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## HOPE MILLS NEWS.

**Electric Lights for the Town—Excavating Big Mound Where Indians Were Buried Before Advent of White Man—Many Interesting Relics Found—Other Items.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Hope Mills, May 17—Rev. J. D. Pegram will preach at Parkton on next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Mrs. J. A. Brown, of Rocky Mt., has been visiting relatives and friends in this town and vicinity.—Miss Emma Pegram, who has been teaching in the Cary high school, is visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Pegram.—Mr. N. P. Nelson, who had been visiting his daughter, Mrs. G. A. Milliken, left Monday for High Point on a business trip.—Mr. Frank Fleming, of Creedmore, has been visiting his brother, Mr. L. B. Fleming, cashier of the Bank of Hope Mills.—Miss Iola Bruton, of Fayetteville, who had been visiting Mrs. J. C. Gilbert, returned home last week accompanied by Miss Lizzie Blanche Gilbert.

Children's Day exercises will take place in the Methodist church on the night of the fifth Sunday in this month. The public is cordially invited.

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

Mr. H. S. Fisher having resigned his position as chief marshal for the town of Hope Mills, Mr. J. D. Barber has been appointed to succeed him.

Mr. Sam Harrington, who has been connected with the Hope Mills Mercantile Company, has sold his interest in that business to Mr. J. B. West. Mr. Harrington will leave at an early date for Norfolk, where he will accept a position with a bridge force in that city.

On Saturday last 25 members of Juniper Camp, No. 252, W. O. W., Cotton, left for Jonesboro, where on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock they unveiled the monument of the late James H. Riddle. Mr. D. A. McNeill, of Cotton, was master of ceremonies, and during the fifty-five minutes required to perform the ceremonies the large audience present was very orderly and attentive. The Woodmen returned to Hope Mills Sunday afternoon and they have been speaking in very complimentary terms of the hospitality they received at the hands of the Sanford and Jonesboro people.

At a recent meeting of the town commissioners the subject of electric lights for the town of Hope Mills was discussed, and it was decided to accept the liberal proposition of the Hope Mills Mfg. Co. to furnish free of charge current to be used in putting electric lights throughout the town, the town to furnish the equipment consisting of wires, lamps, poles, etc. The necessary equipment will be ordered at once and the work done. There will probably be about fifteen 160 horse-power arc lights put in which will cost about \$1500. The lights will be run from 4:45 o'clock in the morning until sunrise, and from dusk in the evening until 11 o'clock p. m. When the work is done Hope Mills will be as well lighted as any town in the State.

The Baptist church here is to be remodeled and repainted, the paint, etc., having been ordered and the contract made. This is one of the loveliest spots in Hope Mills, and why should it not be?

On last Thursday Dr. J. W. McNeill and Prof. Charles Peabody, of Harvard University, who are interested in archaeological discoveries in Cumberland county, passed through Hope Mills on their way to the Davis bridge, about six miles from this place, to engage in excavating the big Indian mound near that point. Six or eight men from this place were secured to do the work of excavation, and as the mound is 30 feet wide, and nearly as long, and many feet deep, it will take several days work to reach all parts of it. On Saturday a number of skulls and bones were uncovered,

## ROWLAND ITEMS.

**An Interesting Day at Centenary School Closing—Personal Mention.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Rowland, May 17—Mrs. W. S. Ballard and little daughter, Louise, are visiting relatives in Clayton.—Mr. H. K. McCormick and daughter, Miss Bess McCormick, left Tuesday for Greensboro, where they will attend G. F. C. commencement.—Messrs. James McCoy and A. D. McKenzie spent a few hours in Dillon Sunday.—After spending a few days with his brother, Mr. C. T. Marrow, Mr. Willie Marrow left Tuesday for his home in Tarboro.—Miss Sallie McLeod, who has been attending the Presbyterian College in Charlotte, came home last week.—Mrs. Ann McArn and son, Mr. John McArn, went to Maxton Monday.—Messrs. Lawrence Parker and Robert McMillan, of McDonald, visited friends here Tuesday.—Messrs. J. McR. Bracy and J. H. McArn went to Red Springs Tuesday.

Quite a number from Rowland attended the commencement exercises of Centenary high school last Friday. At 11 o'clock in the morning Mayor A. J. McKinney delivered an interesting address on agriculture, in which he said many good and practical things. He urged the importance of teaching agriculture in our schools and colleges. His address was followed by a short talk by Mr. G. B. Patterson, also of Maxton, in which he addressed himself to both old and young. After the speaking was over the crowd gathered around a long table which was beautifully spread in the yard, and they proceeded to partake copiously of its contents. If this community had never enjoyed any reputation in knowing how to provide a good dinner, this occasion would be sufficient to establish for them a reputation that would stand for years. In the afternoon a large audience enjoyed an interesting and well-rendered programme, consisting of recitations, dialogues, drills and vocal and instrumental music. The children showed that they had received excellent training, reflecting great credit on their instructors.

