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## THE COUNTY'S BUSINESS.

**Old Board of Commissioners Wipes Out Debts and New Board Disposes of a Mass of Business—Bonds of County Officers Approved—Several Appointments Made—Claims Audited.**

The county commissioners were in regular session Monday. As mentioned in Monday's Robesonian, the old board before going out of office paid all the debts of the county except the bond issues and transacted routine business up to the noon hour, when the new commissioners, Messrs. W. P. Barker, A. J. Floyd and J. F. McKay, together with the members of the old board who were re-elected, Chairman J. W. Carter and Mr. A. R. McEachern, were sworn in by the retiring clerk of the court, Mr. W. H. Humphrey. Messrs. C. A. Oliver, D. S. Alderman and A. L. Bullock, the retiring members of the board, were not candidates for re-election. The new board immediately organized by re-electing Mr. W. P. Barker chairman. Mr. E. J. Britt was re-elected attorney at the same salary as heretofore, \$300.

Before going out of office the old board transacted the following business:

Two notes, of \$5,000 and \$2,000, due at the First National Bank of Lumberton, were ordered paid; A. P. Everett, work on stock law fence, \$18; D. Z. McGowan, special coroner, holding inquest over body of Billy McNeill, \$5; six jurors in above inquest, \$2 each, \$12; Dr. H. M. Alexander, antitoxin for the county, \$42.60; J. W. Carter, chairman, \$75; A. L. Bullock, C. A. Oliver, D. S. Alderman, A. R. McEachern, \$50 each—salary as commissioners to January 1; W. G. Reynolds, keeper of county home, for November, \$80. Total, \$9,432.

M. L. Marley was appointed road trustee in Lumber Bridge township to succeed Senator W. S. Cobb, who resigned, and Hector McNeill was appointed road trustee in Blue Springs township to fill the unexpired term of John Archie Currie. The annual statement of Register of Deeds T. N. Higley was approved. Dr. H. T. Pope was appointed county superintendent of health to fill the unexpired term of Dr. W. A. McPhaul, who resigned on account of having been elected to the Legislature. Some rates were allowed and other minor business was transacted and the old board went out of office at noon.

After organizing, as mentioned above, the new board plunged into a mass of business that detained it until far into the night. C. B. Skipper, having taken the required oath before Justice H. M. McAllister, was declared inducted into the office of clerk of the Superior Court of Robeson county for the term of 4 years and the retiring clerk, W. H. Humphrey, was instructed to turn over to him all the books and records pertaining to the office. Mr. Skipper's bond in the sum of \$10,000 having been approved, other bonds were approved as follows: Sheriff E. C. McNeill, \$5,000; Coroner G. E. Rancke, \$2,000; Register of Deeds T. N. Higley, \$5,000. Treasurer M. G. McKenzie, general county fund \$25,000, school fund \$30,000, road fund \$30,000, court house bond sinking fund \$25,000, funding bond account \$5,000.

W. G. Reynolds was re-appointed keeper of county home at rate of \$8 per inmate per month and required to give bond in the sum of \$500. J. C. Johnson of Lumber Bridge was appointed standard keeper for the county and must give not less than \$200 bond. A. T. Parmele and E. J. Britt were appointed a committee to look after the janitor's service at the court house and were empowered to hire a janitor at not over \$40 per month. W. D. Prevatt was re-appointed keeper of the chain gang and must give bond in the sum of \$500. A. R. McEachern and J. F. McKay, members of the board, were appointed a committee

