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SUPERIOR COURT.

Several Important Cases Disposed of—Grand Jury's Report—Interesting Report on Schools

After a full week's work, Robeson Superior Court, Judge O. H. Allen of Kinston presiding, adjourned Saturday afternoon.

The trial of Eli Southerland, colored, for killing his son-in-law began Thursday afternoon and Saturday afternoon the jury returned a verdict of murder in the second degree. He was given 10 years in the State penitentiary. This was the only hard-fought case during the term. Col. N. A. McLean of Lumberton and Hon. G. B. Patterson of Maxton appeared for the defense and Messrs. McLean & Higgins of Maxton assisted Solicitor Sinclair. Mack McLean, tried on the charge of shooting Deputy Sheriff T. C. Barnes at Maxton some months ago, was found guilty. Motion for judgment was made and continued and his appearance bond was fixed at \$100. Jno. James, alias Cook, colored, who shot and killed a negro boy near Maxton, apparently accidentally, plead guilty of manslaughter and was given 12 months on the roads. Geo. Ealy, who entered E. E. Page's house near Lumberton some months ago, plead guilty of house-breaking and was sent to the roads 4 years. Sandy Hogan, colored, who killed a negro boy near Rowland, shooting him when he asked for a chew of tobacco, plead guilty of manslaughter and was sent to the roads for 9 months, it being in evidence that there was no intent to kill. Many cases were not pressed and several continued.

The grand jury made its report Thursday evening. It passed upon 38 bills, finding 32 true bills. The jail was reported as being well kept and in sanitary condition, and the prisoners well cared for. The jury recommended two additional bunks for three cells in the right wing of the jail, occupied by colored prisoners, that more blankets be furnished these cells, as the ones now in use are not sufficient, and that the leaks in the roof of the jail be stopped immediately in order to save further damage to the building. A committee visited the chain gang and found the convicts well cared for, but with one exception the tents in which they are kept are in bad condition and leak. The inmates of the county home were found well cared for.

The jury recommended that if the road funds are sufficient at this time to keep the roads in good condition the road supervisors should be required to at least see that the roads are kept shrubbed and the bridges kept in good repair.

All the records in the different offices in the court house were found neatly and safely kept and well protected. It was recommended that the janitor be compelled to keep the floors, windows and cuspidors in better condition, as they are not in keeping with the modern court house; and that the bed rooms for jurors be furnished at once with beds, chairs, and other necessary fixtures to make the rooms comfortable. The night before the report was made the members of a jury had to sleep as best they could in the court house, as suitable places could not be found for them elsewhere.

REPORT ON SCHOOLS.

Attached to the report of the grand jury was the following report on schools, submitted at the request of the jury by County Superintendent of Public Instruction J. R. Poole:

"In order to show the progress of the schools in this county, let me submit the following report:

For the year 1905—rural census, 7034; rural enrollment, 4321; average attendance, 2857; length of term, white schools, 4 months; value of school property \$33,567. The same report for the year 1910 is as follows—rural census, 7276; rural enrollment, 5005; average attendance, 3279; length of term, white schools, 5 months and 6 days; average length of term in special school districts, 7 months and 2 days; value of school property, \$71,773 (not including the Maxton and Lumber-

THE VETERANS' REUNION.

Snyder and the Major Attend the Reunion at Norfolk—Observations on What Was Seen.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

Last week the major and I, taking advantage of the low rates and the prospective old Virginia hospitality, hied our way to Norfolk where the North Carolina Veterans' Association met at the invitation of the Virginia veterans. I need not say that we had a most pleasant time, barring the extreme heat. We were royally entertained by the Norfolk folks, who, by the way, are mostly North Carolinians. One speaker said that during the war there were 50,000 North Carolinians in Virginia fighting the yankees, and now there were 50,000 Tar Heels in the State doing business.

And, by the way, the major is a great man to travel with, as he seems to know almost everybody, and everybody knows him. Leaving the main line at Rocky Mount, we took the short cut by way of Tarboro on through Suffolk to the city. We crossed Tar river, which reminded me of the old couplet,

"Up Cape Fear and down Tar river,
Two overseers to one poor nigger."

The Legislature once changed the name to Tau river, but it seems never to have taken well, as the river still goes by the name of Tar. The yankees used to think the river ran tar.

The majority of the veterans are rather a hard-looking set (of course we are not included in that remark). If they would dress up like they were going to church, instead of like going to market, it would rebound more to their credit.

The lay of the land from here to Norfolk is pretty much of a sameness. We noticed a great deal of land lying idle and uncultivated. We saw no new grounds, which is very different from Robeson, where new clearings are in evidence on every side. From Tarboro on we saw a great many fields of ground-peas in cultivation, and in some places it seemed to be the main crop.

