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MAXTON NEWS ITEMS.

Barn Full of Corn Burned—An Interesting Meeting—Disappointing Shows—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Maxton, April 1—Mrs. W. G. Greene and son, Arthur, left for Whitaker's Tuesday. Miss Nancy McCaskill returned Tuesday from Laurinburg, where she had been for several weeks visiting relatives and friends. Miss Olivia Russell is visiting in Dunn this week. She is the guest of Miss Prince. Mrs. Bettie Rollins, of Washington, and Mrs. I. B. Russell spent Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. S. B. McLean. Mrs. Lina McLean and daughter, Miss Mattie Williams, returned from Lumberton today after several weeks visit with relatives.

The Ladies Foreign Missionary Society issued invitations to the members of the Presbyterian church to attend the praise meeting which was conducted by Rev. Mr. Crawford, of Rowland, at the Presbyterian church this afternoon. Quite a large number of members were present. Mr. Crawford made a very instructing talk and quite a unique programme was carried out, after which delicious cream and cake were served. This meeting was one of the most enthusiastic as well as the most enjoyable one for several seasons.

The Four Pickerts played in "The grand" to a large audience on Wednesday and Thursday nights. The subject on Wednesday was "The Worth of Society." The parts were well played, but extremely tragical, so much so as to become tiresome. Only one specialty was given and that was decidedly the best part of the show. On Thursday night "For a Girl's Love" was the title of the play. This one was more disappointing than the first.

Mrs. C. W. Regan and children, also Miss Sallie McLean, of Laurinburg, visited Mrs. S. B. McLean Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Williams went down to Wilmington Thursday.

About ten o'clock last night Mr. A. M. McKinnon, who lives about two miles from town, had his barn destroyed by fire, the origin of which is not known. The barn was full of corn, about 1,000 bushels being lost. There was no insurance.

ST. PAUL PACKAGE.

Work Progressing on Railroad to Elizabethtown—New Rural Route—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

St. Paul, April 2—Messrs. D. B. McCormick, J. C. Lindsay and Raymond Jones went to the oyster supper at Mrs. Florence Britt's Wednesday night. The supper was given for the benefit of the Ten Mile school. Everybody had a nice time.

Mrs. T. L. Northrop, Misses Bella McGeachy and Kate Sinclair spent yesterday in Fayetteville.

Mr. Harry Fisher was on our streets Wednesday. Mr. Fisher is living in Georgia and has been spending some days with relatives in this community.

Mr. J. F. L. Armfield was here yesterday in the interest of the new railroad to Elizabethtown. Work on the new road is progressing rapidly. A large force of hands began laying track first of this week.

Mr. Judson McDonald, who has been carrying the mail on route 1 from Rennett, has been changed from Rennett to St. Paul and is now carrier on route 2 from St. Paul, his route having been discontinued at Rennett on the 31st of March and his new route beginning the 1st of April.

The McAllister Hardware Co. has received a car of lime. The people here can get their lime just as cheap as it is sold elsewhere.

Mr. R. E. L. Correll, manager of the Lumberton Cotton Oil & Ginning Co., spent Wednesday evening here on business.

Mr. T. C. Barnes was here a short while Monday.

Messrs. J. P. Eagle and Lyman Melton have the mumps, but they are not very sick, we are glad to say.

POINTS FROM POINTER.

A Variety of Matters Touched Upon.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

An old saying is that if March comes in like a lamb it will go out like a lion, and vice versa. So far the month of March for 1910 has been a pleasant one.

Wherever two or three meet together, politics soon comes to the top. And men and means are (dis) cussed.

We are sorry to see or read that Snyder is now living in the past. He is needed in the present.

All public men are subjected to criticism, from the road overseer and the Sunday school superintendent up.

It is right that all property subject to taxation should be listed with the list-takers. But it seems hard and unfair that so much cost should have been put on so many of our good citizens in the A. B. C. of the business. Taxes, without cost, is generally felt to be awfully hard money to pay.

We hear repeatedly that Robeson county is over one hundred thousand dollars in debt. Again we hear friends say that it is not in debt at all, but just one year behind. And then we wonder how can these things be. With smaller counties the affairs would not be so hard to manage, investigate and understand.

Col. McLean is a typical man in politics. He sticks to his friend, instead of jumping in front of him. Is it, or is it not, a mistake for so many candidates to seek the same office?

The Robesonian has many good correspondents, but some of their nom de plumes are misfits. "Aunt Becky" is all right, and as for "Old Beauty," nothing could be more appropriate. Readers become attached to pleasant writers, though they may never have seen them. Our daughters often talk of making Aunt Becky a visit. None of us know her personally, but we have learned to love and appreciate her, from her plain, sensible writing; and hence a feeling of kinship.

