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## SOME GOOD SUGGESTIONS.

### Ways in Which Conditions in Lumberton Might be Improved—Mr. A. W. McLean's Interesting and Instructive Talk at Club Reception.

In the account given in Monday's Robesonian of the delightful reception given last Thursday evening by the Industrial and Commercial Club it was necessary, on account of lack of space, to leave out much that was worthy of notice. Every one enjoyed the evening immensely and the programme provided not only entertainment but instruction; but the fact that one of the most delightful things of the evening was not on the programme caused it to be overlooked when the report of the evening was written—written, perhaps, in exceeding haste. That was Mr. Woodberry Lennon's Toast to Lumberton. A framed copy of that little gem was brought to the club rooms that evening by Mr. Lennon at the special request of President Caldwell, and at the conclusion of the good things provided on the programme, as a fitting prelude to the serving of refreshments, Mr. Caldwell called on Mr. Lennon to read his toast. This Mr. Lennon did, gracefully, after a happy talk, and it was one of the best things of the evening. The fact that this toast, which is the real goods and about the best thing ever written about the town, was published in The Robesonian at the time it was first written and was commented upon at the time in terms of highest praise ought to prevent any one from thinking that the omission was anything more than an entirely unintentional oversight.

As mentioned in Monday's paper, Mr. A. W. McLean, in his address, called attention to many things about the town that might be improved. The more one thinks about his suggestion that the name of the town should be changed the more one is inclined to agree with him. Lumberton is too important a town to be thought of as a lumber camp and a more appropriate name might easily be found. Mr. McLean also suggested the need of a park. Some 10 or 12 years ago the late Mr. E. K. Proctor suggested the idea of a park, but nothing has been done along that line. And then the streets should be improved. During his trip to Europe last summer Mr. McLean said he saw in one city a tree no better than one of the trees recently cut down on one of the streets of Lumberton that had been moved into a park at a cost of \$6,000; and in Europe the roads are not only macadamized but rows of trees are planted on each side. The court house square, the river front, conditions at the depots, back lots—Lumberton ought to be ashamed of the lack of attention paid to these things; but McLean made it clear that he was criticizing the system that obtains here, and not the town board. If any one doubts that improvements can be made at little cost one has only to recall what Mr. R. D. Caldwell did with that unsightly gully next to his lawn on Elm street, which has been adverted to more than once in The Robesonian and which Mr. McLean cited as an instance of what might be done. The speaker declared that we should not wait until we become as old as some parts of Europe before turning attention to these things; we should profit by what other places have done. We are paying, he pointed out, \$200 per horse power for lights, while the cotton mills here refused recently a proposition to purchase power from the Southern Power Co. at \$21 per horse power because that price was considered too high. Fire protection is inadequate, and if a man's property were destroyed by fire because the town could not furnish the protection for which he is paying he could recover from the town.

The trouble, Mr. McLean said, is not so much with those connected with the government of the town as in the system. The town is conducted in an unbusiness-like way, in a manner that would not be tolerated in any business enterprise. He noticed

a big difference in Europe, in Germany especially, where towns elect mayors who are trained especially for the work and have reputations as good town managers, and employ them just as a board of directors would employ a man to run a manufacturing plant. There the towns are clean, and water and lights cost about one-fourth what we pay.

Mr. McLean suggested that the light plant might be sold to some syndicate and the money so procured might be used to improve the water supply, or in some other needed improvement. The town has outgrown the present plant. It was equipped to carry 1,500 incandescent lamps and 20 arc lights, while now it is carrying about 4,500 incandescent lamps and 33 arc lights, besides some small lights on the streets. It is overloaded, causing dim lights. An ordinance should be passed requiring all who are in reach to connect with the sewer lines. One ought to use one's property in such a way as not to injure one's neighbor.

These and other improvements could be encouraged by the Industrial and Commercial Club and the Civic Association, Mr. McLean suggested, and all through his talk he emphasized the idea that one should live not merely for one's own selfish interests, that the man who does nothing for the public good, no matter what he may accomplish otherwise, has lived in vain.

Touching upon the trip he and Mrs. McLean made to Europe last summer, Mr. McLean stated that it does not cost so much to take the trip as many suppose, that one may make a very satisfactory visit to Europe at a cost of \$350 or even less. He found in England and Scotland a very erroneous impression prevalent about the South, many people in those countries thinking this a very lawless section where a man goes out and kills a negro every morning before breakfast; but they feel very kindly toward us and are closer to us than any other people. The Germans impressed him as being a most remarkable people. They are intensely patriotic, one sees the flag everywhere, cities are absolutely clean and look like they were swept twice a day, and the policemen are well dressed.