Norfolk was wide open, but we saw very few vets tangle-legged from the fact that prohibition had caused them so abandon the habit. There were said to have been 2,000 veterans present and 1,500 in line of march. The thin line is rapidly getting thinner and it will not be long before the last one of us will have answered the roll call for the last time.

Snyder.
Red Springs, N. C., Sept. 12, 1910.

Mr. Lester Weiss left Friday for Golden, where he will attend school.

ton graded schools.)

"You will note that we have averaged an expenditure of \$7,-640 per year for the building and repairing of our school houses.

"We have recently contracted for 6 new buildings this year. Eight buildings have been painted recently and new furniture added. We have now 44 special school districts, which give an average of \$15,000 to the school fund. Forty-six libraries, containing over 4,000 volumes, have been placed in the schools."

Supt. Poole refers to the good work done in the teachers' institute recently held in Lumberton and to agricultural education, about the only thing so far done in regard to the latter being creation of public sentiment in favor of it, this through the cooperation of the Farmers' Union. He refers to the great educational rally held in Lumberton January 26 last and to the fact that since then 20 educational rallies and picnics have been held, at each one of which agricultural addresses were made. Concluding his report, Supt. Poole says: "All of our teachers have voluntarily agreed to teach agriculture this year. We are encouraging to be established reading rooms in our high schools where the children will have access to educational papers and agricultural bulletins. Our boys will be encouraged to cultivate plots of land from these bulletins on a scientific basis. We have this year 35 members of the boys' club."

Home Mission Society Meeting

—Other Church Services.

A meeting of the Home Mission Society of the Rockingham district was held in the Methodist church in Lumberton Thursday and Friday of last week. The meeting was opened Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock by Mrs. J. P. Brown, of Fairmont, who presided, and Rev. E. M. Hoyle, pastor of the Lumberton church, delivered an address on the purpose of the meeting. Thursday evening an address of welcome was delivered by Mrs. E. M. Hoyle, with response by Mrs. Carl McLean, of Fairmont. Mrs. Brown delivered an excellent address on home mission work, and this was followed by a social hour. Friday morning reports were received from the various societies and Friday afternoon the program was as follows: The cradle roll, Mrs. Daisy Jenkins of Lumberton; the Vashiti home, Miss Georgia Biggs; the question box opened, Mrs. Daisy Jenkins. The final session was held Friday evening, when Mrs. R. B. John of Raleigh, president of the N. C. Conference Woman's Home Mission Society, delivered an excellent address. The meetings were well attended and were exceedingly helpful. A fuller account has been promised for the next issue of The Robesonian.

A series of meetings will begin tomorrow at Cedar Grove church in which the pastor, Rev. J. M. Fleming, will be assisted by Rev. T. J. Baker of Parkton. The public is cordially invited.

A series of meetings will begin this evening at 7 o'clock at the Gospel tabernacle in which the pastor, Rev. F. Weiss, will be assisted by Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Harney, of Kentucky. Services will be held every evening at 7 o'clock and beginning Thursday afternoon services will also be held at 3 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Miss Leila May Gill Re-elected Teacher at Graded School—Miss Rebecca Ward Elected to Fifth Grade.

