletary's, and Mr. Chas. Norton, of Scotland county, ran away Saturday. Miss Sallie told her sister, Miss Attie, that she was going to get married and would return in a week and get her clothes. The correspondent knew no more about it.

Mr. C. W. Byrd's wife and three children, who have been very sick recently, Mrs. Byrd with neuralgia in her head and the three children with pneumonia, are improving.

Meeting of Democratic Executive Committee.

Chairman G. B. McLeod is issuing a call to the township chairmen for a meeting of the Democratic executive committee of the county to be held in Lumberton Wednesday of next week, April 6th, for the purpose of determining the manner of nominating candidates, whether by precinct meetings, by primary election or by county convention.

ELIZABETHTOWN ECHOES.

Railroad Prospects Bringing Land and Timber in Demand—Enough to Shock the Queen—Mr. O. L. Clark for Congress—Other Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Elizabethtown, March 29th—Buying land and timber is the order of the day in Bladen. Certainty of good railroad facilities in the western portion of the county is bringing the excellent land in that section sharply before the eyes of prospective buyers. Many people from other sections think that Bladen county, lying from forty to sixty miles from the seacoast, is a crawfish hole, whereas much of the county is rugged and hilly, and almost all of it a fine class of land with good red clay subsoil. The bank building at Elizabethtown made an aggressive effort to burn on Wednesday, the 24th, but the bucket brigade tumbled out and drowned everything in sight.

Some people think that the name of this historic town should be changed to "Etown." Wouldn't that shock the queen?

The district meeting of the order of Knight's of Pythias at Clarkton on April 7th has been laid in the shade by the millinery opening at the O. L. Clark Company's on March 29th.

The county Democratic executive committee is called to meet in Elizabethtown on April 11th.

O. L. Clark has not yet announced himself a candidate for Congress, but it is believed that he will do so within the next ten days, and the Bladen boys are getting ready to rally around the flag. Mr. Clark is an able man and the county would be glad of the opportunity to support him for Congress. The last congressman furnished by Bladen, General Jas. I. McKay, was known as "the watch-dog of the Treasury," and was the real author of a famous tariff bill that bears the name of another. In these parlous times, when even the Republicans admit that the government is entirely too extravagant, why not let Bladen put another good man on the job? It is about Bladen's time to get a pull at congressional honors anyway, and Oscar L. Clark is just the kind of sober, safe, honest, energetic, successful business man that makes the very best type of Congressman.

DEMONSTRATION WORK.

A Man to be Placed in Robeson in September—Nature of the Work Done.

President W. S. Cobb, of the county Farmers' Union, who, with members of the executive committee of the Union, went to Washington recently to see Dr. S. A. Knapp, who is at the head of the Co-operative Demonstration Work of the Department of Agriculture, in regard to demonstration work in Robeson, intended to write an account of the trip for Robesonian readers, but he says that The Robesonian has already published about all there was to the trip from other papers. Dr. Knapp was glad to welcome the delegation and will be glad to help in any way possible. He promised to put a man in Robeson, if possible, about the first of September.

The men working under instructions from Dr. Knapp's department instruct farmers how to do about every practical problem on the farm, analyze the soil, tell what fertilizer to use to make it produce, go from house to house and advise what to do about chickens, hogs, and everything else on the farm. Live, active, energetic men are wanted in every county to do this work under the guidance of the Department at Washington. Men are wanted in Robeson for this work. Dr. Knapp told Mr. Cobb and his party that he considers North and South Carolina the best farming States in the S. U. and he is looking for great things from this section.

Miss Mattie McLean, of Maxton, arrived this morning for a few days visit at the home of her brothers, Messrs. A. W. and A. T. McLean.

MAXTON NEWS.

An Automobile-Buggy Collision—Miss Mattie McLean Entertains the Merry-Go-Rounders—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Maxton, March 29—Miss Mattie Wiswall, of Washington, N. C., is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. S. McRae. Miss Minnie Lou McRae, of the S. P. C., spent Easter at home. Misses Elizabeth McNair and Ethel Gaitley, of Peace Institute, are spending the Easter holidays with home folks. Mrs. Bettie Rollins, of Washington, N. C., is the guest of Mrs. T. B. Russell this week. Mr. Henry McKinnon, of Trinity College, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives and friends. Miss Sallie McLean, of Lumberton, visited home folks Saturday and Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wiggins went to Charlotte Friday. Mr. Wiggins returned Sunday, leaving Mrs. Wiggins, who will spend several days there with relatives.

