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## FAIRMONT NEWS LETTER.

### The Last of Ashpole—Baptizing and Other Services—A Handsome Building—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Fairmont, April 5—Miss Lou Kelly, who has been boarding with her aunt, Mrs. Morgan Inman, was taken sick last week and returned home to Bladen county, accompanied by her mother, who came over Saturday last to see her. She is much better and we hope will soon be well.

Mrs. Carl McLean and little Miss Nettie Ashley spent Sunday with relatives in Bolton.

Mr. F. S. Floyd, Jr., came home last Saturday and moved his family to Marion, S.C. We were sorry to lose them but hope they may be pleased.

Miss Hattie McPhaul, of Bay Minette, Ala., is spending some time here with relatives and friends, who are all glad to welcome her back home.—Mrs. J. D. McLean and little Miss Lena Carter came over from Maxton last Saturday and remained two days.

Mr. Jas. A. Galloway came home from his school at Maydell last Saturday but returned Monday night.—Mr. Carl Thompson came home from the A. and M. College for Easter. He was looking unusually well and evidently college life agrees with him.

A surprise to everybody not in the secret was the marriage of Prof. Jenrette and Miss Sibyl Oliver, the popular teachers of the Baltimore school, which occurred last week. They both have many friends here who wish them great happiness on their journey through life.

Mrs. E. M. Snipes, of Roxboro, has been visiting relatives here for the past two weeks.

Mr. Jasper Gibson was over from Laurinburg last week in his handsome Ford car, bringing Mrs. Neal Carter and little Miss Frances for a short visit to home folks. They were also accompanied by Miss Egee, of Chesapeake City, Penn., who had been with Mrs. Carter for a few days.

Rev. D. P. Bridgers baptized four candidates for church membership last Sunday night as a result of the recent meeting held in the Baptist church by Rev. N. R. Pitman, of Kansas City, Mo.

Prof. McNaull gave a half-holiday last Friday, as it was All Fools Day, and the scholars enjoyed picnics in several different places.

A crowd of young people had a pleasant outing at Ivey's Bluff last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Williams came over from Dillon last Sunday. Mr. Williams returned next day but Mrs. Williams will remain with her mother, Mrs. Kitty Mitchell, for several days.

Our people were much pleased with Rev. L. W. Curtis, Presbyterian evangelist, who conducted a protracted meeting in the Presbyterian church, closing the first of last week. As a result of the meeting, four new members were added to the church.

The finishing touches are being now added to the handsome brick building of W. B. Brice & Son on Center street and it adds greatly to the looks of that part of town.

D. W. Galloway has been elected manager of the first nine baseball team and says he is going to lead them on to victory over every foe.

The old Floyd hotel on Ionia avenue is being torn down by its owner, Mr. A. J. Floyd, who will use the framing on his farms. This is the last of Ashpole. Not another house is standing as old as this, except the Baptist church; and we understand they expect to build a handsome brick church in the near future.

Dr. J. P. Brown paid a flying visit to our sister town, Latta, S. C., last Monday.

The Eagle Furniture Co. of Lumberton is advertising extensively its piano sale, which begins Saturday in the Floyd-Mitchell building, and we hope it will have a great success. The ladies of the Methodist church will be with them next week holding their white sale and we will have a combination of music.

## TOWN AFFAIRS.

### Primary to be Held on the 26th Inst.—Election May 2d—Claims Paid.

The regular monthly meeting of the town commissioners was held Tuesday evening.

Mr. W. O. Thompson was appointed registrar for the town election to be held on the first Monday in May, and W. S. Britt, I. L. Pope and D. D. French were appointed judges. J. R. Poole, W. Lennon, W. K. Bethune, E. B. McMillan and F. L. Prevatt were appointed managers of a primary to be held Tuesday, 26th inst., for the nomination of mayor, 3 commissioners, 3 graded school trustees, and 3 members of the board of audit and finance. If a second primary is necessary it will be held Thursday, 28th inst. The primary will be under the same rules as last, except that candidates for mayor shall be voted for in one box and commissioners will be put upon same ticket, cross marks being placed before names of ones voted for, the same rule being followed with reference to graded school trustees and members of the board of audit and finance.

J. D. Regan was given permission to erect a tent to be used as a fruit and candy stand on his lot on the corner of Elm and Fifth streets, same to be about 16x20 feet and to be of rubberoid or sheet iron on top and sides.

A note of \$2,248.78 due at the Bank of Lumberton February 1st was renewed.

The following claims were ordered paid: H. M. McAllister, fire insurance, \$45.55; C. M. Fuller & Son exchange of collars, \$2; Freeman Printing Co., printing, \$14.75; So. Electric Co., lamps, \$37.41; L. G. Crenshaw & Co., coal, \$107.05; arc lamps, \$87.60; Caldwell & Carlyle, supplies, \$8.60.