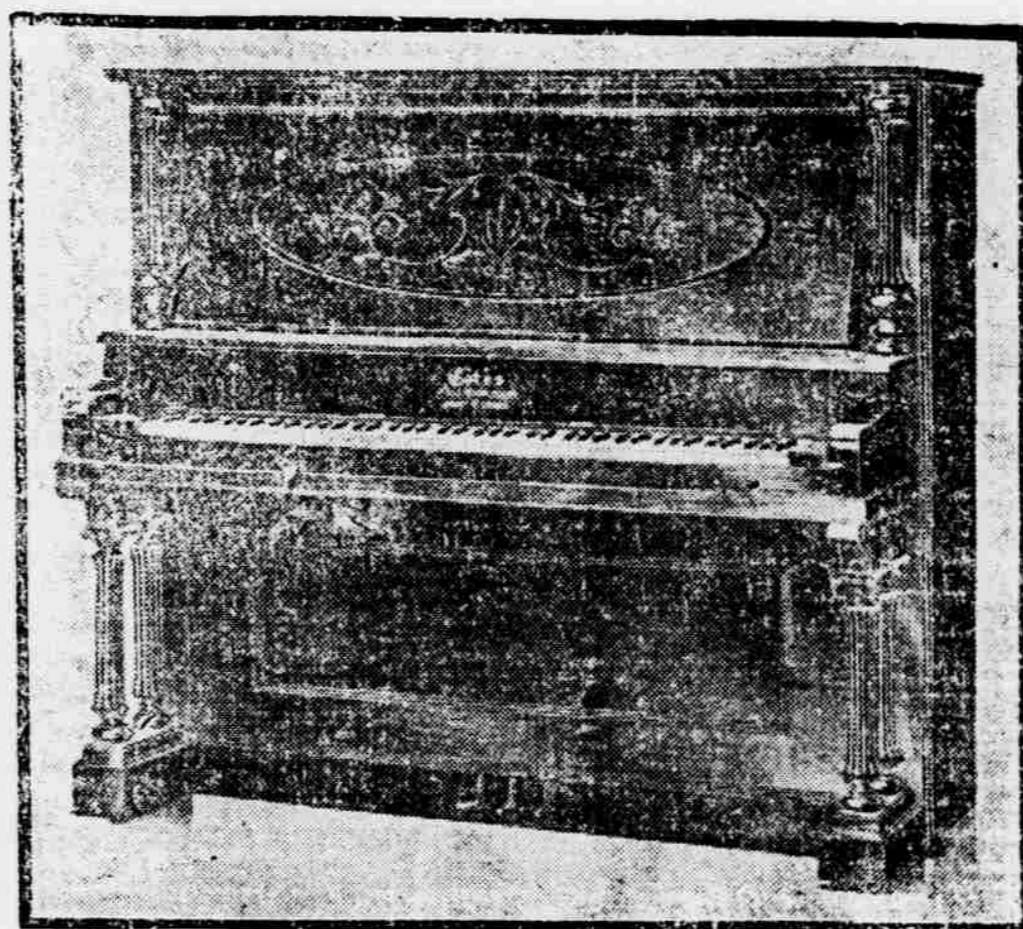
Miss Leila May Gill arrived Saturday night from her home in Laurinburg and resumed this morning the duties she relinquished last spring as teacher, with Supt. R. E. Sentelle, of the ninth and tenth grades in the graded school. Which is the best sort of good news, for however excellent a teacher might have been secured to succeed Miss Gill, who declined, last spring, re-election to the position, it would have been impossible to secure a more efficient teacher. At a meeting of the school board last Thursday, as mentioned in the last issue of The Robesonian, Miss Edna Tyre of Maxton was elected to this position, Miss Millner of Leaksville, who was at first selected, having been prevented from accepting by sickness, but Miss Tyre had already accepted position. After this run of a bad luck the board had the best of luck and again secured Miss Gill.

Saturday Miss Rebecca Ward of Lumberton was elected teacher of the fifth grade to relieve Miss Mamie Avent, who has had charge of both the fifth and sixth grades and has had more than 60 pupils in her two grades. The election of this additional teacher supplies a need that has been felt for some time.

Mr. R. S. Sledge Decides to Remain in Lumberton.

In Thursday's Robesonian it was stated that Mr. R. S. Sledge, treasurer and manager of the Lumberton Drug Co., had sold his interest to Dr. W. L. Grant-ham, and had resigned, his resignation to take effect October 15, by which time he expected to accept one of several propositions he had under consideration. That was correct when printed, but this morning Mr. Sledge repurchased his stock and decided to remain in Lumberton, retaining his same position. Which is much better news to the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Sledge than the first item.

President Taft was 53 years old Thursday.



This Magnificent Piano Will be Given Away by The Robesonian. Watch For Announcement of Rules of Contest in Thursday's Paper.

Mrs. Geo. B. McLeod Entertains Young Matrons' Club.

Reported for The Robesonian.

Thursday afternoon from three to six o'clock Mrs. Geo. B. McLeod was hostess to the Young Matrons' Club. The guests were received in the hall by Misses Irene McLeod and Ruth Whaley and presented to the hostess, who received in the parlor. After all had assembled we were ushered into the sitting room, where tables were arranged with what seemingly were puzzles but which in reality were pictures of two of Lumberton's public buildings cut in small pieces, and we were asked to rearrange them. Mrs. W. P. McAllister proved to be the master builder, being first to arrange them correctly. Mrs. Proctor, in a few well-chosen words, presented the prize, a lovely hand-painted booklet. Then telegram blanks and pencils were passed and each one asked to write a telegram using the letters in September to begin each word. It was hard to decide who was winner in this contest, but in voting for the prize Mrs. J. R. Poole was successful, winning the blue ribbon, which was gracefully presented by Mrs. McLeod. Delightful refreshments were daintily served by Misses McLeod and Whaley, after which Miss Irene McLeod gave a reading which was greatly enjoyed. At a late hour we bade our hostess good-bye, thanking her for an afternoon so pleasantly spent.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McLean Return.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McLean returned Friday from Clifton Springs, N. Y., where they spent some time for Mr. McLean's health, going there from Rochester, Minn., where Mr. McLean underwent an operation for appendicitis in the hospital of the famous Mayo brothers. Mr. McLean's many warm friends in Lumberton and throughout the county and the State will be glad to know that he has been restored to perfect health, his entire trouble, which gave his friends much concern for some months, being due to a chronic case of appendicitis. North Carolina has no more useful and able citizen than A. W. McLean, and this immediate section, which could not spare so useful a man, is to be congratulated on the fact that he has regained his accustomed vigor and strength.