Mr. McLean was not so favorably impressed with France, though he thinks it a very remarkable country in many ways. The people do not look after the stranger as in other countries. He told of several experiences, before he got "wise", in which he got the worst of it in receiving change. He told of a waiter in Paris beating him out of \$1.25 and Capt. A. Bichery (proprietor of the Waverly hotel), a native of France and who served for several years in the French army with the rank of captain, was heard by those near him to remark that he was beaten out of more than that when he first struck New York.

Mr. McLean touched briefly on Holland and wound up his remarks with the statement that after all he is satisfied there are no better people to live among than the people of Lumberton. His talk was exceedingly interesting and instructive and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who were privileged to hear him.

## Oscar L. Clark Opens Campaign in Headquarters.

Clarkton, April 18—Headquarters of the Oscar L. Clark campaign were opened this morning in a front office of the K. of P. building at Clarkton.

Mr. Clark, while making no personal fight on any of the good men who are in the field for the nomination, proposes to put into his campaign the same methods, the same energy and judgment, and the same clean dealing that have made his business life a success, and the same kindness and congeniality that have made him loved and respected in his county and community, and should he be entrusted with the affairs of the district, he will still stand by these principles.

If you should happen to be in Clarkton, or in this section anywhere, don't fail to drop in. We will be glad to see you.

J. B. Clark  
Manager.

## SUNDAY'S STORM.

### Further Details of the Havoc Wrought—A Baby's Wild Ride—Words That Saved a Home—Much Sympathy for the Victims.

There is little to add to the account given in Monday's Robesonian of the terrific wind storm which passed near Lumberton Sunday afternoon, except in the matter of details. It is hard to get any satisfactory estimate of the amount of damage done to property. Perhaps the damage done at Mr. William Stone's, three miles west of town, where the greatest havoc was wrought, would be covered by \$1,500; and other houses destroyed will perhaps amount to a like sum. How much damage was done to timber is not so easy to estimate.

Both the house occupied by Mr. Murdock Stone and family and the residence of Mr. Wm. Stone belonged to the latter, who, with his family, as has been mentioned, was away from home when the storm occurred. His residence was not moved so far as at first stated. It was twisted off its foundations and moved several feet, the side of one room was blown out, and the floors were torn up considerably when the house settled. This house was almost completely wrecked and every house on the place was damaged. The buggy house was blown partially down and the roof of the stock and feed barn was blown off, some pieces of it being found 2 miles away. Much fodder was blown out of this building. The house on the same lot occupied by Mr. Murdock Stone and family and the mother of the Messrs. Stone, Mrs. Mary Stone, who was killed, was struck with the greatest force. It was completely demolished. Mrs. Mary Stone was buried beneath a sill and was almost instantly killed. All the other occupants of the house, with the exception of the 8-months-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Murdock Stone, were buried beneath the wreckage and that they escaped with minor injuries is indeed remarkable. The baby was rolled up in bed-clothes and a mattress and carried 50 or 75 yards, and was unhurt. Its wild ride through the field was stopped by the bed clothes catching on a stump.

The tenant house destroyed at the Gregory place was occupied by Mr. Thos. Davis and family, who were away from home. A house not mentioned in the account Monday was the home of Wm. Hardin, Croatan, one mile north of Stone's. About half of the kitchen, which stood off from the dwelling, was blown away. Hardin says a word saved his house. When the wind struck his kitchen he exclaimed, "Lord, have mercy!" and he is sure that because of that the wind lifted and passed him by.

Mr. Hugh A. Musselwhite, of Powersville, where the storm dipped last to the ground, was badly hurt. Two of his ribs were broken and he was bruised badly; and it was all the more serious for him because of the fact that he had but recently undergone an operation in a hospital in Fayetteville. Dr. John Knox, Jr., of Lumberton, was summoned to dress his injuries. It is thought that he will recover.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Stone took place Tuesday morning and the remains were interred in the family burying ground at the home where she was killed.

The deepest sympathy is felt for the victims of the storm and a substantial sum was collected in Lumberton Monday for their relief. Several people from town visited places along the path of the storm Monday. About one year ago a cyclone passed near Lumberton, but it did very little damage, remaining for the most part above the earth.

—Mrs. Eliza Skipper and daughter, Miss Inez, who have been living in a house on Pine street, have decided to move to Charlotte. They went yesterday to Red Springs, where they will visit two weeks at the home of a cousin, Mr. Harris Skipper, and thence they will go to Charlotte.

## RED SPRINGS REVIEWS.

### A Delightful Recital—New Pastor Welcomed—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Red Springs, April 19—On Monday evening in the college auditorium Miss Minnie Chandler gave a delightful and interesting elocution recital. Miss Chandler is a graduate this year of the school of expression, and she excels in her art. Her voice is clear and distinct, and she possesses rare power over her voice, changing tones with great rapidity. The numbers on the programme were well selected, some being humorous while others were very pathetic. Miss Chandler was assisted by Miss Mary Atkinson and Miss Emma Brown. Miss Atkinson played two beautiful piano solos which the audience enjoyed very much. Miss Brown sang in her usual sweet manner, her songs were well chosen for her contralto voice and she rendered them with much tone and feeling. Mrs. Chandler, of Mayesville, S. C., attended her daughter's recital.

