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## FOR FIGHTING FIRE.

**The Volunteer Fire Company Proposes Up-to-Date Fire Alarm System and Other Improvements—Could be Installed at Small Cost—Horse and Hose Wagon and Fire House Among Improvements Contemplated.**

At a meeting of the volunteer fire company Friday evening plans were set in motion which, when perfected, will revolutionize the method of fighting fire in Lumberton and will give the town an effective system for this all-important work.

At a recent meeting, as reported in The Robesonian, Mr. Q. T. Williams was elected chief of the volunteer fire company and foremen were appointed for the different wards. At the meeting Friday evening by-laws were adopted which look to a radical change in the system of fighting fire. Chief Williams, A. W. Peace and R. E. L. Correll were appointed a committee to make a list of the equipment necessary for the system contemplated and to go before the town commissioners and ascertain what assistance can be gotten from the town in installing this up-to-date system. The plan proposed calls for the installation of fire alarm boxes which will transmit the alarm automatically when the glass in the box is broken with a hammer that will hang suspended by the box, to a ward central station and thence automatically to the fire house, indicating the ward, so that the alarm given at the fire house may indicate just where the fire is located. This committee will investigate the cost of purchasing a horse and wagon to take the place of the various hand-reel wagons now in use, and the cost of erecting a fire house, to be located near the power house.

Mr. E. J. Britt was appointed a committee to investigate the State law governing fire companies, also town ordinances governing the fire department, and to report at a meeting to be called by Chief Williams.

A committee appointed at the former meeting to examine all the hose reels, wrenches, etc., in town reported that a thorough examination had been made and that the present equipment had been put in good condition and was in shape for use.

When the company is well organized and the up-to-date system is installed the company will join the State Firemen's Association. When that is done the town will receive from the fire companies a certain per cent. of the amount paid out in insurance. That per cent. will amount to about \$100 per year, which will be a great aid in supporting the fire company. It is estimated that installing the new system will not cost the town more than \$150, which is an exceeding small outlay for the benefit that will be derived.

The members of the volunteer company are willing to give of their time and labor to protect the town from fire, but they should not be expected to fight fire under such disadvantages as the present poor equipment makes necessary. They should not be expected to haul hose wagons from one end of the town to another. If they are willing to give their time and attention to this all-important matter the town should see to it that the proper equipment is furnished.

## Concert Tomorrow Evening by Oxford Orphanage Singing Class.

The singing class of the Oxford Orphanage will give a concert at the Lumberton opera house tomorrow evening. Go to the children's concert and use your influence to get as many others to go as possible. You will thus lead people to spend an evening of genuine enjoyment and profit and you will render aid to an institution which ranks among the most valuable in the State. The concert will begin at 8:15 o'clock.

Mr. Hector McLean, of Maxton, is in town today.

## OFFICER SHOT.

**Deputy T. C. Barnes, in Arresting Negroes, Receives Slight Wound and is Beaten—Two Negroes Wounded and Arrested by Plucky Officer After Being Wounded Himself.**

Deputy Sheriff T. C. Barnes was wounded Thursday evening at Maxton while attempting to arrest a negro man and woman, and afterwards he made the arrests all right and brought his prisoners to jail here.

Ann McLean, colored, whose home is at Maxton, has been before the clerk of the court once or twice for a decision as to her sanity and has been dismissed as often. Deputy Barnes was given a warrant to bring her again before the clerk. He went to Maxton Wednesday evening and went to Ann's home in company with one man, Officer Wren, of Maxton, but Ann and her husband barricaded themselves inside their house and without more help no arrest seemed possible, so the officers gave it up for that time. Deputy Barnes went to Maxton again Thursday evening and went to the house again with four other men—H. L. McNeill, T. L. Smith, Gaston McCallum and Mr. Stone.

Before this party reached the house they were seen by Ann and her husband, who had been sitting on their porch, and they went inside the house and barred the door. Barnes and his assistants broke in the door and found that the man and woman had retreated to the loft of the house. There was no way from inside the house to the loft save up a ladder and through a little hole. Mr. Barnes promptly climbed the ladder and pulled himself through the hole, but as soon as he got into the loft sand or something like it was thrown into his eyes and all was dark there, so he had to come down and try another way. There was a little platform outside level with a door to the loft, so Mr. Barnes climbed up a post to that platform and made for the door. Then the man and woman got busy. They cracked the door open enough to work and while one fired the other used a club on Mr. Barnes, and it was hot times for a short season. Mr. Barnes tried to return the fire but his gun snapped three times before it fired. The party on the ground below, seeing Mr. Barnes' perilous position, opened fire as often as the door was opened, and the woman was struck under the chin, the ball coming out at her cheek, and the man was wounded in the right arm, after which they surrendered. It is not known who fired the shots that took effect. Mr. Barnes' gun got in working order after snapping three times, but he does not know whether he fired the shots that wounded the man and woman or not. Nor does he know whether it was the man or woman that had the gun. He was at close range but could not tell—he only knew that one had a gun and one had a club. They shot at him five times, but only one ball took effect, entering his right knee on the inside and ranging down. The wound is not serious. Mr. Barnes was belabored with the club unmercifully and is bruised all over. That he escaped killing seems almost miraculous, and he displays wonderful grit and nerve by standing his ground under such circumstances, when the odds were so great against him.