### Farmers' Union Looking to the Establishment of Agricultural Schools.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the county Farmers' Union held here Monday the committee asked the county board of education, in session the same day, to send Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of public instruction, to Little Rock, Ark., to attend the conference on agricultural education being held there this week. This the board of education agreed to do and Prof. Poole left for Little Rock Tuesday morning. The Farmers' Union is looking forward to the establishment of agricultural schools in the county and Prof. Poole will get all the information possible to help out in the establishment of these schools.

The executive committee of the Farmers' Union is making arrangements for an agricultural educational campaign throughout the county and several prominent speakers have promised their aid. It is the purpose to hold picnics at various points in the county during the summer months.

### Fayetteville Presbytery.

Fayetteville Presbytery will convene at Pittsboro next Monday evening at 8 o'clock and its sessions will continue probably until Friday. For the benefit of those attending, the Seaboard has agreed to have train No. 66 stop at Moncure and to hold for it the Pittsboro train. In order to avoid spending the night in Sanford, Robeson county delegates may go on train No. 65, which leaves Lumberton at 7:15 a. m., and leave Hamlet at 9:15 on train No. 66.

girls, pretty garments and good things to eat.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist church are inviting all friends to attend their white sale next week, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. They have a nice collection of lovely hand made garments for ladies and children at very reasonable prices and believe it will be to the interest of the ladies to be present. They also expect to serve refreshments. The proceeds are to go to church and parsonage furnishing.

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## DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

### Harmonious Meeting Held Yesterday—Plan of Nominating County Candidates Undecided—Entertained at Dinner.

The county Democratic executive committee met in Lumberton yesterday, the following precincts responding to roll call: Back Swamp, Blue Springs, Britt's, Howellsville, Lumberton, Lumber Bridge, Maxton, Raft Swamp, Red Springs, Saddle Tree, Sterling's, Smith's, St. Paul, Thompson, White House, Wishart's, C. H. Lewis, J. L. Thagard, J. F. McLean and J. A. McCormick were elected executive committee for the newly-created township of Pembroke.

For congressional, judicial and State nominees the precinct meeting plan was unanimously adopted. No action was taken in regard to the plan of nominating candidates for county offices, this being left open until the next meeting of the committee.

The following resolution, introduced by M. L. Marley, of Lumber Bridge, was unanimously adopted:

"In view of the successful termination of the last campaign and the unrewarded services of our chairman, Geo. B. McLeod, we hereby resolve: That we are deeply grateful to him for the success of our party and for his untiring, though unremunerated, services to this end, and that we approve of his methods and policies in this particular."

The members of the committee, with other representative citizens of the county, were entertained at dinner at the Waverly hotel by Chairman McLeod. It was an informal occasion and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Short speeches were made by G. B. McLeod, G. B. Patterson, Thos. McBryde, E. F. McRae, W. J. McLeod, A. J. McKinnon, D. B. McLaughlin and M. L. Marley, all showing fidelity to and interest in the democracy of the county, district and State. Mr. McKinnon, who is an aspirant for congressional honors, in the course of his remarks stated that it would please him greatly to entertain those present at a dinner in Washington some time next year, and all pledged themselves to give Mr. McKinnon such support as to make the dinner possible.

The dinner was greatly enjoyed and the host, Chairman McLeod, was given many assurances of support of and loyalty to Democratic principles.

## SCOTCHMEN ORGANIZE.

### Scottish Society of America Formed at Red Springs—To Preserve Scotch Traditions.

The Scottish Society of America was organized at Red Springs Tuesday at a meeting held in the auditorium of the Southern Presbyterian College. Over 100 sons and daughters of Scotland were present, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia being represented.

The meeting was in response to a call issued recently for a meeting of all Scotchmen and descendants for the purpose of preserving Scotch traditions and putting in permanent form the achievements of the Scotch in America and abroad. All Scotch or those who can trace their Scotch ancestry back for 3 generations are eligible for membership. Local societies may be organized at various places.

The following officers were elected: A. D. McGill, of Rockfish, president; B. L. McBryde, of Fayetteville, secretary and treasurer; vice presidents—D. P. McEachern, of Red Springs; Col. E. F. McRae, of Maxton; Hector McRae, of Red Springs; Neill McEachern, of Wilmington; Alexander McKenzie, of Red Springs.

A meeting of the society will be held at Red Springs May 18, which will be Scotchmen's Day at that place.

Miss Eoline Shaw, of St. Paul, is in town today, a guest at the home of Mrs. Belle McMillan, corner of Cedar and Ninth streets.

## H. A. TOWNSEND.

### Answers Sudden Summons Last Night—Remains Interred Tomorrow.

Mr. H. A. Townsend, of Raynham, died at the Thompson hospital last night about 10 o'clock after being unconscious for about 4 hours. The remains were taken to the home this morning and will be interred tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock at Asbury Methodist church at Raynham.