Mr. Dickson McLean, of Lumberton, was in town Monday.—Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Norment, of Lumberton, are guests at Hotel Red Springs.—Mrs. Carter, of Hendersonville, spent several days with friends in Red Springs this week.—Mrs. Maggie Oliver, of Dillon, S. C., is spending some time in Red Springs studying art at the S. P. C.—Mr. Will Muse, of Atlanta, Ga., spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. J. S. Jones.—Dr. and Mrs. J. L. McMillan have returned from a pleasant stay of ten days in Baltimore, Md.—Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Blue and infant daughter Margaret, of Aberdeen, are spending some time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sikes, Mrs. Blue's parents.—Miss Ruth McEachern spent the weekend with relatives at St. Paul.

Rev. Mr. Duncan, the new pastor of St. Stephens Episcopal church, preached two able and instructive sermons here Sunday. We heartily welcome Mr. Duncan to our town.

## MAXTON NEWS.

### The Homicide at Alma—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Maxton April 20—Mrs. Sarah Crossland, of Bennettsville, S. C., returned home Sunday night after a visit of several days with her daughter, Mrs. L. R. Kirkpatrick.—Mrs. B. F. McLean has returned from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Morrison, at Morven.—Mr. and Mrs. J. Dixon McLean, of Red Springs, were in town Saturday.—Mr. Aringer, of Laurinburg, was a Maxton visitor Friday.—Messrs. B. F. McLean, G. B. Patterson and S. B. McLean went down to Wilmington Sunday night.—Mrs. W. L. Green returned Saturday evening from a visit to Whitakers, where she spent several days with relatives.—Mr. M. G. McKenzie, of Lumberton, visited friends in Maxton last week.—Miss Rebekah Russell went to Lenox, Caswell county, last Friday to visit her grandmother. She will go from there to Florida, where she will spend several weeks.

Mr. Jasper Gibson, of Laurinburg, passed through Maxton Tuesday on his way to Fairmont. He was carrying a new automobile to Dr. Brown, who resides in that place.

Mrs. L. T. Cook, of Purcell, Okla., is visiting her mother-in-law, Mrs. Ellen E. Cook.

Mrs. Jesse B. McNatt and Miss Maude McRae are attending the great annual musical festival which is being held in Spartanburg, S. C.

A negro was shot and killed almost instantly by Mr. Thrower at Alma last Sunday afternoon. It is said that the negro was drinking and Messrs. Thrower and McPhaul attempted to arrest him. The negro drew his pistol on Mr. McPhaul, when Mr. Thrower shot him. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict of justifiable homicide.

Mr. J. Dickerson McLean, of Lumberton, passed through Maxton Monday morning on his way to Red Springs.—Mr. McL. John, of Laurinburg, was a Maxton visitor yesterday.

## IN SOCIAL REALMS.

### Miss Gill Entertains the Round Dozer Club.

Reported for The Robesonian.

The members of the Round Dozer Club were somewhat puzzled, also delighted, upon receiving invitations reading as follows from Miss Leila May Gill, who entertained the club last Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Minnie Markham, on Seventh street:

"Please come and bring all you know (Surely you will need it so) Of you and your folks, Of me and my folks, Of the n and their folks. Perhaps you will learn something more You didn't ever know before."

When the time came, and the guests had all arrived, we were more puzzled than ever when the hostess presented us with a contest. The subject was, "What relation are they to you?"—"Your father's father's daughter's daughter? Your sister-in-law's father-in-law's grandson? The grand-daughter of the only son of your mother's mother-in-law?" etc. In correcting the papers, it was found that Mrs. J. S. McNeill, Misses Marion Mooring and Zuba Markham were successful. In cutting, Miss Mooring won a bow of pink ribbon.

We were next given a little package containing ten peas. The conversation for five minutes was to be without any personal pronouns. The forfeit for using one was a pea. When the time had expired Miss Jessie Fuller was presented with a pink ribbon rose for being so guarded in speech.

After this we were invited to the dining room, which was artistically decorated in ferns and pink roses. The light from pink candles cast a glow over the entire room. The centerpiece on the table was a round mirror. This was surrounded with paper sweet-peas, to which were attached dainty cards in a sweet-pea design. The refreshments consisted of block-cream and cake in pink and white. We then drew a card and inclosed in the center of each sweet-pea was a tiny slip of paper giving some trait of character. This entitled us to a suitable souvenir. For instance: The most musical, a banjo; the most literary, a large pencil; the most popular, a box of candy; the next bride, a ring; the bravest, a mouse, and so on.