Mr. L. B. Blackburn Purchases the Morris Bakery.

Mr. Jno. R. Morris has sold his bakery business on Fourth street to Mr. L. B. Blackburn, who recently resigned as president and manager of the Robeson Soda Water Co. The deal was closed Friday night and Mr. Blackburn took over the business Saturday with a first-class baker in charge. Mr. and Mrs. Morris went Saturday night to Wilmington, their former home, where, as has been mentioned in The Robesonian, Mr. Morris has purchased the Carolina Bakery. Mr. and Mrs. Morris made many friends during their 3-years' stay in Lumberton who regret their decision to return to their former home.

Miss Cora Brady, of Tar Heel, Becomes the Bride of Mr. J. Elmer Kinlaw, of Lumberton.

Mr. J. Elmer Kinlaw, salesman for Mr. W. J. Prevatt, and Miss Cora Brady, of Tar Heel, were married Thursday at 12 o'clock at the home of the bride's father, Mr. I. E. Brady. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. L. Byrd, of Tolarsville, and was witnessed by only a few relatives of the contracting parties.

The bride is one of Tar Heel's popular young ladies, and the groom is a son of Mr. Thomas Kinlaw, of Howellsville, ex-treasurer of the county, and he has a large circle of friends that wish for him and his bride a happy life. Mr. Kinlaw left Thursday morning for Tar Heel and was accompanied by his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Prevatt. The party returned to Lumberton Thursday afternoon and Mr. and Mrs. Kinlaw are making their home at present with Mr. and Mrs. Prevatt.

Parson Poor's Donation Party.

A burlesque entertainment in two scenes, entitled as above, will be given in the auditorium of the graded school building at St. Paul's Friday evening of this week under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church at that place. A clean and high-class entertainment is promised and as it will be given for a worthy cause a full house is expected.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

—A meeting of the McNeill club will be held this evening at 8 o'clock in the school building in East Lumberton.

—Messrs. Caldwell and Carley will have their millinery opening Tuesday and Wednesday, the 27th and 28th inst.

—There will be a regular meeting of St. Alban's Lodge No. 114, A. F. and A. M., tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock.

—Roosevelt's travels in Denmark will be an interesting feature at the motion picture show at the opera house this evening.

—Licenses have been issued for the marriage of Mary Usher and L. C. Currie; Cora Belle Bass and Parson Bass; Emma Lamb and Rowland Collins.

—Mr. A. Weinstein returned Saturday morning from a business trip to Baltimore and New York, where he purchased a large stock of fall goods. Mr. Weinstein says that he has the goods and they must go regardless of price.

—John Carter, 70 years old, a highly-esteemed Indian of excellent character who has been prominent in church work for 40 years, died this morning at his home on Chas. Stephens' place, two miles from town on the Harleesville road. The remains will be interred tomorrow at the McNeill graveyard, near the home. The deceased was a brother of Pink Carter, who lives on Jacob swamp.

Roller Mill at Pembroke in Position to Fill Some Small Orders for Flour.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

I wish to say through your paper that we are now in position to fill some small orders for flour and brand the mill work perfect. The grades run according to grade of wheat—good wheat makes good flour, damaged and smutty wheat makes dark flour which is usually bleached by a gas process and made white, but never made good; and it will be well for our farmers to look well as to what kind of wheat they sow. Our wheat compares favorably with the Northern wheat, a little soft but rather harder than I expected. With a little care of growing wheat and by taking care after harvesting we can grow as good wheat as anywhere in the State and make as nice flour. We buy all wheat that is offered us for sale. Good wheat is now worth \$1.25 at mill.

Yours,
W. K. Culbreth, Pres.
Pembroke, N. C., Sept. 15, 1910.

Godwin's Majority.

The vote of the primary in the sixth congressional district on Thursday was officially canvassed by the boards in the various counties of the district Saturday and show Mr. Godwin's majority over Mr. Clark to be 4,502. The vote in the various counties as officially reported to Godwin headquarters at Dunn is as follows:

Counties	Godwin	Clark
Harnett	1,006	161
Bladen	336	595
New Hanover	843	373
Brunswick	455	82
Columbus	1,267	455
Cumberland	953	541
Robeson	2,357	508
	7,217	2,715

Speaker Joseph G. Cannon was nominated for re-election to Congress in the primaries held in Illinois Thursday.

Several hundred prominent citizens of Florida met in Jacksonville Thursday and effected an organization to oppose the adoption of a proposed amendment providing for State-wide prohibition.

Another indication of the tendency to elevate men of high standing to office was given Thursday when at the New Jersey Democratic State convention held at Trenton Dr. Woodrow Wilson, president of Princeton University, was nominated for the office of Governor of the State.