The deceased was 39 years old. He had not been strong since recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia last winter, and was also the victim of some kidney trouble. Yesterday he came to court as a witness and was apparently as well as usual, but about 6 o'clock in the afternoon he was found unconscious in a restaurant on Fourth street and was taken to the hospital. He never regained consciousness.

Mr. Townsend (familiarly known as "Coon") owned one of the largest farms in the county. He was twice married, his first wife being Miss Lillian Townsend, daughter of Mr. F. M. Townsend, of McDonald. She died in 1901, leaving two children. In 1906 he married Miss May Gibson, who, with one child, survives. He is survived also by his mother, Mrs. Charity Townsend, who lived with him; two brothers—Dr. C. M. Townsend, of Raynham; Barnes Townsend, of St. Louis, Mo.—one sister—Mrs. M. R. Hamer, of Spartanburg, S. C.—two half sisters—Messdames S. B. Rowland and H. McE. McMillan, of Lumberton.

## HOPE MILLS NEWS.

### Commencement Exercises—New Hotel—Preaching Services—Other Live News Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Hope Mills, April 4—Mr. E. L. McDonald, of Dillon, S. C., will relieve Mr. Wilson at the A. C. L. depot for the next thirty days.

Tomorrow night Bishop Strange will preach in the Episcopal church in this place.

Mr. G. W. Stancill has moved his drug store to the Hope Mills Mfg. Co.'s store building.

Dr. J. C. Gilbert has opened a drug store in the building formerly occupied by Mr. Stancill.

Rev. J. D. Pegram will preach on next Sunday at Marvin, 11 o'clock, Cotton, 3:30 p. m. and Hope Mills at 7:30 p. m.

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

Mr. A. J. Johnson is having built on his lot near the A. C. L. depot a ten-room hotel, which will be a valuable addition to our thriving little town. Mr. J. G. Hill is the contractor.

On last Sunday afternoon Rev. W. M. Fairley preached an able sermon before the students of the Hope Mills graded and high schools. The crowd was immense, the subject was appropriate and the sermon was excellent. The text was "And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water."—Psalms 1:5.

The closing exercises of the school will take place on Friday, April 8th, and a very beautiful program has been arranged. The literary address will be delivered by Prof. M. C. S. Noble, professor of pedagogy at the University of North Carolina on Wednesday night, April 6th. The high school department will be continued for one month by the superintendent, Prof. John W. Cole.

### A Big Attraction.

At the opera house in Fayetteville Monday evening will be given the musical extravaganza "The Land of Nod." Space does not suffice to tell about it. It is the one big show of the season for which everybody has been waiting. There are 75 members of the organization and two baggage cars are required to carry the scenery and effects. A special train will be run from Lumberton. See W. K. Bethune or phone The Robesonian office.

Mrs. C. H. Durham and infant daughter left Monday evening for Gastonia, where they are visiting relatives. They will return Saturday.

## TEN MILE TALK.

### In Social Realms—A Woodman Monument—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Lumberton, R. F. D. 1, April 5—Rev. W. S. Ballard filled his appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

Messrs. Abner Barker, of Fayetteville, and Nash Barker, of Lumberton, spent Sunday here.—Mrs. Robt. Butler and daughter, Miss Minnie, of Salemburg, spent last week with their daughters and sisters, Misses Florence and Nellie Butler, who are teaching school here.—Messrs. Alex. Carlyle and Quincy Purnell, of Raft Swamp, spent Saturday night and Sunday here.

We are very sorry to report Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Townsend on the sick list.

Miss Florence Butler entertained a few of her friends Saturday night. Those from a distance were: Mr. Edwin Broadwell and sister, Miss Bertha, of Tolarville; Miss Ellen Pate, of Fayetteville, Messrs. Alex. Carlyle and Quincy Purnell, of Raft Swamp.

Miss Ellen Pate, of Fayetteville, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Townsend this week.—Miss Mamie Barrington, of Maxton, is spending this week with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Spivey.

Messrs. E. M., O. M. and W. S. Britt spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Britt.

The oyster supper at Mrs. Florence Britt's was a great success, \$26.06 being raised. Among the many there were: Messrs. J. C. Linsay, D. B. McCormick, C. E. and Raymond Jones, of St. Paul; Messrs. Joe Boone, John McAllister, Eugene Nye, E. J. and J. M. Britt, and Misses Sallie Thompson and Bertha Barker, of Lumberton; Messrs. Chester Tedder and Artemus Waters, of Fairmont.

The many friends of Mr. D. W. Biggs were greatly shocked Wednesday morning when the news reached here of his death. Mr. Biggs lived here before he went to Lumberton and had many friends, whose sympathy goes out to the bereaved ones.

