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## GOOD ROADS.

The Meeting Saturday Should be Well Attended—A Pull All Together Needed—A Road That Could be Cheaply Constructed and Easily Maintained—A County is Judged by its Roads.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

Noting what you say about the good roads meeting to be held at the court house November 19th, I wish to heartily endorse every word you say. Every man in Robeson county should be and is interested in good roads, and as many as possible can should make it a point to attend that meeting and become a member of the association. Its membership should be representative of the best citizenship of the county. If properly carried out such an organization can do nothing but help us. It matters little whether each of us gets just such action or program as he wants, or whether the plan of action is ours or that of some one else. In matters of general interest like this, the preferences of the individual should count for but little with those who have the interest of the county at heart. "A long pull, a strong pull and a pull all together" will work wonders in the way of road making. It must be remembered that some roads must be made first; in other words, that all the needed roads cannot be made at the same time, but that in time, by all pulling together, all can be made. Therefore if the road passing some particular point that we may consider the most necessary is not the one to be first mentioned for improvement, help on the one that is taken up and push it along.

Robeson county abounds in good-roads possibilities. Some of these are along roads now established, some would better be relocated, to straighten and get a more easily improved location. In some places an entirely new road would stimulate an undeveloped territory and be of great benefit to the traveling public. I have such an one in mind, it would be along the line of the main drain of the Back and Jacob swamps.

This drain, beginning about one mile east of Maxton, extends an almost straight line down Back and Jacob swamps to the river road about four miles below Lumberton. This road would be on one bank of the drain or canal, and would be constructed by merely leveling off the top of the spoil bank on one side of the ditch, as soon as properly settled. The cost of doing this would be comparatively little to what any other road of equal merit could be built. Its course would be direct, almost an air line. There would be an entire elimination of grades, not a hill nor a suspicion of one for twenty-four miles. There would be no sharp turns. The road for a goodly distance, both ahead and back, would always be in full view. It would be of general utility, open up a large tract of undeveloped territory. From Maxton to Back Swamp church it would be the main road from Maxton to Lumberton and would better accommodate a large part of the traffic to or between those towns that is now but indifferently provided for. All the necessary material for a first-class road is immediately available at all points along the line, and these materials of the best wearing quality, thus insuring a low cost of maintenance. This last of itself is of no small consequence, for often maintenance charges, for a few years will amount to more than the first cost. And last and greatest of all, this road would have perfect drainage. It is universally conceded that water is the worst enemy of good roads, and any competent road builder always carefully provides for the proper drainage of every road he builds. Otherwise it would be a failure. It has well been said that a good road must be good for 365 days in each and every year. Only a road with a perfect drainage can pass this test. The road I have mentioned, properly made, would pass the 365 day test, making 100 per cent on the test.

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## LOCAL BRIEFS.

Licenses have been issued for the marriage of Janie Sikes and Joe Height; Ida Gooden and Henry Caines; Easter Evers and J. S. Benson.

Miss Sue Ratley and Mr. W. T. Fisher were married Sunday at the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. J. D. Clark, in St. Paul township.

Rev. F. Weiss will preach on the following subjects at the Gospel tabernacle Sunday: 11 a. m., "The Church's Duty to Christian Pastors"; 7 p. m., "New Creatures in Christ."

Dr. H. T. Pope has been appointed county superintendent of health to fill out the unexpired term of Dr. W. A. McPhaul, who resigned on account of his election to the House of the next General Assembly. The appointment was made by Chairman J. W. Carter of the board of county commissioners.

Because some new ground was being burned off in northeast Lumberton the fire alarm was turned in about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. There was no damage done, though several residences owned by colored people in that portion of town were in great danger for a few minutes.

Jim Godwin, colored, about 30 years old, who was serving a two-years' sentence in the chain gang, died in jail here yesterday about 11 o'clock. He had typhoid fever and was sick some time. His sentence would have expired in July. Godwin's home was Whiteville. Two other prisoners are sick at the jail.

Several Lumberton people attended the sale of lots at Dublin yesterday, conducted for Messrs. A. W. McLean and White & Gough by Penny Bros., twin auctioneers. A special train was run over the Virginia & Carolina Southern. One hundred lots were sold and the sale was very satisfactory.

Mr. J. B. Bowen, bookkeeper and cashier for Clerk of the Court W. H. Humphrey, after Mr. C. B. Skipper, the newly-elected clerk, takes charge next month, will go to Gibson, where about the middle of next month he and his father, Mr. F. L. Bowen, who is now with the Southern Cotton Oil Co. at Gibson, will open a machine shop and garage.

Ex-Sheriff Geo. B. McLeod, who has been in the Hignsmith hospital at Fayetteville for some time on account of injuries received in an automobile wreck near Raeford about two weeks ago, is improving rapidly and is expected home in a few days. Mrs. McLeod went to Fayetteville this morning and it is probable that Mr. McLeod will return with her tomorrow or Saturday.