When the man and woman gave up they were placed in an automobile and carried to Maxton, where their wounds and Mr. Barnes' wound were dressed, and then Mr. Barnes brought his prisoners to Lumberton and lodged them in jail. In spite of the amount of powder burned and the close range at which the shots were fired, no one was seriously wounded.

## Negro Buries Himself and Almost Meets Finish—Stripped to Overalls and Shirt.

Sandy McNeill, colored, who says he is from Cheraw, S. C., was brought to jail Friday from Red Springs by Deputies Jno. F. Brown and Jas. Taylor

## RACING MEET.

**At Fairmont Saturday—Mrs. Frank Andrews Will Drive Rex Hal—Good Races Expected.**

There will be a racing meet at Fairmont Saturday of this week, at 2 o'clock p. m., and as a special feature a lady will drive one of the horses in one race.

Owing to the fact that the meet of the Fairmont Driving Association on the 20th inst. was practically a failure, the weather interfering, Mr. Frank Andrews, formerly of Pittsburg, who is camping with his wife in a tent at Fairmont on account of his health, decided to get up another race and charge only 35 cents admission. In the races on the 20th Mr. Andrews drove Rex Hal, who won three of the five heats that day. Rex Hal, now owned by Mr. J. E. Anderson of Fairmont, was formerly owned by Mr. Andrews, who drove him and won in many races in the Carolina circuit before going to Fairmont. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews going to Fairmont from Columbia, S. C. Mrs. Andrews will drive Rex Hal against Billy Simmons, champion trotter of Rowland, owned by Mr. J. E. Bryant.

There will be about 14 entries at this meet and three races—free for all, 2.19 trotting class, and 2.35 class. There will be probably a running race between two horses from Lumberton, but this is not certain yet, and a 1-mile pony race.

This will doubtless be one of the best races ever held at Fairmont. An effort will be made to break the track record with Sandy Hal, owned by Mr. L. E. Stackhouse, of Marion, S. C., who now holds the record at 2.16.

Miss Della Blake returned Friday from a visit of a few days to her home near Hope Mills.

to await trail on charges of stealing. McNeill had a strenuous time for a while Thursday afternoon. He was detected, it is said, stealing a pair of trousers from a store and when he started on his run for freedom it is said that he was followed by a policeman and half the population of the down-town section. When the new Presbyterian church was reached in the pursuit some argument arose as to which direction was taken by the thief, some thinking they had seen him running through a field of oats, others contending that he had gone under the church. Finally some boys were sent under the church to see what they could see and one of the boys was horrified a few seconds later to find himself crawling over a prostrate form that was covered with dirt, part of one hand just sticking out. The boys called for help and the negro was dug out. He had gotten into a ditch under the church and had covered himself completely with dirt, only leaving a small space at his nose for breath, but he had done the job almost too completely and when rescued it is said that he was almost all in. It was some time before the negro could be revived sufficiently to lock him up.

There were five warrants out for this negro. It seems that he began operations about Wakullah and took everything in sight. A cloud of witnesses appeared at the trial and when they got through with Sandy he had nothing on but a pair of overalls and a shirt. One old lady even claimed his socks. Sandy had a valise full of stuff that he had gathered up, but they took it all. He is a comparatively young negro.

Frank Alford, a young negro, was brought to jail Thursday evening by Deputy G. E. Bond to await trial on the charge of entering the home of a Mr. Cobb, for whom he worked, in Alfordville township. The preliminary hearing was before Justice A. T. McKellar. Mr. Cobb had been missing things from his house and had suspected one of his hands for some time, and Thursday Alford was seen entering and coming out of the house. Nothing but some provisions was missed at the time.

## A DAY OF RUNAWAYS.

**Three Runaways Friday—Mr. R. W. Townsend Slightly Injured—Miss Annie Laura Burton Receives a Fall—Exciting Times but not Much Damage.**

Friday was a day of runaways with horses in Lumberton, no less than three occurring within a few hours of each other, but no one was seriously hurt.