The school has been under the management of Miss Viola Cooper, of Surry county, and Misses Ward and Powers, of Robeson. The patrons seem well pleased with the work of these young ladies. When the exercises were over an interesting ball game was played between Centenary and Rowland. There was good playing on both teams, but Rowland won the game, the score being 9 to 2.

**Jurors For June Term of Court.**  
At a special meeting of the county commissioners held Friday the following were drawn to serve as Jurors at the civil term of Robeson Superior Court which convenes June 20: R. A. Pitman, D. F. Gray, G. W. Thompson, C. B. Andrews, W. H. Hedgpeth, H. E. Rhodes, W. S. McMillan, J. A. Singleton, H. L. Davis, C. A. Cox, A. T. McKellar, C. W. McArthur, J. H. McPhaul, J. C. McPhail, J. A. Parrish, Berry Ivey, Jr., J. G. Purcell, W. G. McLean.

Mr. J. B. Rozier, of Fayetteville, was a Lumberton visitor yesterday, and it is estimated that fully one hundred and fifty Indians were buried here, long before the advent of the white man. A pipe, made out of some substance that looks like soapstone, and a well-defined tomahawk were also found. There are a number of Indian mounds in this county, and most of them are familiar to Dr. McNeill, who has been investigating the mounds for several years. In one grave Dr. McNeill found where more than one hundred Indians had been buried, evidently the victims of a sanguinary battle. One of the skulls still had a tomahawk sticking in it, while there were arrow heads in a number of the skeletons, showing that they had been thrown into the grave as they fell on the battle field with the weapons that caused their death remaining in their bodies.

## PARKTON PARAGRAPHS.

**A Scourge of Sickness—Installing Waterworks—Personal.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Parkton, May 17—Our town has been visited by a scourge of sickness the past week. Measles and mumps are playing quite an important part in the game.

Miss Gertie Hearts left Sunday for a two-weeks' stay in Raleigh.—Miss Marylene Tolar, of Rennert, spent Saturday and Sunday in town, a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cashwell.—Miss Annie M. McMillan, from Glengary, is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. C. D. Williamson.

Miss Mary Stewart returned to her home at Laurinburg last week, after a very successful year's work here as teacher in the intermediate department.

We are sorry to report Mr. Henry Welsh, who has been very sick, not very much improved. Rev. E. R. Welsh, from Wilmington, and Mrs. Martha Terry, of McColl, S. C., his children, are here at his bedside.

Miss Ethel Cashwell, who is teaching at Rennert, is improving, after spending a week at home wrestling with measles.

Messrs. A. B. Williamson, E. B. Daniels and Shaw McArthur attended the commencement exercises at Southern Presbyterian College, Red Springs. They drove over in the former's automobile.

Miss Iris Cashwell, teacher of the primary department, left for her home in Lumberton last week.

Messrs. J. G. Hugges and J. B. McCormick are having waterworks installed in their handsome residences. Others should follow their excellent example.

**Judge W. R. Allen Endorsed for Supreme Court.**

To the people of North Carolina: The undersigned, members of the bar of Robeson county, desire to endorse and to invite to your attention, the candidacy of Judge William R. Allen for a seat upon our Supreme Bench.

Judge Allen is now riding the courts of this district and he has recently held terms of courts of civil as well as criminal cases in our county. We have had the opportunity of studying the man and the lawyer at close range. In the trial of cases before him we have been impressed with his quick and accurate grasp of intricate questions, with his fairness and courtesy. He possesses to a marked extent that invisible and intangible, yet highly essential, quality known as "judicial temperament." In knowledge of law he is easily among the foremost. His high Christian character if known wherever he is known. His long experience upon the bench of our Superior Court has admirably fitted him for the work of the higher tribunal. His services to the democracy began when he was of age and have never ceased. In Eastern Carolina especially have the people felt the beneficent effects of his wise leadership.

If fitness for the exalted position to which he aspires, high moral character, courtesy of the old time gentleman, service to his party—if these be the things to be considered in the selection of your choice for the position, then we feel Judge Allen entitled to the benefit of your support and influence. In judicial nominations we have always felt that merit and not political considerations should be the guide.

We endorse his candidacy and commend him to the people of North Carolina. He is worthy of your support and we trust you may see your way clear to endorse him for the position to which he aspires.

(Signed)  
N. A. McLean, S. McIntyre, A. W. McLean, R. C. Lawrence, E. J. Britt, Jas. D. Proctor, T. L. Johnson, C. B. Skipper, W. Lennon, W. S. Britt, J. D. McLean, Wade Wishart, S. B. McLean, E. M. Britt, S. P. Speil, J. P. Wiggins, A. P. Shaw, James A. Shaw.

