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LICENSE WITHOUT LEAVE.

How Two Young Men, Charged With Obtaining Marriage License by Falsely Swearing, Came to Grief--And the Young Lady Says it Was all "Unbeknownst" to Her.

This is the story of how two young men who are charged with obtaining marriage license by falsely swearing to the age of a girl came to grief. The names of the aforesaid young men are Gordon Davis and J. D. Turner, who secured license on the 3d inst. for the marriage of the first named and Miss Lettie Branch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Branch, all of Back Swamp township.

And the young lady said it was all "unbeknownst" to her.

When Mr. and Mrs. Branch read last Monday's Robesonian they were astonished to see among the names of those for whose marriage license had been issued, "Lettie Branch and Gordon Davis." That was news to them. That was Tuesday, and the following day Mr. Branch hied him to Lumberton, found out who had sworn to the age of his daughter and obtained the license, and before Justice J. H. McNeill swore out warrants against Gordon Davis and J. D. Turner. The case was continued until Friday, when it was tried before Justice Eli Phillips in the commissioners' room in the court house; and a cloud of witnesses gathered to see and hear. Mr. E. J. Britt represented the defendant, Mr. S. McIntyre, of the firm of McIntyre, Lawrence and Proctor, representing the State.

It was in evidence that the young lady was born in the month of February, Anno Domini 1903, which, as anybody can see, makes the days of the years of her life 17 years and some odd months and days. Which will not do, you know. The ladies--God bless them--must be safely 18 years old before you can safely license without the consent of their parents. That's according to the statute made and provided. Wherefore, the young men who were charged with having falsely sworn to her age were in evil case. And, bless you, the young lady herself swore--she was put upon the stand at the trial, you understand--that she knew nothing about the obtaining of the license, that it was applied for and obtained not only without her consent, but that her consent was not asked for.

So, and Justice Phillips, after the matter had been thrashed out in his court for some two hours, held that it was a case for the Superior Court and bound Davis and Turner over for perjury in bonds in the sum of \$100 each, which they gave.

Nota ben all you good people, that Mr. and Mrs. Branch did not know a word about the marriage license having been obtained until they read it in The Robesonian. So, if you want to know what is going on right under your nose, it is plain as plain that the thing to do is to read The Robesonian.

Graded School Opens Tomorrow

All the out-of-town teachers--Misses Sallie McLean, Maxton, Mamie Avert, Wake county, and Marion Mooring, Asheboro--have arrived and the graded school will open for the fall term tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. The school board will meet this afternoon to select a teacher to assist Supt. R. E. Sentelle in the 9th and 10th grades, Miss Mary Milner, of Leaksville, who was elected teacher of these grades, being unable to come on account of sickness.

Republican County Convention

20th Inst. The Republican county convention will be held in Lumberton Tuesday, the 20th inst., instead of Thursday, the 22d, as announced in Thursday's Robesonian. The mistake was due to the date being incorrectly given in the paper in the copy for an advertisement, and was not the fault of any one connected with the paper.

GOOD ROADS MEETING.

Steps Taken to Organize a Robeson County Good Roads Association--Committees Appointed to Report on Best Route for Charlotte-to-Wilmington Highway.

Pursuant to a call issued by Mr. A. J. McKinnon, of Maxton, who at the recent meeting at Laurinburg was appointed a member of the executive committee of the Charlotte-to-Wilmington Highway Association for Robeson county, a meeting was held in Lumberton Friday in the interest of the proposed highway from Charlotte to Wilmington. The meeting was held in the court house, the Farmers' Union, which began a two-days' meeting on that day, doing the meeting the courtesy of adjourning from 1 o'clock p. m. to 2:30 in order that all who cared to do so might attend.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. McKinnon, who stated the purposes for which the meeting had been called. Hon. G. B. Patterson, of Maxton, set forth some of the advantages to be derived from the building of this highway, stating that it would be of as much advantage to people who use buggies and wagons as to the users of automobiles, that it would not be used for automobile travel more than the public roads are used at present and that its better condition and greater width would be a protection. Mr. A. E. White, of Lumberton, who is a member of the legislative committee of the Charlotte-to-Wilmington Highway Association, made a few remarks in favor of the road, stating that it would be an object lesson that would encourage the building of other good roads, and took occasion to say that he believes the present road law for Robeson should be changed and the county be made the unit instead of the township.