About noon Friday a colored boy by the name of Turner, who drives a pair of horses to a street hack, stepped into the bakery on Fourth street, leaving his horses unhitched. They became frightened and started to run. Harry McQueen, colored, tried to stop them when they reached his blacksmith shop a few doors below the bakery, but failed, and the horses turned down the street at his shop and ran behind the stores there, crossed Third street, ran behind the Waverly hotel and the Lumberton Cotton Mills office building to Second, turned up Second, ran across Elm, and between Elm and Chestnut came to grief. One of the horses jumped into a wagon, fell out of that on to a buggy belonging to Mr. Frank Bryant (who lives near Rowland), the buggy turned over on top of him and the horse began kicking with might and main. When he was gotten out of the mix-up it was found that the buggy top and seat had been kicked into a cocked hat, so to speak, and the buggy was sent to a shop for repairs. The horse that did the wagon-buggy stunt was hurt very little and the other, while the performance was going on, broke out of the traces and came to a stop after running a short distance. It is said that this same pair of horses ran away at Elizabethtown the day before and has run away here before.

About the same time of day Friday Rev. R. Walter Townsend, of Raeford, who was driving to Lumberton from his farm at Raynham, met Mr. Sandy McLeod's automobile near the ball grounds across the river from town. Mr. Townsend got out to hold his horse at its head and when the machine passed the horse began rearing, struck Mr. Townsend's legs with its feet, bowled him over into the ditch beside which he was standing, and ran. The horse was caught not far away by a colored man and brought to Mr. C. M. Fuller's stables. Mr. Townsend was bruised up considerably but not seriously hurt. He was brought to town by Mr. McLeod and stayed at the home of his brother, Mr. L. T. Townsend, corner of Third and Walnut streets, until Saturday morning, when he was taken by Mr. McLeod to Raeford. The buggy top was damaged to some extent.

Mr. Evander McNair, of Clarkton, drove two horses to a surry to Lumberton Friday and when he started away that afternoon from Mr. E. D. McNeill's livery stables on Fourth street the horses started away on the run, seemingly without cause. They ran to Water street and turned toward the iron bridge, but were stopped within a short distance. No damage was done beyond the breaking of parts of the harness.

Miss Annie Laura Burton, of Danville, Va., who is visiting at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Sledge, corner of Fifth and Pine streets, received a great surprise and a severe fall about noon Friday on Fourth street, between Walnut and Pine—and a horse was the cause of that. She was riding Mr. J. H. Wishart's pony and as the horse did not go to her liking Miss Flora Wishart handed Miss Burton a switch. Presto change! The pony got gay very suddenly and started off at such a lively pace that Miss Burton could not keep up, so she was dropped suddenly, rudely, without apology or "by your leave," upon the hard ground. With such force did she come in contact with the ground from her perch upon the back of the erstwhile sluggish pony that she was knocked unconscious, but when consciousness was restored it was found that she had escaped injury beyond a few bruises.

Friday was certainly a day for cut-ups among the equines hereabouts.

## RED SPRINGS REVIEWS.

**Miss Eva McGirt Entertains—Pavilion Dance—A Deserted Town—Personal.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Red Springs, May 27—Mr. Tom de Vane has returned from Chapel Hill to spend the summer vacation at home.—Messrs. Douglas McMillan and Jim Hall are expected this week from Warrenton, where they have been students in the high school for the past winter.—Misses Wyatt McKinnon and Eunice Pearsall and Mr. Currie attended a ball game in Fayetteville last week.—Mrs. H. M. Dixon and little son Paul have returned from Jacksonville, Fla., where they had been visiting relatives for several weeks.—Miss Rosa McMillan is at home again after a short visit to relatives and friends in South Carolina.—Dr. B. F. McMillan spent a few days in Charleston, S. C., last week attending the sixth annual meeting of the Atlantic Coast Line surgeons.—Miss Sallie Shaw, of Kinston, is the guest of Miss Ethel Johnson.—Rev. Mr. Jopling has returned from Lewisburg, West Va., where he attended the meeting of the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church.

Our town seems quite deserted and quiet after the college girls leave us and so your correspondent has very few "notes" for this time.

The dances given at Hotel Red Springs during commencement week were very much enjoyed by the young people. The first dance in the new pavilion will be given on the evening of June sixth.

Miss Mamie McMillan, who has been teaching at Montevallo, Ala., is at home for the summer.—Mrs. Samuel Morgan, of Burlington, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Robeson.—Miss Genevieve McMillan has returned from a pleasant visit to friends in Tifton, Ga., and Charleston, S. C.

A few young people from Red Springs went out to the beautiful country home of Mr. John McGirt Tuesday evening to a lawn party given by Miss Eva McGirt in honor of her guests Misses Lillian McDonald and Allie Johnson. The weather was bad but they had a good time, just the same.