Returning to the parlor, and after spending some time in laughter and conversation, we bade our hostess adieu, assuring her of a lovely afternoon.

## A Social and Athletic Club Formed.

A meeting was held in the court house Tuesday evening for the purpose of organizing a social and athletic club. Those present were R. E. Lee, A. T. Parmele, R. R. Carlyle, E. M. Britt, Dr. J. J. Crowe, A. Weinstein, E. A. Thompson, W. W. Whaley, L. McK. Parker, D. W. Bullock, G. B. McLeod, J. A. McDougald, D. P. Shaw, A. P. Caldwell, G. S. McKenzie, C. M. Barker, A. T. Parmele was elected president, G. S. McKenzie secretary, and it was voted that the club should be named the Athletic & Social Club, with the following fees: resident members—initiation, \$10; yearly dues, \$6; non-resident—initiation \$5, yearly dues, \$3. A. P. Caldwell was elected treasurer.

The chair appointed R. E. Lee, C. M. Barker, G. S. McKenzie, Dr. J. J. Crowe, E. M. Britt, A. Weinstein and R. R. Carlyle a steering committee to act in the interest of the club until discharged. The meeting adjourned until tomorrow evening, when a permanent organization will be effected.

## Important Meeting This Evening.

An important meeting to consider a matter which concerns every citizen of the town will be held this evening in the reading room of the Industrial and Commercial Club. The meeting will be held promptly at 7:45 o'clock and will not last more than 45 minutes. All who are interested in what concerns the best interests of the town are invited to be present.

## LOCAL BRIEFS.

—The young men of the Industrial and Commercial Club will entertain the ladies of the Round Dozen Club this evening in the club rooms.

—About six couples participated in a dance last evening in the Pythian hall on the third floor of the Lumberton Cotton Mills office building. Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Thomas were the chaperones.

—Mr. T. A. McNeill has purchased a 5-room house and a lot containing an acre and a half, at the end of Caldwell street, from Messrs Will and Arch. Regan, of Tolarsville. The deal was made through the A. K. J. W. Co. and was closed Monday.

—Rev. E. M. Hoyle returned yesterday from the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hoyle, in Bladen county, where he was summoned last week on account of the illness of his wife. Mrs. Hoyle's condition has improved considerably.

—Mr. Raymond Reynolds, who had been a student at Center academy, near Littleton, came home Tuesday, school having closed on the 17th. He has accepted a position with the Pope Drug Company for the summer and began work yesterday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Britt moved to Lumberton Saturday from McDonald and are occupying a house belonging to Mr. W. W. Carlyle, on First street. Mr. Britt was formerly depot agent at McDonald. He has not definitely determined what he will do.

—The new prescription case mentioned recently as having been purchased by the Lumberton Drug Co. has arrived and was installed yesterday. It is a very handsome case with a large mirror in the centre and extends across the store, to the appearance of which it adds greatly.

—Messrs. Otis M. Page and J. W. LaBruce, engineers and contractors, who are doing business under the firm name of Page & LaBruce with headquarters at Dillon, S. C., are contemplating establishing a branch office in Lumberton. They completed recently a survey of Fairmont.

—Superintendent R. E. Sentelle has made quite an improvement in the appearance of the grounds at the graded school building by having the trees trimmed and some cleaning up done. A little brushing-up and dusting around will make a change in the appearance of things.

—Mr. T. A. Norment, Jr., formerly of Lumberton but now of Grottoes, Va., who had been very ill at his home, as stated in a recent issue of The Robesonian, underwent an operation at Johns Hopkins hospital in Baltimore last week and is getting on nicely. He is expected to be able to return home the last of this week or the first of next.

—The funeral services of Mrs. Mary E. Stone, who was killed in the cyclone Sunday afternoon about three miles from town, as mentioned in Monday's issue of The Robesonian, were conducted Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock at the family burying grounds, near the old home, about three miles from town, by Rev. J. M. Fleming. A large crowd was present.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Carter moved yesterday to St. Paul, Mr. Carter, salesman for the McAlister Hdw. Co. of Lumberton and St. Paul, having been transferred to the store at that place, where Mr. J. C. Blanchard is in charge. Mr. Claud Roberts, who had been assisting Mr. Blanchard for two weeks, returned to Lumberton yesterday and has resumed his work in the company's store here.

—Mr. N. A. McLeilar, who lives on rural route No. 1 from Zarnesville, was a Lumberton visitor Monday and entered The Robesonian's cotton contest. Mr. J. H. Humphrey, of Shannon, son of Mr. J. S. Humphrey, and Mr. A. R. McIntyre, who lives 2 miles from Red Springs, have also entered this contest recently, and yesterday Mr. F. F. Purvis, who lives near Orrum, was in town and enrolled in the contest.