The Robesonian is a good paper, but an issue of any paper without a leading editorial does not seem as strong as it ought to be.

High cost of living will continue, while there are so many eating, and so few producing, so many riding and so few working. There are in the towns and cities delivery boys enough to produce many, many bushels of bread-stuff, while the consumer, the man that totes his rations from the store, as well as those who have theirs delivered at their doors, pay the cost and profit.

Our points are growing most to large, but we must say that it looks much nicer to see young ladies riding sidewise than astride. We once heard a sermon on the duty of faultfinding. The preacher made good his point: for without it the road would be no desire for improve ment.

Perhaps the best point in all this preamble is the fact that the writer herewith encloses a renewal subscription, last due, without being dunned.

Red Springs, R. F. D. 4, Mch. 28.

Pointer.

Powell Case Removed to Warren County.

The trial of E. E. Powell in Halifax Superior Court on the charge of killing C. W. Dunn came to an abrupt end Friday, when Judge Ward announced that he would remove the case to Warren county. The trial began Thursday and ten jurors had been selected. A special venire had been exhausted and so many men said that they had already formed and expressed an opinion as to the guilt of the prisoner and feared that they would not be able to give the defendant a fair and impartial trial according to the evidence that Judge Ward said he was convinced that Powell could not get a fair trial in Halifax county at this time. He will be tried at the term of Warren court which convenes on the second Monday in June.

IN SOCIAL REALMS.

Mrs. A. W. McLean Entertains the Young Matrons Club—A Delightful Occasion.

Reported for The Robesonian.

The Young Matrons Club, and other guests, were delightfully entertained at the hospitable home of Mrs. Angus Wilton McLean Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. McLean, with Misses Sallie and Mattie McLean, received in the hall, extending to all a hearty welcome and requesting the guests to remove their new Easter creations and don a jaunty top hat of green, with emerald hat pin, in honor of St. Patrick. With much merriment the ladies gracefully acquiesced, meanwhile casting admiring glances at one another.

When all had arrived we were conducted to the dining room, and when seated at the spacious table, decorated with ropes of smilax and white carnations, each one was presented with a basket of green and white, with leaves of shamrock, containing several large Irish potatoes, green and white crepe paper, scissors, pins, &c.; and names were attached to the baskets, such as Mrs. Patrick Oshea, Mr. Mike Flannigan, and so on.

Each lady was asked to make and dress the gentleman or lady indicated by name on her basket, from materials mentioned. When finished and inspected we were presented with cards and pencils, and asked to note which was the best production, also which lady wore the hat of green most becomingly. "Mr. Mike O'Donohue" received the largest number of votes, with "Mrs. Pat. O'Flarity" a close second, Mrs. J. S. McNeill winning the blue ribbon.

As all the ladies looked so bewitching, it was difficult to decide whose hat was most becoming. The result was a tie between Mrs. C. H. Durham, Mrs. George French, and Mrs. Wilton McLean. In cutting Mrs. Durham was successful, and was presented with an emerald satin box of confectionery.

Delicious refreshments of four courses in green and white were served by Misses Jessie Fuller, Mamie Avert, Lelia May Gill, and Sallie McLean. Souvenirs in pipe shape, enclosing fans of green with Erin's flag upon them, were distributed.

Touching love songs of old Ireland were sung by Misses Leslie Proctor and Mattie McLean, interspersed with gay jigs that made the heart feel merry, and the feet light.

With reluctance we bade our charming hostess au revoir, assuring her of an altogether delightful afternoon.

Notices of New Advertisements.

The Bank of Lumberton wants 1,000 farmers to enter its corn contest.

The kind of job printing that helps to build up your business—Freeman Printing Co.

Organized for the benefit of the people—Bank of Lumberton. Simpkins' Early Prolific cotton a great money maker.

Dr. Chas. T. Harper has a card in this issue.

Waverly Hotel barber shop.

Dr. E. R. Walters, former president of select council of Pittsburg, Pa., who is now director of public health and charities, was indicted Wednesday as the alleged recipient of \$1,000 in bribe money, and fifteen other former selectmen were named in the grand jury's report on that day as having received amounts from \$500 to \$250. The indictments make a total of ninety-one in three reports by the grand jury within two weeks, and there are more to come, says District Attorney William R. Blakeley.

—Mr. Kenneth W. Robinson, of Syracuse, N. Y., addressed a large congregation at the First Baptist church Friday evening in the interest of the World-wide Baraca and Philathea work, with which he is prominently connected. His address was very interesting and instructive. Mr. Robinson went to Fayetteville Saturday.