The following were appointed a committee to invite Dr. J. H. Pratt, State Geologist and president of the State Good Roads Association, to come to Robeson on some date to be decided upon later to assist in organizing a Robeson County Good Roads Association: A. E. White, chairman; Jim McLeod, H. Lewis, H. C. McNair, B. Stansel, N. A. Townsend, Dr. J. P. Brown, M. Shepherd, A. C. Oliver, J. L. Shaw.

One man was appointed from each township to organize his township, as follows: Maxton, H. C. McNair; Alfordville, Alex. Alford; Pemroke, R. W. Livermore; Back Swamp, D. H. Britt; Raft Swamp, J. E. Carlyle; Lumberton, A. E. White; Wisharts, J. M. Smith; Britts, Green Pope; Orrum, Emory Nye; Sterlings, K. M. Barnes; Thompson No. 2, Geo. Pate; Thompson No. 1, Graham McKinnon; White House, J. D. McLean; Howellsville, Duncan M'White.

These committees will report as to the best route for the highway at the meeting to organize the Robeson County Good Roads Association.

Call For a Sunday-School Conference.

A Sunday-school conference will be held at Bethesda Methodist church Saturday, September 24. All Sunday-schools in Robeson circuit are cordially invited to send representatives.

The object of this conference is to effect a Sunday-school organization for the circuit for the mutual benefit of all the Sunday-school on the charge. There will be special music for the occasion, suitable addresses, general discussion and such deliberations as shall tend to a permanent organization; and there will also be a public dinner on the grounds. Everybody is invited to come and bring baskets.

C. W. Smith, P. C.
F. W. Walters, Supt.

Trinity College at Durham opened Wednesday with the largest enrollment in its history, and never in the history of the college have prospects been brighter. At least 165 new men have entered, and about 250 old men, eclipsing by far any past record. This is the first term under the presidency of Dr. W. P. Few.

CALL FOR DEMOCRATIC MASS MEETING.

All Democrats of Robeson county who believe in good government, purity in the home and in the politics of the county, moral and sober men for office, and a higher standard of civic righteousness, are respectfully requested to meet in public mass meeting at the court house in Lumberton on Wednesday, the 14th day of September, at the adjournment of court for the noon recess.