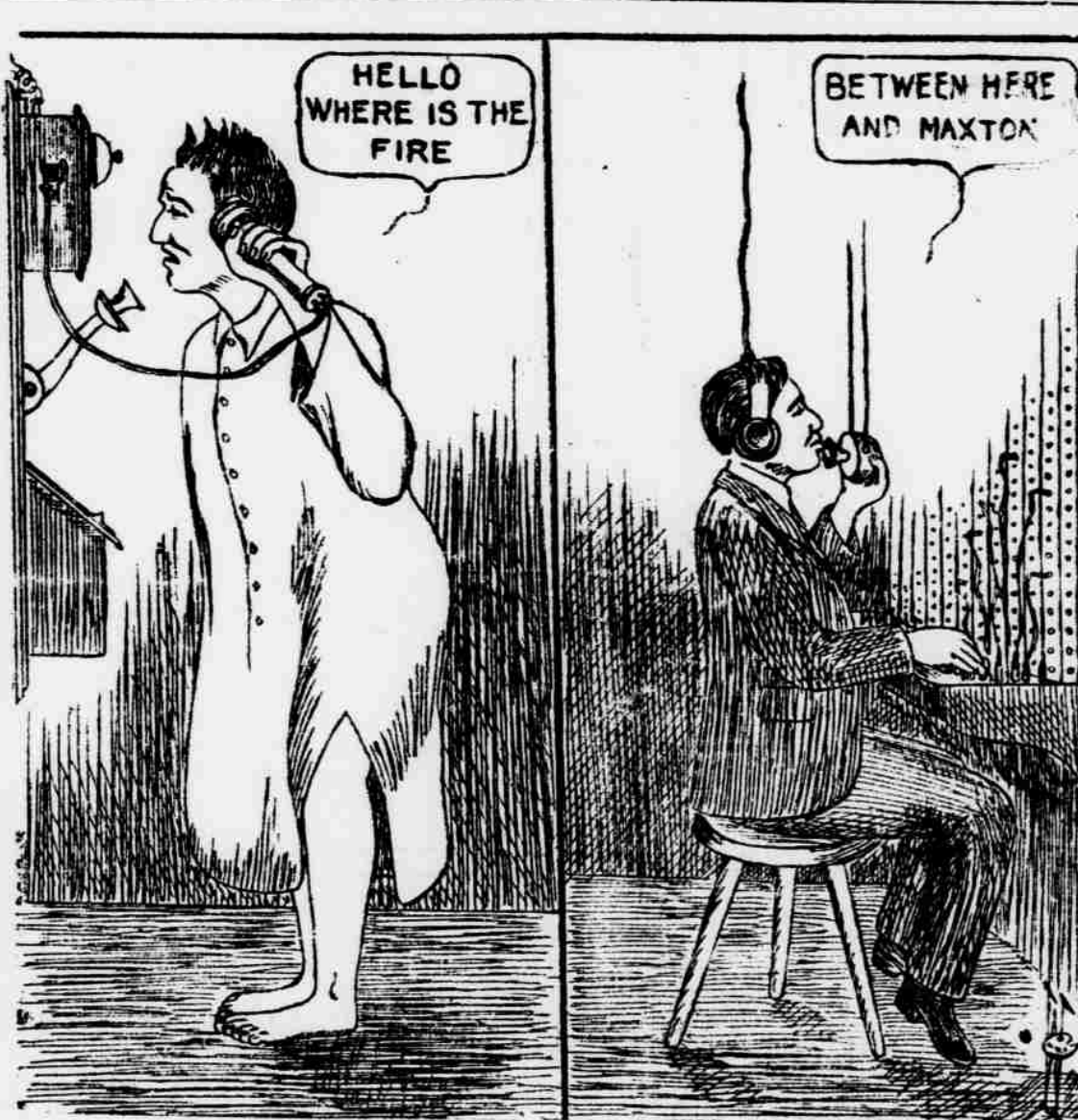
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## LOCAL BRIEFS.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Hattie Phillips and J. E. Phillips.

—Mr. Alex. Carlyle, of Raft Swamp, is numbered among the salesmen in Mr. K. M. Biggs' store. He began work Monday.

—Mr. R. B. Napier, of Rockingham, has accepted a position as cashier at the Seaboard freight depot. He arrived and began work Tuesday.

—Mr. C. P. Grantham, of Fairmont, who for some time had held a position with the Robeson Drug Co. at Maxton, has accepted a position as salesman with Dr. J. D. McMillan & Son. He began work this morning.

—At a meeting of the members of the county bar at the noon recess of court Monday a committee was appointed to draft resolutions in honor of the late Mr. D. P. Shaw and at another meeting held at noon yesterday the report of this committee was adopted. These resolutions will be printed in Monday's paper.

—The Virginia & Carolina Southern will give a special rate of \$1 to Fayetteville and return tomorrow, regular train, on account of the concert that will be given in the LaFayette Theater by Sousa's band tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Quite a number of Lumberton people will take advantage of this opportunity of hearing this famous band.

—There was much disturbance in town for a spell Tuesday morning about one o'clock, caused by the fire alarm, which was turned in on account of fire at the National Cotton Mill. The fire was in the dust room, a place hard to reach with the water, and it was some time before the flames were brought under control, though the damage is not thought to exceed \$200, which is covered by insurance.

—Mr. L. McK. Parker, who was deputy clerk for Mr. W. H. Humphrey, continues in the same position with Mr. C. B. Skipper, the new clerk of the court. Miss Theresa Patterson will continue as stenographer for Mr. Skipper. Mr. J. B. Bowen, who was bookkeeper for Mr. Humphrey, went Tuesday night to St. Paul, where he has accepted a position as bookkeeper for the St. Paul Cotton Mills.

—Revs. E. M. Hoyle and S. J. McConnell returned last night and Tuesday night, respectively, from Elizabeth City, where they attended the Methodist Conference. It is a source of gratification to their friends that both these earnest workers are returned to their charges here, Mr. Hoyle to the Lumberton church and missions for the fourth year, Mr. McConnell for the second year as supply for this charge.

—Mr. T. L. Johnson, who was law partner of Mr. D. P. Shaw, an account of whose death was given in Monday's Robesonian, will practice alone for the present, retaining the offices occupied by him and his former partner in the McLeod building, corner of Elm and Fifth streets. Miss Jessie Lennon, formerly stenographer for the firm of Shaw & Johnson but who has since been employed in the office of County Superintendent of Public Instruction J. R. Poole, began work this morning as stenographer for Mr. Johnson.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. McLeod, who have been boarding at the Waverly hotel since their marriage a week ago last evening, are moving today to the residence belonging to the bride, corner of Water and Eighth streets. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Peace, who have been occupying this residence for some time, expected to move today into the residence of the late D. P. Shaw, just across Water street, but final arrangements for renting have been delayed. They expect, however, to move into the Shaw house within a few days. Meanwhile, they are occupying a room in the house which they formerly rented.