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CIVIC ASSOCIATION FORMED

An Organization Formed for the Betterment of Conditions in Lumberton—Will Work to Make the Town More Healthful and Attractive.

At the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McLean a few friends gathered at their home on Chestnut street Friday evening for the purpose of organizing a civic association. Those present were Mrs. Lizzie Proctor, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Thomas, Messrs. A. W. Peace and J. A. Sharpe.

The need for an organization which should have for its purpose the improvement of the town along all lines, looking after sanitary conditions, trying in every way to make the town a more healthful and attractive place in which to live, was discussed and it was unanimously agreed that such an organization is badly needed; and the Lumberton Civic Association was organized. The constitution and by-laws of the Durham Civic Association were adopted and the following officers were elected: Mrs. R. D. Caldwell, president; Mrs. L. T. Townsend, recording secretary; Mrs. F. J. Thomas, treasurer; Mr. J. A. Sharpe, corresponding secretary. Mrs. Caldwell returned to town from Raleigh Friday evening too late to attend the meeting and the ladies present were asked to notify her of her election. Other officers will be elected at a meeting to be held April 15th.

Messdames Lizzie Proctor, A. W. McLean and F. J. Thomas and Messrs. A. W. Peace and J. A. Sharpe were appointed a committee on membership. It is to be hoped that every public spirited woman and man of Lumberton will become either an active or supporting member of this association, which has for its sole purpose the improvement of conditions. That there is room for such work no observant citizen will deny, and much good may be accomplished. The purposes and plans of the association will be given more fully in a subsequent issue.

Meeting of Camp Willis H. Pope Saturday.

A called meeting of Camp Willis H. Pope, U. C. V., was held in the commissioners' room at the court house Saturday, 35 or 40 veterans being present. Messrs. J. S. Thompson and N. C. Graham were elected delegates to the annual reunion at Mobile, Ala., which will be held from the 25th to the 28th, inclusive. Commander J. A. McAllister was appointed to deliver an address on May 10 on Col. Alfred Rowland, subject to the approval of the Daughters of the Confederacy, who have charge of the exercises on that day. Committees appointed to visit sick comrades reported that all were improving. The committee appointed to submit a memorial to Veteran Ralph Howell, who died last October, made its report, which was accepted.

Civil Court Convenes.

A two-weeks' civil term of Robeson Superior Court convened this morning at 11 o'clock. Judge W. R. Allen, who arrived last evening from his home in Goldsboro, presiding. Court was in session only about an hour this morning, during which time two divorce cases—Melton Mitchell vs. Gertie Mitchell, Emma Baker vs. W. J. Baker—were tried, judgment being rendered for plaintiff in each case. The afternoon session began at 2.30 o'clock, which will be the regular hour for afternoon sessions, morning sessions beginning at 9.30 o'clock.

The Association for the Fortification of the entrance of Chesapeake bay was permanently organized in Washington Wednesday. Its purpose is to urge the carrying out of the recommendations of the board appointed in 1906 by President Taft, who was then Secretary of War, for the fortification of the mouth of the Chesapeake for the protection of the national capital as well as the cities and towns of Maryland and Virginia in the vicinity of the bay.

MARRIAGES.

Miss Virginia Whitfield Becomes the Bride of Mr. R. M. Norment, Jr.

Miss Virginia Whitfield and Mr. R. M. Norment, Jr., were married Saturday afternoon at 5.15 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Whitfield, on Elm street, only members of the immediate families witnessing the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. E. M. Hoyle, pastor of the Methodist church. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Norment left for Maxton, where Mr. Norment is working as special census enumerator for this district.

Though friends of the contracting parties were expecting this marriage to occur, the time was known only to a few. The bride is a young lady whose noble character and loveable traits have endeared her to a host of friends. Mr. Norment is a son of Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Norment and is a young man of ability for whom the future holds bright prospects. He was graduated at Trinity college a year ago. About two months ago he began work as special agent for the census of manufacturing and mining in Richmond, Scotland, Robeson, Cumberland, Columbus and Bladen counties. The out-of-town people who attended the marriage were Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Whitfield, of Winston-Salem, brother and sister-in-law of the bride, who left for their home this morning; and Mrs. Dan Shaw of Laurinburg, sister of the bride, and son, Master Whitfield, who will spend a few days here.

Miss Sibyl Oliver and Prof. W. T. Jerrette.