The monument of Mr. T. J. Barker arrived last week and was erected Saturday. This is the first W. O. W. monument installed by the camp at Ten Mile. The date for the unveiling has not been set yet.

Mr. Alex. Graham and sister, Miss Bennie, of Tolarville, were among the many who attended preaching here Sunday.

Little Miss Katye Britt is visiting friends and relatives at Powersville this week.

Everybody is quite busy now preparing for and planting corn, cotton and other things.

"Donovan"

### Superior Court—\$4,000 Damages Awarded in Oil Mill Case.

The most interesting case that has been tried in the term of Superior Court which began Monday, Judge W. R. Allen, of Goldsboro, presiding, was Oscar Warwick vs. Lumberton Cotton Oil Mill, in which the jury yesterday afternoon gave a verdict of \$4,000 for the plaintiff, who was asked for \$15,000. Warwick got a foot crushed about a year ago at the mill, making amputation necessary. Wishart, Britt & Britt represented the plaintiff, McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor appearing for the defendant.

The jury in the case of English P. Lowrie vs. Alva Oxendine, tried this morning, a suit for pay for services, gave the plaintiff \$500.

Several minor cases have been disposed of.

—Owing to the absence of Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of public instruction, secretary to the board of education, it has been impossible for The Robesonian to obtain the minutes of the proceedings of the regular monthly meeting of the board held Monday. Prof. Poole left Tuesday Morning for Little Rock, Ark., to attend an educational conference, as mentioned elsewhere.

Mr. A. H. Perry, of Parkton, is a Lumberton visitor today.

## LOCAL BRIEFS.

—Mrs. E. I. Poole went Tuesday to Greensboro in response to a message announcing the serious illness of her brother-in-law, Dr. E. A. Burton.

—Miss Fanny Cobb, daughter of Rev. J. W. Cobb, of Lumber Bridge, and Mr. R. P. Howell, a prominent business man of Roxboro, will be married on Tuesday of next week, the 12th.

—Judge W. R. Allen, who is holding court in Lumberton this week, says that he believes the Confederate monument that stands in front of the Robeson county court house is the prettiest monument of its kind in the State.

—Mr. T. N. McDiarmid returned last night from Charlotte, where he went last week with his mother, Mrs. V. P. McDiarmid, who is undergoing treatment at the Charlotte sanatorium. Mrs. McDiarmid's condition is improving.

—Mr. Ernest Whitaker, of Sanford, formerly with the McKinnon Co., of Maxton, began work Tuesday at the store of Mr. K. M. Biggs, succeeding Mr. Geo. F. Floyd, who resigned last week to accept a position as traveling salesman for W. B. Cooper of Wilmington.

—Drs. R. T. Allen, J. D. Regan and R. F. Graham attended a dental meeting yesterday in Bennettsville, S. C., at which meeting the Carolina Dental Society was organized. The dentists of Robeson, Scotland, Marlboro and Dillon counties constitute the society. The next meeting will be held in June in Maxton.

—Mrs. Smithie Page and daughter, Miss Cora, and son, Mr. Grover—the latter a student at King's Business College, Raleigh—went yesterday to Ornum to attend the funeral yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock of Mrs. A. R. Walters, who died Tuesday at her home in Laurinburg. Mrs. Walters was a half-sister of Mrs. Page.

## SHANNON SHORTS.

### Planting Cotton—Trying for Large Yields of Corn—Rural Free Delivery Boxes.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Shannon, April 5—Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Currie made a flying trip Sunday to Rowland, where they were the guests of Mrs. Annie C. McLean.—Mr. L. E. Hughes and little daughter, Miss Effie, were welcome visitors in Shannon Sunday.—Misses Ella and Belle Smith spent last Tuesday in Fayetteville shopping.—Mrs. D. S. Klapp and two smallest children, who had been spending some time with Mrs. Klapp's son, Mr. E. F. Klapp, at Cheraw, S. C., returned home Wednesday.

—Mrs. Charlie McNeill, of Wakulla, and Misses Hattie and Nettie Thrower were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Jernigan recently.

Rev. Mr. Dixon preached at the church here Sunday night. Several of our farmers have planted cotton. Some began as early as March 8 and others are following. It seems to us too early. Some of the farmers about here are going to try for large yields of corn, on limited areas at least, and we hope all will try for larger crops on all land planted in corn. We notice that the corn planted about two weeks ago is coming up nicely and we hope it will not be cut down by frost. Irish potatoes are coming, too, where planted early.

The fourth assistant Postmaster General, who has the oversight of rural free delivery, wishes every patron to put his box on a good post on an arm with brace and to paint both box and post white and put his name and box number on the box or post in large black letters. He also has made a ruling that carriers are not required to pick up loose coins from the boxes. It is the wish of the P. O. Department that patrons of rural routes use stamped envelopes and that they anticipate their needs and supply themselves with either envelopes or stamps in advance.