The above call is signed by the following, and others whose names cannot be given for lack of space: R. D. Caldwell, D. A. Bundy, J. S. Thompson, G. H. McCallum, R. L. Thomason, George D. Willard, A. J. McKinnon, J. A. McLean, R. M. Williams, J. C. Parish, A. P. Beasley, C. P. Grantham, A. J. Steed, Rev. W. W. Willis, L. Britt, Robert Inman, M. A. McDuffie, W. D. Dixon, C. J. Cottingham, R. O. Pittman, G. B. Sellers, W. A. Jones, R. M. Carter, H. D. Morrison, G. F. Webster, W. C. Currie, Sandy McNeill, W. M. Martin, W. I. Gaitley, A. C. McKinnon, A. B. Croom, K. C. Lowe, J. P. Brown, L. Williams, D. A. Jones, John H. McKoy, A. J. Floyd, B. W. Phillips, C. J. Floyd, Charles Ray, J. A. McCormick, H. C. McNair, L. L. McGirt, P. E. Hamer, C. H. Whitlock, H. C. Alford, M. L. Marley, Edgar Hall, E. M. Hoyle, J. R. Culbreth, McKay McKinnon, W. I. Culbreth, J. D. Croom, Jr., H. M. John, W. H. Hasty, T. J. Wooten, W. Lacy Beasley, J. A. McQueen, M. Patterson, P. McI. Wilkinson, L. T. Peterson, Dr. O. C. Falks, J. A. Grooms, Donald McQueen, W. G. Lewis, Dr. L. R. Kirkpatrick, N. A. McPhaul, D. A. Pierce, David Ray, W. R. McKoy, E. E. Murchison, D. V. Walker, A. E. Weatherly, J. S. McQueen, J. F. Thrower, W. H. Huckabee, R. B. Webster, J. C. Wilkinson, E. R. Johnson, Archie Baker, R. C. Everett, F. C. Frostick, W. H. Dennis, D. C. McIver, A. G. McLeod, L. McCormick, W. J. McKoy, A. H. White, L. A. Watson, B. T. Maness, T. O. Evans, C. F. Maynard, A. M. McNair, O. C. Spaulding, J. C. McCaskill, J. C. Everett, Arch McKinnon, C. J. Lide, J. W. Carter, A. B. McLaughlin, H. F. Carter, J. D. McNeill, M. A. Monroe, B. McCallum, J. H. Drennan, A. McL. Morrison, Hector McLean, D. Wilkinson, J. P. Wiggins, N. D. Smith, C. A. Holland, Thomas Grantham, J. M. McKinnon, W. S. McNair, C. A. Burns, M. A. McQueen, A. C. Covington, Rory McNair, McP. McL. Alford, J. B. Sellers, E. R. Mitchell, J. B. Tolar, C. W. Watson, J. E. McCormick, Brown McNeill, W. R. Tolar, C. P. Jackson, C. R. Tolar, A. M. Tolar, W. F. Covington, A. C. McGoogan, N. B. McNeill, G. H. Hall, William Jones, Martin McKinnon, W. A. Brown, A. D. Pearsall, J. S. Shaw, Rev. E. C. Whorter, A. E. White, Rev. A. P. Tyre, D. C. McGoogan, Rev. C. G. Vardell, Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth, Rev. R. N. Cashwell, Rev. C. H. Durham, T. F. Noblin, B. Stansel, J. A. McCormick, Neill McNeill, Jno. Hughes, Jno. A. Humphrey.

FAIRMONT NEWS LETTER.

Cotton Pickers Busy--School Opens Today--Picnic at Pleasant Hope--Other Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Fairmont, Sept. 9--Mr. John Purvis left last week for Delway to attend school and Mr. Carl Thompson for Oak Ridge.

Messrs. O. I. Floyd and Sam Dinnie left last week for North-eastern cities to buy goods for fall trade. Mr. Floyd will operate in the building formerly held by Floyd Bros. and Mitchell.

Cotton is opening fast and the pickers are abroad in the land making music as they gather the fleecy staple. They'll get something out of the crop if no one else does so.

Much interest is being shown in the congressional primary, more so than in county politics. It seems to be the general opinion that Godwin will receive almost the entire vote.

The Farmers' Union picnic at Pleasant Hope last week was well attended and much enjoyed. It was an orderly, well-behaved crowd and the junior editor ought to have been there to see the pretty girls.

Miss Alma Lewis had as her guests three lovely young lady cousins last week, two of them the Misses Autry of Alabama and the other Miss Page of North Carolina.

Prof. J. M. McNaull and family were gladly welcomed back home last Tuesday night. School will open Monday. The school building, which is being enlarged, is not quite complete, but can be used.

Mrs. N. A. Carter and little daughter, of Laurinburg, have been visiting home folks for a few days. Mr. J. S. Ball returned Tuesday from a short visit home to Danville, Va.

Last Tuesday was the largest sale day in the history of the tobacco market of Fairmont, notwithstanding the fact that large sales had been made every day lately. The new buyers are all pleased with our market.

Mrs. C. B. Thompson and little son, Mrs. Mary Ivey went to Dillon, S. C., last Monday to visit Mr. N. S. Ivey. Mrs. Thompson returned in a few days. Misses Mattie Brown of this place and Bernice Smith of the Ionia section are leaving this week for Red Springs to enter the S. P. College.

Mr. F. S. Floyd is remodeling his house by adding more veran-

das and a bath room. Miss Ashley, of Reaves Ferry, came over last week to enter school, much to the pleasure of her young friends.