Prof. W. T. Jerrette and Miss Sibyl Oliver were married Saturday afternoon at six o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pittman, near Fairmont, where Miss Oliver has been boarding. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Smith, pastor of the Methodist church at Fairmont. Mr. Jerrette is principal of the school at Baltimore, near Fairmont, and Miss Oliver is one of his assistants. They have been teaching together for the last two or three years.

Mr. Jerrette is a native South Carolinian, but he has lived in North Carolina for the last twelve or fifteen years. He has been living in the county about six years and has been teaching school the greater part of that time. He was in the mercantile business in Lumberton for three years, being a member of the firm of Jerrette-Singleton Co., which business was recently purchased by Messrs. Townsend Bros. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Oliver, of Marietta, one of the most prosperous farmers at the Marietta section. She has been teaching school for three or four years.

The school of Baltimore will close the first of May and then Prof. and Mrs. Jerrette will go to Greenville or Knoxville to attend a summer school.

Miss Elizabeth Davis and Mr. A. F. Ward to be married on the 14th.

Invitations as follows have been issued:

Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Davis, Jr. request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Elizabeth May

to

Mr. Archibald Floyd Ward on Thursday, April the fourteenth nineteen hundred and ten at three o'clock Sunnyside Falls Church, Virginia.

At Home after May first Lumberton, North Carolina

The bride-to-be spent some time in Lumberton two years ago while her father was superintending the construction of the new court house, and has many friends here. Mr. Ward is bookkeeper for the National Cotton Mills, a son of Mrs. Rebecca Toon, and is a young man of the highest character and business ability.

Mr. J. P. Lee, of Rockingham, was in town Saturday on business.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

—The Commercial & Industrial Club will give a public entertainment on Thursday evening of next week. Fuller mention will be made in Thursday's or Monday's paper.

—The regular monthly meeting of the Robeson chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, will be held Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of the president, Mrs. J. A. McAllister, corner of Chestnut and Sixth streets.

—The regular meeting of the Young Men's Union Prayermeeting will be held tomorrow evening at the usual place, McLeod building, at 8 o'clock. There will be business of importance and a full attendance is desired.

—Lumberton defeated Bennettsville, S. C., in a ball game on the home grounds Friday afternoon, the score being 9 to 7. The Lumberton boys gave home people a surprise, for nobody thought they could put it over the visiting team in that way. The features of the game were Lee Stone's pitching and Lee Correll's batting.

—Supt. J. R. Poole, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Johnson, Mrs. J. J. Crow and Miss Ethel Higley were among those from Lumberton who attended the school closing exercises at Saddle Tree Saturday. Prof. Poole and Mr. Johnson were among the speakers and Mrs. Crow recited. The day was a notable one for Saddle Tree.

—Dr. J. W. Blackmer, osteopath, who opened an office in the Bank of Lumberton building some weeks ago, coming to Lumberton twice each week from Wilmington, has given up his practice in Wilmington, and came to Lumberton last week to locate. His practice increased here to such an extent as to demand his entire time.

—Maggie Norton, who lives on the corner of Chestnut and Second streets, was before Mayor Rowland Saturday afternoon on the charge of committing an assault on Lina Moore, who lives at the foot of the old bridge. There was no evidence of assault but the defendant was taxed \$2.50 and costs, a total of \$7.05, for abusive language, which she admitted. It was in evidence that the provocation was extreme.

—Rowland Sun: Hon. Stephen McIntyre, of Lumberton, was in town one day last week on professional business. Mr. McIntyre, who is one of Robeson's most honored citizens, is prominently mentioned for the next State Senate. He says he is not a candidate for the place, and would much rather see it go to some one else, but he intimated that if the honor was thrust upon him he would not refuse to serve. He has already been a member of the Senate on two occasions and served with ability.

—Mr. J. C. Branch, manager of the local phone exchange, left Friday for Hot Springs, Ark., for treatment for rheumatism. He will be away about three months and during his absence the exchange will be in charge of Mr. C. H. Randall, who has charge of the mechanical work, under the direction of Mr. J. B. Maxwell, of Laurinburg, district commercial manager, under whom Mr. Branch works. Some of the material for the new local system here and for long distance has arrived and will be installed in the near future.

—Biblical Recorder: Robeson county wins pastor C. G. Wells from Murphy and he enters this week upon his new work. He writes: "Next week and thereafter you will please send my copy of The Recorder to Page's Mill, S. C. A call some time ago to old Bear Swamp church, in the Robeson Association, led me to resign here to go there. A church made up of 353 thrifty farmers and other business people, such as abundant in that section, seems to me to afford ample opportunity for valuable service on the part of a pastor who is interested in bringing things to pass."

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