We are glad to hear that the Four Pickets will play here again on Wednesday and Thursday nights. They were here during the Christmas holidays and everybody was delighted with them.

Messrs. A. T. McLean and Elbert Whaley, Dr. Knox and Mr. Gregory, of Lumberton, came up Monday in Mr. McLean's handsome new E. M. F. automobile. Mr. Hector McLean went with them to Laurinburg.

Dr. Smith, of Rowland, was in Maxton Monday.

A collision between Mr. McP. McLafford's automobile and the horse and buggy driven by Mr. G. H. Cooper and Mr. D. D. McCall took place Sunday night about a mile from town. The front of the automobile was considerably damaged and the occupants badly jarred and frightened. Messrs. Hooper and McCall were thrown from the buggy, the shafts of which were broken off, and the horse was injured, though not seriously.

Mr. J. A. McLean went to McCall and other points in South Carolina Monday afternoon.

On Saturday afternoon the Merry Go Round Book Club met with Miss Mattie Williams McLean. The programme was a most interesting one, consisting of several selections. Miss Edna Tyer read a paper which was very humorous; the subject was "Rocky-fellow." Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon also read a paper, then a piano solo was played by Miss Ella Steed. A duet, sung by Misses McLean and McRae, ended the programme. All were given unique little baskets and asked out into the yard to hunt Easter eggs. There was lots of fun in trying to find the largest number of eggs. Miss Southerland was the most fortunate one in the hunt and was awarded a beautiful basket of flowers as first prize. Miss Mattie Brown McLean found the golden egg and won second prize, which was a real live rabbit. Then all were ushered into the back yard and there old-time school games were played, such as "prison base", "drop the handkerchief", etc. All had lots of fun catching each other and paying the penalty. Most delicious refreshments were served in the dining room by Misses Sallie McLean and Margaret McKinnon. A salad course was first served and then ice cream and cake. Afterwards the guests were invited in the parlor to drink most delightful punch. Every body had such a good time and voted Miss McLean a most charming hostess.

Baseball Tomorrow Afternoon.

Bennettsville, S. C., and Lumberton will play ball tomorrow afternoon on the latter's diamond in North Lumberton. The game will be called at 3 o'clock. This is the first game of the season and much interest has been aroused. The Lumberton boys have been practicing faithfully lately and a good game is expected.

Lilesville, Anson county, was practically destroyed by fire Saturday night, all the business houses in the place being burned.

THE FINAL SUMMONS.

Mr. D. W. Biggs Answers Sud-den Summons Yesterday Morning—Funeral This Morning.

Mr. D. W. Biggs died suddenly yesterday morning at 2 o'clock at his home near the corner of Cedar and First streets. He was 45 years old. Mr. Biggs had been unwell for about four or five months, though he had been able to be up and look after business the greater part of the time. He was down town Tuesday afternoon looking after some business, apparently in better health than usual.

Yesterday morning about 2 o'clock Mr. Biggs raised up in bed complaining of a pain in his side and called to his son, Mr. Lester, who was sleeping in the same room, to bring him some medicine that had been placed on a table in the room. The son went for the medicine but got the wrong kind, so Mr. Biggs got up himself and went for the medicine and after taking it walked to the fireplace and leaned up against the mantle. Mr. Lester, noticing his father reel to one side, started to him, but before he reached him Mr. Biggs fell to the floor and died instantly.

Miss Ruby and Messrs. Earl and Walter Biggs, of Wilmington, neice and nephews of the deceased, arrived yesterday afternoon to attend the funeral, and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Biggs, father and step-mother; Mr. G. C. Biggs, a brother; Mrs. Gibson, a sister, all of Antioch, arrived yesterday.

Mr. Biggs is survived by three daughters and four sons—Mrs. E. G. Sipher, Mrs. H. E. Carter and Miss Bessie Biggs; Lester, Badger, James and Walter Biggs—the two latter being six and four years old, respectively.

The deceased was a member of the Methodist church and the funeral procession left town this morning at 8:45 o'clock for Regan's church, about ten miles from town, where the funeral and interment took place at 11 o'clock, Rev. E. M. Hoyle conducting the ceremonies.

Messrs. M. G. McKenzie, Alf H. McLeod, Robert E. Lee, M. W. Floyd, Jno. D. McMillan and W. H. Kinlaw were the pallbearers.

Mr. Joseph Pitman.

Reported for The Robesonian.