D. A. Jones and Dr. Brown have sold the Ashley land, recently bid in at public sale, to Mr. A. N. Mitchell.

Mr. R. y Floyd left last week for Bingham School at Mebane. Rev. E. J. Rogers and Mr. Arthur Bridges returned to Wake Forest last week.

Prof. Ramond L. Pittman will teach at Battleboro this session. He left for his new work this week.

Worms in Cotton Bolls--Anthracnose the Disease Attacking Dr. Beckwith's Cotton.

Friday Mr. W. A. Cox brought to The Robesonian office some of the worms that have been found in cotton bolls on Mr. Wesley Kirby's place near Pembroke. As mentioned in Thursday's paper, these worms are about the size of the worms found in the ends of ears of corn, and they make their entrance at the base of the boll, completely destroying it.

The disease affecting the bolls brought in last week by Dr. Beckwith is evidently the same as that reported from Richmond county, and State Chemist B. W. Kilgore, of the Department of Agriculture at Raleigh, who has examined some diseased bolls from Richmond, says that it is anthracnose, a fungus disease for which there is no practical remedy. Dr. Kilgore says that this disease makes its appearance in cotton growing in damp soil during a wet season and that about the only precaution he knows to advise is for the farmer not to use for planting his next crop any of the seed gathered from the infected crop.

Robeson Superior Court.

A week's term of Robeson Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases convened this morning at 11 o'clock, Judge O. H. Allen, of Kinston, presiding and Solicitor N. A. Sinclair being present to represent the State. The grand jury was empaneled with J. B. Humphrey, foreman, and H. A. M'White, officer, and duly charged. The docket was called this morning and the court will get down to trying cases this afternoon. Among the out-of-town attorneys attending court are Messrs. J. P. Wiggins, G. B. Patterson, B. F. and S. B. McLean and J. A. Shaw, Jr., Maxton; E. L. Wooten, Rowan.

FARMERS' MEETINGS.

A Two-Days' Session of the Farmers' Union--Mr. J. E. Carlyle Succeeds Mr. W. S. Cobb as President--Next Meeting in October.

Many farmers from all parts of the county attended the two-days' meeting of the Farmers' Union held in the court house in Lumberton Friday and Saturday. The sessions were secret and much business of importance was transacted, but very little has been given out for publication. Some of the important resolutions passed will be held over, on account of the crowded condition of today's paper, until Thursday. Short speeches of welcome were made at the opening session by Mayor J. A. Rowland and President R. D. Caldwell, of the Board of Trade, and a picnic dinner was given on the court house square Saturday.

When he announced his candidacy for the State Senate the first of last week Mr. W. S. Cobb sent his resignation as county president to Secretary E. W. Stone. Mr. Cobb's resignation was accepted and a resolution expressing appreciation for his excellent work on behalf of the Union was passed. Vice President W. K. Culbreth succeeded to the presidency and presided at the sessions Friday and part of Saturday, when he resigned to become county trade agent for the Union and Mr. J. E. Carlyle was elected president to fill out the unexpired term until the time for the regular election of officers in December.

The next meeting will be held in Lumberton on the second Thursday in October and all members are asked to bear in mind that many matters will come up at that meeting that are of great importance and make a full attendance necessary.

Mr. J. Z. Green, State organizer and editor of the Carolina Union Farmer, of Charlotte, made an exceedingly helpful and practical address before the Union Friday afternoon. He drove home plain truths in a forceful way, preaching the doctrines the Union stands for, making a living at home and making farm life more attractive.

FARM DEMONSTRATION WORK.

Subscriptions Wanted at Once in Order to Start the Work in Robeson.