Mrs. Ora Purvis, who lives near Orrum, had the misfortune Monday night of losing her home by fire. The origin of the fire is unknown and it was discovered about 12 o'clock by a member of the family, who was waked up by the falling in of a portion of the house. The family escaped, but nothing was saved from the house. It is not thought that there was any insurance on the property.

The Jennings Cotton Mills building, located on the left bank of Lumber river on the western edge of town, is nearing completion. They are now at work on the floor, which will be made of a layer of sand and tar, a layer of gravel and tar, then a floor of pine, which will be covered with a floor of maple. The capacity of the mill will be about 8000 spindles. Between 35 and 40 cottages have already been built. The first cotton was hauled to the mill last Saturday and it is the intention to put in operation about the first of March.

A Salisbury to Asheville highway association has been formed and plans started whereby a road will be built connecting the two points.

are making great strides in the matter of good roads and Robeson county should not be behind any other place on the footstool. Any country is judged by its roads. We should have the best. Robeson county needs more good citizens, honest, upright, law-abiding men with families to help develop our resources. Such ones only go to progressive communities. Progressiveness is best evidenced by first-class roads.

Official statistics show that among the immigrants to the United States were 53,000 English, 35,000 Irish and more than 24,000 Scotch, making 115,000 from the British Isles, not to mention 71,000 Germans, 52,000 Scandinavians, and 13,000 from Holland and Belgium, or 136,000 of the cream of the continent, making a total of over one-quarter of a million of the best blood of Europe. All of these people come to America with the intention of making homes and becoming citizens. A very per centage of these nationalities seek their homes on farms and become good neighbors and splendid citizens; highly intelligent, kindly natured, honest, industrious, thrifty and law-abiding. Wherever they settle the country immediately shows the effect of their presence. It is a safe bet that every man of them went to some place with good roads.

F. F. Wetmore  
Lumberton, N. C., Nov. 14, 1910.

## RED SPRINGS REVIEWS.

Visitors Throng the College Town to Attend a Conference—A Large Sum Subscribed for the College—A Recital Friday Evening.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Red Springs, Nov. 13.—Red Springs has been thronged with visitors during the past two days, Thursday and Friday, as the conference was being held at the college. The guests began to arrive Thursday morning. The first thing on the program was the joint meeting of Fayetteville Presytery and the board of trustees and members of the conference. On the adjournment the guests were taken all over the college plant, and were even invited to visit the class rooms. At 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon, Dr. J. M. Rose, of Laurinburg, gave a stirring address on the subject of "Money and its Responsibilities." This was much enjoyed by the large and appreciative audience. After this the members of the conference discussed the best ways and means of raising money for the S. F. C. At 8 p. m. Dr. W. J. Martin, professor of natural sciences at Davidson College, delivered an eloquent discourse, and his theme was the "Educated Woman and the Church." He brought his audience face to face with questions and assertions of vast importance. This was delivered in Dr. Martin's beautiful and impressive style, so earnest and powerful.

On Friday morning at ten o'clock Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., of the Second Presbyterian church, Wilmington, addressed a large audience in the college auditorium. His subject was one of vital interest to every one, "The Educated Woman and the Home." He treated this skillfully, yet in such a simple manner that any child could understand it. The discussion following this address was led by Rev. William Black, Synodical evangelist. Dr. Vardell had provided two long blackboards on which were written the names of the churches of Fayetteville Presbytery and their pastors' names. As each church was called by name the representative gave the amount of money that church would give to the college. When added up the sum was approximately \$25,000.

At 8 o'clock Friday evening a large audience gathered in the spacious auditorium to hear the recital to be given by the conservatory faculty. The program was well rendered and all the numbers were much enjoyed. Especial mention should be made of the lovely violin solo so well played by Miss Lillian Farquhar. Miss Williams delighted the audience with two exquisite little songs, "Romance" and the "Four Leaf Clover," and then gave as an encore the popular song "I Love You Truly." Miss Peet rendered faultlessly the difficult selection "O Don Fatale," from the Italian Opera Don Carlo.

After the recital the two literary societies, Zetesian and Epsilon Chi, entertained the conference at a reception in the large dining room of the college. This was much enjoyed by all present. Among those here during the conference were: Revs. Sam. Rankin, of Greensboro; W. A. Coppedge, near Rockingham; Beauty, of Sanford; Spence, of Smithfield; W. Fairley, of Fayetteville; Brown, Raeford; and Drs. Rose, of Laurinburg, and Hill, of Maxton.

Mr. Claudius Teague, of Cameron, was in town Friday.—Messrs. W. Lennon, Williamson, Nixon and Bethune, of Lumberton, attended the recital and reception at the college Friday evening.—Mr. J. L. McLean spent Thursday in town, returning to Maxton in the afternoon.—Dr. and Mrs. Hayes, of St. Luke's hospital, Fayetteville, spent a few hours in town Friday evening.—Mr. Shepherd Russell and sister, Miss Olivia, of Maxton, were guests at the college Friday.—Miss Clarkie Belle McNair, of Maxton, is visiting Miss Essie Bethea, of the college faculty.