## A NEGRO KILLED.

**Daniel Morrison Shot and Killed by His Uncle, Robert Stackhouse, Near McDonald Monday—Stackhouse in Jail—Particulars of the Killing.**

Robert Stackhouse, colored, 44 years old, charged with killing his nephew, Daniel Morrison, about 20 years old, near McDonald Monday morning, was brought to jail here Monday night by Sheriff E. C. McNeill.

The fact that a negro was killed was mentioned in Monday's paper, but the information then obtainable was that the killing was done Sunday night and as telephone wires were down it was impossible to obtain particulars for that issue. It seems that Stackhouse had ordered Morrison to keep away from his home but during his absence Sunday Morrison went to his home and raised some disturbance. Early Monday morning Stackhouse went to the home of a neighbor, whom he asked to go and tell Morrison he, Stackhouse, wanted to see him. When Morrison arrived, after some words between them, Stackhouse shot, using a repeating shot gun, and then struck Morrison with the gun with sufficient force to bend the barrel out of shape. The two men were close together when Stackhouse fired and the entire lead took effect in Morrison's right side. Morrison ran a distance of about 100 yards from the house before falling. Stackhouse claims that Morrison was trying to draw a pistol when he shot, but while a pistol was found in the dead man's pocket it is said that there was nothing to indicate that he had tried to draw it. Morrison was a brother of Walter Morrison, the first victim of the electric chair in this State, sentenced to death for rape.

While on his way to Rowland Monday morning on other business Sheriff McNeill was advised of the killing and immediately went by Stackhouse's home and arrested him, the arrest following quickly the shooting. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of murder.

**Fire Company Organized for Lumberton Club—Banquet.**

A meeting of the Industrial and Commercial Club was held Tuesday evening to consider some matters of importance to the town and a committee was appointed to make arrangements for a banquet for further consideration of an important matter at an early date. K. M. Biggs, Q. T. Williams and E. J. Britt were appointed a committee to organize a fire department and last evening, at the call of Mr. Williams, chief of the fire department, a meeting was held in the directors' room of the Bank of Lumberton and a volunteer fire company was organized for the town with the following members: Q. T. Williams, chief; A. W. Peace, R. E. Sentelle, R. E. L. Correll, R. O. Edmund, J. P. Townsend, Geo. G. French, E. J. Britt. Chief Williams appointed to following foremen: R. O. Edmund, for reel in rear Bank of Lumberton, with E. J. Britt assistant; J. P. Townsend, reel at R. D. Caldwell's fountain, A. W. Peace assistant; R. E. L. Correll, reel at Alf. H. McLeod's; R. E. Sentelle, reel on graded school grounds; G. G. French, reel on Schockett's corner.

The following committees were appointed: A. W. Peace and J. P. Townsend, to investigate method of turning in fire alarms and signals that are to be given; Q. T. Williams and R. E. L. Correll, to inspect each reel house and see that all parts of reels are in proper shape and everything in proper working order; E. J. Britt, and G. G. French, to investigate town ordinances and regulations in regard to fire department and see if there is any appropriation for the department from the town; R. E. L. Correll, E. J. Britt and R. E. Sentelle, to prepare suitable by-laws for government and regulation of the fire company.

Each committee will report at a meeting to be held at the same place on the evening of the 27th inst.

## TOWN OFFICERS.

**All Re-elected Except Chief of Police—Mayor to Advise for Chief—Committees Appointed.**

At a meeting of the board of town commissioners Tuesday evening the following officers were re-elected: E. M. Britt, town attorney, salary \$60 per year; Dr. T. D. Kitchin, superintendent of health, \$60 per year; A. R. Currie, night policeman, \$40 per month; E. J. McGuire, superintendent of water and light plant, \$90 per month.

Mayor Rowland was instructed by the board to advertise in the Charlotte Observer, Raleigh News and Observer and Asheville Citizen for a good, up-to-date chief of police. Chief F. J. Floyd has been requested to continue to serve in that capacity until his successor can be selected.

The tax collector will be required hereafter to read water and electric light metres and Supt. McGuire will be relieved of that duty.

Mayor Rowland appointed the following committees: Street, G. G. French, J. L. Stephens; electric lights, Jno. D. McMillan, M. W. Floyd; water and sewerage, J. H. Wishart, E. Z. Freeman.

**Lumberton Again Victorious—Defeats Laurinburg.**

Lumberton defeated Laurinburg in a fast and exciting game of ball on the latter's diamond Tuesday by the score of 3 to 2. Until the eighth inning not a Laurinburg man reached third base and only one reached second. Five successive attempts to steal were cut off at second and after that the home team "took a tip" and tried no more stealing. At the end of the ninth the score was 2 for each team and only until two men were out in the twelfth did Lumberton secure its third run by a hit and stolen second by Correll and a three-bagger by Barker scoring him. Battery for Lumberton, Stone and Correll; battery for Laurinburg, Covington and Covington; struck out by Stone, 17; by Covington, 4. Umpire, Clark.