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## CORN PRIZES AWARDED.

**Mr. A. Judson Prevatt Wins First Prize in Bank of Lumberton Corn Contest With 118 1-4 Bushels—Encouraging Corn Growing.**

The prizes in the corn contest conducted by the Bank of Lumberton have been awarded. The judges, Messrs. S. A. Edmund, L. T. Townsend, Eli Phillips and E. J. Britt, met Tuesday in the director's room of the bank and made their decision.

The first prize was awarded to Mr. A. Judson Prevatt, who lives on the Carthage road about 4 miles from Lumberton. He made 118 1-4 bushels on an acre and received \$50 in cash given by the bank and 1 1/2 tons of fertilizer given by the Baugh Sons & Co. The second prize was won by Mr. D. E. Ivey, of Raynham. He made 109 3-4 bushels and received \$30 in cash. Mr. D. F. Lowrie, of Elrod, gets the third prize and he makes it a close call for Mr. Ivey. He made 109 1-6 bushels and received \$20 in cash.

There were between 50 and 75 contestants for these prizes and there is hardly any question but that there is some more corn in the county than there would have been if the bank had not offered the inducement; and in making this corn methods have been used that ought to be of great interest to the farmers. The bank is getting out a pamphlet containing the methods used by the successful contestants. The pamphlet will be for free distribution.

## Three Special School Tax Elections to be Held.

The regular monthly meeting of the county board of education was held Monday in the office of County Superintendent J. R. Poole. Besides the regular routine of business three petitions for special tax elections were approved and at the meeting of the county commissioners the same day elections for the three were ordered to be held on; the same day, January 14, as follows: District No. 3, Thompson's, 30 cents on the \$100 and 90 cents on the poll, J. L. Stewart, registrar, Houston Grimsley and W. H. McLelland, judges; No. 5, White House, 30 and 90, P. C. Henley, registrar, W. P. Oliver and Timothy Page, judges; No. 3, Britt's, 20 and 60, E. F. Prevatt, registrar, M. C. McIntyre and W. R. Atkinson, judges.

Davidson College won in a debate at the Presbyterian College in Charlotte Monday night with Wofford College, S. C., Messrs. M. F. Huske of Fayetteville and Jas. Allen, Jr., of Charleston, S. C., representing Davidson, to which college goes the beautiful trophy cup which will become the property of the college winning two of three debates, this being the first.

## THE STATE'S POPULATION.

**North Carolina's Population is 2,206,287—Robeson County Fifth.**

Population statistics of the 13th census were issued Monday for North Carolina, showing the State's population to be 2,206,287, an increase of 312,477 or 16.5 per cent. over 1,893,810 in 1900. The increase from 1890 to 1900 was 275,836 or 17.1 per cent.

Robeson stands fifth in population among the counties of the State with 51,945 as compared with 40,371 in 1900. The only counties in the State having a larger population than Robeson are Mecklenburg, 67,031; Wake, 63,629; Guilford, 60,497; Carteret, 53,776. Statistics for other counties in this part of the State are: Bladen, 18,006; Columbus, 38,020; Cumberland, 35,284; Harnett, 22,174; Scotland, 15,363; Brunswick, 14,432; New Hanover, 32,037.

## Demonstration of Stump-Blasting and Plowing With Dynamite.

The demonstration of "farming with dynamite"—stump-blasting and plowing with dynamite (subsoil blasting)—advertised in The Robesonian to be held Tuesday at the farm of Mr. George G. French—Bee Gee—4 miles from Lumberton on the Virginia & Carolina Southern Ry., was very much of a success. Some 300 or 400 people, most of them farmers, attended the demonstration, and they were very much pleased with the results. Mr. Cornell of Nashville, Tenn., representing the Du Pont Powder Co. of Wilmington, Del., had charge of the demonstration, which was conducted under the auspices of the firm of Caldwell & Carlyle of Lumberton. Mr. L. H. Caldwell and the McAllister Hdw. Co., both of Lumberton, also handle the Du Pont Powder Co.'s products. Quite a number of stumps were blown up at a cost very much less than they could be removed in any other way, and the ploughing of the land was also very successful. The Du Pont Powder Co. furnishes a special dynamite stick, fuse and cap, three separate pieces, and no explosion is possible except when connection is made, so that there is no danger when any sort of ordinary common-sense caution is used. Stumps are completely taken up at small cost by means of this dynamite, and land is broken thoroughly by drilling holes 12 or 14 inches apart for the dynamite. This method of breaking land is coming into favor of recent years, special mention having been made in the papers recently of a large yield obtained from land broken in this manner by a farmer near Spartanburg, S. C.

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