Mr. Joseph Pitman died Thursday morning at his home in East Lumberton and was buried Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the cemetery near the county home. He was 26 years of age and had been sick of pneumonia only two weeks. He leaves a wife and two children, a father and mother, two brothers and two sisters and a host of friends and other relatives to mourn his departure. The funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. M. J. Fleming.

Mr. W. C. Munn, of Tar Heel.

Mr. W. C. Munn, 83 years old, died at his home at Tar Heel, Bladen county, Tuesday. The remains were interred at St. Paul yesterday afternoon. He had been in declining health for 3 years and his death was not unexpected. His mother, Mrs. B. F. Munn, and several brothers and sisters survive.

FARMERS' UNION MEETING.

County Meeting to be Held in Lumberton May 5th—Congressman Godwin to Deliver Address.

The next county meeting of the Farmers' Union for Robeson will be held in Lumberton on the first Thursday in May. Congressman Godwin will address the Union on Agricultural education on that day, and President Cobb says that he wants all the teachers of the county and all others interested in agriculture to attend the meeting. It will be an important meeting and an occasion of great interest.

—A two-weeks' civil term of Robeson Superior Court will convene Monday. Judge W. R. Allen, of Goldsboro, will preside.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

—Mrs. A. W. McLean will entertain the Young Matrons' Club this afternoon.

—Mr. Sandy McLeod has exchanged his White Steamer automobile for a new one of the same make with all the modern improvements. It's a beauty.

—Mr. James D. Proctor left Monday afternoon for Marion, where he attended the marriage yesterday of a school-mate, Mr. J. W. Winburn, to Miss May Blanton. Mr. Proctor will return tomorrow.

—Mayor J. A. Rowland, who has been confined to his room most of the time for the last two or three weeks on account of rheumatism, is down town today and says that he is feeling considerably better.

—Mrs. V. P. McDiarmid was taken this morning by her son, Mr. T. N. McDiarmid, and Dr. T. D. Kitchin to the Charlotte sanatorium, where she will remain for treatment for nervous trouble from which she has suffered for some time. Dr. Kitchin and Mr. McDiarmid will return to-night.

—Mr. Badger McLeod will conduct a moving-picture show at the opera house this season, beginning Monday evening at 6 o'clock. He has received his machine, expects to have everything in readiness, and promises a good clean show. Prices will be five and ten cents.

—Misses Bertha Barker and Sallie Thompson and Messrs. E. J. Britt, Jno. McAllister, J. A. Boone, Eugene Nye and Norment Britt were among the Lumberton people who attended last evening the oyster supper and entertainment given by the Ten Mile school at the home of Mrs. Florence Britt, about 8 miles from town. Many games were played and the evening was an altogether delightful one.

—Mrs. John T. Biggs returned last evening from Raleigh, where she and Mrs. R. D. Caldwell visited friends for a few days. Mrs. Caldwell will return tomorrow evening. Messdames Caldwell and Biggs left together ten days ago and attended last week in Oxford the 20th annual session of the Woman's Missionary Union of the North Carolina Baptist Convention. They went from Oxford to Wake Forest and thence to Raleigh.

—Mr. W. H. Stalvey is making considerable improvement in his barber shop in the Waverly hotel building, repapering walls and overhauling things generally. Mr. David Fairfax, who has been at the Lumberton barber shop, will begin work with Mr. Stalvey Monday, and another chair will be installed soon, making four chairs. Mr. Stalvey, who runs an up-to-date shop, will install an electric massage machine soon and make other improvements.

—The work begun some time ago at the department stores of Messrs. Caldwell & Carlyle, on Elm street, has been completed almost and these are now among the most up-to-date stores in the State. Everything is convenient and modern. Glass counters have been put in down to the first wide passage through the stores, full-length mirrors have been placed in the walls, the hardware department has been extended the full length of the other store rooms, and other improvements have been made.

—A horse hitched to a buggy, all belonging to Mr. R. T. Musselwhite, caused some excitement on the streets late yesterday afternoon. Messrs. Musselwhite and Odell Edens were in the buggy and drove the horse to the intersection well at the old bridge, and while the horse was drinking water the bridle caught over the water spout of the well. The horse became frightened, pulled back, broke the bridle and dashed to run. Musselwhite and Edens jumped out and the horse ran up Fourth street to Elm and then out of town on the Carthage road for about seven miles before he was caught. No damage of any consequence was done.

—Mr. R. McA. Nixon spent Monday in Raleigh.