**Paul Gilmore, in The Mummy and the Humming Bird, at the Lumberton Opera House This Evening.**

Paul Gilmore and his excellent company arrived this morning from Marion, S. C., and this evening they will appear at the Lumberton opera house in "The Mummy and the Humming Bird," a society drama in four acts that has proved one of the greatest successes in recent years. Lumberton is exceedingly fortunate in securing this attraction. The advance sale of seats has been unusually good and the opera house will no doubt be filled to its capacity. The performance will begin at 8:30 o'clock.

**Concert by Oxford Orphanage Singing Class.**

The singing class from the Oxford Orphanage will give a concert in the Lumberton opera house Tuesday evening, May 31st. Many concerts have been given in Lumberton by singing classes from this worthy institution and they have all been enjoyed by large audiences. Lumberton people have been extremely liberal in patronizing these concerts and the class this year will no doubt be greeted by the usual large audience. Besides helping to support a worthy cause those who attend will be given an evening of genuine pleasure.

**Sees Comets—Seven of 'em—Also Shooting Stars.**

A citizen of McDonald a few mornings ago arose while it was yet dark to view the comet, and in making his way out of the room collided, head-on, with a door standing half ajar. He says he saw seven comets while yet in the house, a lot of stars shooting in various directions, and a lot of things that he is not able to name.

## LOCAL BRIEFS.

—Tomorrow, May 20, being a legal holiday, the anniversary of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, the banks of the town will be closed.

—The Columbia Mechanics of Columbia, S. C., and the Borlandman baseball team will play three games on the latter's grounds on the 23d, 24th and 25th inst.

—A series of meetings will begin Sunday morning at the Presbyterian church and continue throughout next week. Rev. M. McG. Shields, of Greensboro, will assist the pastor, Rev. A. E. Baker, in the meeting.

—Mr. Lawrence Parker, who holds a position in the office of Mr. W. H. Humphrey, clerk of the court, returned this morning from from his home at McDonald, where he has been sick for a week with mumps.

—The baseball season opens at Fayetteville Monday of next week and for the benefit of those who wish to attend the games from here the V. & C. S. will give a special rate of \$1 round trip on the regular train.

—The news of the death of Mr. Brown Thompson, about 25 years old, which occurred in California a few days ago, was received here this week. He was run over by a train and killed instantly. Mr. Thompson was the only son of Mr. J. P. Thompson, of Dillon, S. C., formerly of this county.

—Yesterday was a great day for the Scotch at Red Springs—a Scotch commencement at the Presbyterian College, a Scotch picnic and a meeting of the Scottish Society of America. A large crowd of people attended, among them many from Lumberton. Space will not permit an account of the day in this issue.

—Miss Katie Kerr, formerly bookkeeper for the Pope Drug Co. and who left Lumberton last week to visit at the home of an uncle at Maysville, has accepted a position as stenographer for the Swansboro Land and Lumber Co. at Swansboro, Onslow county. Miss Kerr's home is at Kerr, Sampson county.

—The Athletic and Social Club held a meeting in the commissioners' room in the court house Tuesday evening. The meeting was well attended and much interest was manifested. The by-laws for the organization were read and adopted. The next meeting is to be held Thursday evening of next week.

—Miss Marion B. Kinne, director of the violin department of the Southern Conservatory of music at Durham, assisted by Mr. Orme G. Edwards will give a concert at the opera house Tuesday evening of next week. They have a reputation for giving excellent music and will no doubt be greeted by a large audience.

—Mr. W. W. Whaley, who seems to find delight in trying to show people things that are sometimes hard to see, expects to have a telescope on the court house square tomorrow afternoon about 4 o'clock, through which telescope anyone will have the privilege of trying to see the comet. It is expected that a large crowd will be scrambling for a look.

**Sunday-School Meeting.**

At a Sunday-school meeting which will be held at Hog Swamp church the 5th Sunday in this month, beginning at 10:30 a. m., the following subjects will be discussed:

Upon what does the success of the Sunday-school work depend?—Prof. F. T. Collins.  
Lost opportunities—open to all.

Commencement exercises will be held at Meredith College, Raleigh, 22d to 24th inst. On the 22d at 11 a. m. the baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Rev. O. P. Gifford, D. D., of Brookline, Mass., and at 8 p. m. there will be a missionary sermon by Rev. S. M. Melton, D. D., of Norfolk, Va. On the 23d, at 11 a. m., class day exercises; 4 p. m., art exhibit; 8:30 p. m., musical concert. Tuesday, 24th, 11 a. m., literary address, Rev. O. P. Gifford, D. D., Brookline, Mass.; graduating exercises.