Presbyterians, remember November 13th to 20th.

Eugene Belvin, a 3-year-old boy, was choked to death in Durham Tuesday while eating raw potatoes.

## SUPERIOR COURT.

Berry and Arch. McLean Get Twenty and Ten Years, Respectively, For Murder of Oscar Moody—Another Murder Trial Begins Tomorrow—Grand Jury's Report.

A verdict of murder in the second degree was agreed on this morning in the case against Berry and Arch. McLean, colored, for the murder of Oscar Moody, colored, at Rowland last July, and Bud McLean was sentenced to 20 years at hard labor in the State penitentiary, Arch. McLean getting 10 years. Tuesday the trial of Berry and Arch. McLean, Bud Monroe and Dock McKinnon for this murder was begun, but it was soon decided to try the cases separately and Berry McLean had been on trial since then. Yesterday Bud Monroe turned State's evidence. It was in evidence that Berry McLean sent for a rifle and balls, was seen coming from behind the bushes from where the shot was fired about five minutes thereafter, and that the next morning he boasted that he had gotten Moody. Moody was shot as he was passing a clump of bushes in Rowland. The case against Bud Monroe and Dock McKinnon was dismissed. Messrs. McLean & McLean assisted Solicitor Sinclair, Messrs. G. B. Patterson, of Maxton, and Shaw & Johnson defended the McLeans, and Messrs. McIntyre, Laurence & Proctor represented Monroe and McKinnon.

A special venire of 50 men to serve as jurors in the trial of John Calvin George, colored, on the charge of murdering Marshall Clark, colored, at Kingsdale about 12 months ago, has been ordered, and the trial is set for tomorrow morning.

Will Purnell, larceny; guilty; 12 months on roads.

Henry Ivey, a. d. w.; Oscar Abbott, a. d. w.; Henry Ivey, c. w.; Henry Sellers, a. d. w. c. w.; these consolidated; three first-named guilty, nol pros. as to fourth; judgment suspended on payment of costs and defendants to pay prosecutor \$25 and \$10 to be paid to Dr. Northington.

Cardin Bass, violating town ordinances; guilty. Claud Blount, retailing; defendant submits. Mack McLean, a. d. w.; pleads guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs. Evander Kinlaw, c. c. w.; defendant required to appear each November term for 2 years and show good behavior and give bond of \$100 and pay costs.

The grand jury made its report Tuesday and was discharged. It passed upon 46 bills, returning 36 true bills.

A committee from the jury visited the chain gang near St. Paul, engaged in building a new road from St. Paul towards Lumberton. It found 13 prisoners in charge of 3 guards, convict camp in good condition, etc. The

sleeping tents were found not in best of condition, but the jury was informed that the county commissioners have ordered new tents and these are expected to arrive shortly. No cause for complaint was found but the jury found the prisoners without anything to read and suggests that it would be well for the commissioners or some charitable organization to supply this want.

The county home was found in good condition, the inmates well cared for and no cause for complaint.

The jail was found clean and well kept, and there was no complaint from prisoners, except that two sick prisoners were said not to be receiving proper medical attention; also the sheriff complained to the jury that he has no one to wait upon sick prisoners as they should be waited on. The jury recommended that better arrangements be made to care for them.

All the county offices were found in good condition, but the jury disapproves of the way in which the janitor is neglecting the court house, which is getting dirty. It recommends that the commissioners appoint one of the county officers as custodian of the building and place the janitor under his control with power to discharge if he does not keep the house cleaner.

At The Opera House—The Runaways in "A Japanese Honeymoon."

Scott Leslie and his "Merry Minstrel Maids," who held the boards at the Lumberton opera house Monday, Tuesday and last evening, made quite a hit with the audiences that witnessed their performances.

The motion picture show, which has been sidetracked for the past two weeks on account of other attractions, will be put on again this evening. The opera house will be kept comfortably warm. Supt. Brietz, of the Dresden Cotton Mills, will take his Sunday-school children to see the pictures this evening.

"A Japanese Honeymoon" will be the attraction Thursday evening of next week. It will be presented by "The Runaways," a successful musical comedy company. Miss Gladys Caldwell, a talented and beautiful prima donna, will appear in the leading roll. This will doubtless prove one of the events of the season. The management advises all who wish to see this attraction to secure their seats early. Seats on sale Monday morning at McMillan's drug store.

United States Senator Alexander Stephens Clay of Georgia died in a sanatorium in Atlanta Sunday. He had been ill for nearly a year and death was due to dilation of the heart. The funeral was held at Marietta, Ga., yesterday. Senator Clay was 57 years old and was serving his third term in the Senate.