Subscription lists are being circulated throughout the county to raise \$600 for farm demonstration work. When this amount is appropriated the Department of Agriculture at Washington will appropriate an equal amount, and the \$1,200 so raised will be used to employ two men, one of them an agricultural expert from the Department of Agriculture and the other a county man who shall be instructed by him, these men to visit every farm in the county and demonstrate improved methods, advise what crops are best suited to different soils, and help by practical suggestions to improve conditions in every way. As has been mentioned in The Robesonian, a committee from the Farmers' Union met with the county commissioners last Monday and asked that the county appropriate the amount of \$600 for this work. The commissioners decided that they have no authority to make this appropriation but will use their influence to have an act passed at the next session of the Legislature giving them that power.

In order to secure the immediate benefits offered by this work, which will result in a better system of agriculture, private subscriptions are asked for to carry on the work until the necessary appropriation can be made by the county. It is desired that this money be raised at once, this week, if possible, and Mr. W. S. Cobb, of Lumber Bridge, has been asked by the Union to solicit subscriptions. He wants all who will contribute to hand in their money to county Treasurer M. G. McKenzie at once, and names and amounts will be published.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

The local McNeill club will meet tomorrow evening at 8:30 o'clock in the court house.

Miss Viola Gordy, of Laurel, Del., arrived yesterday and will be Miss Josephine Breece's milliner this season.

"The Tie That Binds," an exact counterpart of the beautiful story "East Lynne," will be shown at the motion picture show this evening. Every one who has ever read East Lynne should see the pictures, as they are said to be superb.

The excursion operated by Messrs. J. C. Jones and W. K. Bethune from Lumberton to Richmond, Va., last Wednesday, returning Friday afternoon was a success, about 300 people taking advantage of the opportunity for a pleasant trip.

Mr. Sam Dunie returned yesterday from New York, where he bought large stock of goods for his store at Fairmont, and he and Mrs. Dunie, who visited in Lumberton at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Weinstein, while Mr. Dunie was up North, returned to Fairmont Friday afternoon.

Rev. J. M. Fleming, pastor of East Lumberton Baptist church, closed a very successful meeting last night in which he was assisted by Rev. Geo. F. Stanley of Loris, S. C. There were quite a goodly number of professions and eight additions to the membership. Mr. Stanley is a preacher of no mean ability and all who heard him were delighted with his simple yet profound gospel sermon.

Miss Amelia Linkhaw returned Saturday evening from a business trip of about ten days to Baltimore and New York, where she purchased millinery for the firm of Messrs. Caldwell & Carlyle. Miss Linkhaw succeeded in getting the same trimmers she had last year, Miss Anna Beck of New York, and Miss Elizabeth Thomas, of Baltimore. Miss Beck arrived Saturday and Miss Thomas arrived yesterday.

The following young ladies of the town expect to leave tomorrow for school: Misses Annie Ruth Caldwell and Mildred McIntyre, Meredith College, Raleigh; Katie and Berta McNeill and Emma Higley, Southern Presbyterian College, Red Springs; Lillian Proctor, Janie Carlyle and Amanda McDiarmid, State Normal, Greensboro; Annie Neal Fuller, Greensboro Female College, Greensboro. Miss Agnes McLean expects to leave the last of the week for Peace Institute, Raleigh, where she has spent one year.

Programme of District Meeting of Woman's Home Mission Society.

As has been mentioned in The Robesonian, a meeting of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Rockingham district will be held in the Methodist church in Lumberton Tuesday and Friday of this week. The public is cordially invited to attend all the services and especially to hear the address of the gifted president of the society, Mrs. R. B. John, which will be delivered Friday evening. Mrs. J. P. Brown of Fairmont is the district secretary and she advises that the programme will be as follows:

Thursday Evening.
Address of welcome--Miss Jessie Fuller.

Response--Mrs. H. A. Humble.
What is the Woman's Home Mission Society--Mrs. J. P. Brown.

Friday Morning.
Reports from societies.
Friday Afternoon.

The question box open--Mrs. R. B. John.
The cradle roll--Mrs. Daisy Jenkins.
Vashti home--Miss Georgia Biggs.

Friday Evening.
Address on Home Mission Work--Mrs. R. B. John.

Mr. W. I. Linkhaw left yesterday for the Western market, where he will purchase land and horses.