## ST PAUL PACKAGE.

**St. Paul Boys Win Debate—Personal Mention.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

St. Paul, May 28—The public debate at the school house last night between the literary societies of Hope Mills and St. Paul was a success. The railroad company ran a special train from Hope Mills here and brought about 50 people from there. The auditorium was well filled and the crowd enjoyed the occasion very much. After a lively discussion the judges, Messrs. A. R. McEachern, L. McInnis and O. C. Rogers, decided that St. Paul boys were the best debaters. In a previous debate at Hope Mills the Hope Mills boys were the victors, so it seems that the boys will have to have another contest to decide who are the best speakers.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. White, of Lumberton, drove over in their automobile Monday and spent a few minutes here.—Messrs. A. R. McEachern and W. R. Mitchell, the latter bookkeeper for Messrs. Wade & Clover, spent Wednesday in Lumberton on business.—Messrs. J. A. Johnson and J. C. Blanchard were Lumberton visitors Thursday.—Mr. L. H. Townsend made a business trip to Lumberton Friday.

Mr. L. McInnis went to Charlotte the first of the week for treatment, but returned after examination. He will have to make a trip every two weeks to Charlotte for a while.

—The Ten Mile camp, W. O. W. will unveil a monument at Ten Mile next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, June 5th, to Mr. Jno. T. Barker, who died about a year ago. All local camps are invited and a large crowd is expected.

## LOCAL BRIEFS.

—The X-X Club picnicked at the High Hills, three miles from town, Friday afternoon.

—The local baseball team went this morning to Rowland, where it will play the Rowland team this afternoon.

—Mr. J. H. Wishart and family began moving today from their residence on the corner of Pine and Sixth streets to their new residence on the corner of Pine and Fifth streets.

—Messrs. H. M. McAllister, T. A. McNeill, Jr., D. P. Shaw and R. M. Norment, Jr., have gone to Fayetteville this afternoon to witness a ball game between Wilmington and Fayetteville.

—The one-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. L. Prevatt, of Page's Mill, S. C., died Thursday and the remains were interred Friday near Ten Mile at the M'White graveyard at the home of Mrs. Prevatt's mother.

—The Pleasants-Cox Hdw. Co. of Rowland has been granted a charter, authorized stock \$25,000, subscribed, \$4,500. W. G. Pleasants and D. A. Cox, of Rowland, and H. E. Pleasants, of Portsmouth, Va., are the incorporators.

—Work was begun this morning on the erection of cottages for operatives at the new Jennings Cotton Mills, on the north-west edge of town. The contract was awarded to Messrs. Dodd & White, of Vineland. The contract for the mill buildings has not been awarded yet.

—The Woman's Missionary Union of Fayetteville Presbytery will meet here June 14th and will last for two or three days. Many visitors are expected and the ladies of the Presbyterian church are beginning on arrangements for the occasion.

—A pool tournament was booked for this afternoon and evening between players from the Argyle Club of Laurinburg and the Commercial & Industrial Club of Lumberton in the pool room of the Commercial & Industrial Club, but the local players were notified this morning that the Laurinburg men could not come today, so the tournament has been postponed. Messrs. H. B. Jennings, R. H. Crichton, A. T. Parmele and David Fuller are the experts who were selected to represent Lumberton.

—Mr. W. J. Prevatt, who has been lame and has had to use a stick to walk with since he was injured in the wreck at Armour November 9 last, has been going without a cane for several days and thinks that his trouble will have disappeared entirely within a few days. It was at first thought that his lameness was caused by the straining of muscles at his left hip, but an examination made a few days ago by Dr. J. W. Blackmer revealed the fact that the hip bone was dislocated, and since the bone was set his improvement has been steady.

—A meeting of the board of graded school trustees will be held one day this week to elect a successor to Miss Leila May Gill, of Laurinburg, whose resignation was received a few days ago. Miss Gill has been the exceedingly efficient teacher of the 8th and 9th grades since the graded school was established and the fact that she will not return to the work to which she was recently re-elected is a distinct loss to the school. The trustees will also consider the election of additional teachers to relieve the work in the four grades that have been taught by two teachers.

—Mrs. T. C. Evans and infant son, T. C., Jr., will return Thursday morning from Charlotte, where they have been spending some time with Mrs. Evans' sisters, Misses Charlee and Bessie Hutchison. Miss Bessie Hutchison will accompany them and will spend some time with Mr. and Mrs. Evans, who will begin housekeeping within a few days in Mr. J. H. Wishart's house on the corner of Pine and Sixth streets. They will spend the intervening time at the Presbyterian manse with Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Baker.