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MAXTON NEWS ITEMS.

In Social Realms—Population Statistics—Other Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Maxton, Dec. 9.—Dr. H. G. Hill has gone to Camden, S. C., to preach Sunday for Mr. Jesse Rowan, pastor of that church.

Miss Annie Hill left to-night for Boston, Fla., to visit Mrs. Adolphus McLeod.

Mr. R. C. Everett and family have moved in to occupy part of Dr. D. C. McIver's house on McCaskill avenue. Their former residence was on Main street.

Miss Janie Dinwiddie left for her home in Raleigh Tuesday, after visiting her sister Mrs. A. B. Croom for several weeks.

Mr. J. D. Medlin of Hosty was in town Wednesday for the purpose of purchasing property in this town.

Rev. A. A. McClelland is in Hendersonville this week attending the State Baptist Convention.

Mr. J. W. Carter is erecting a cottage on McCaskill avenue in which Mr. Jack Lyde will live.

Mrs. S. E. Alford, who had been visiting her son, McL. McP. Alford, has returned to her home in Dillon county, S. C.—Mr. Henry Alford spent a few days with friends in Reedy Creek, S. C.

The Merry-Go-Rounds were entertained this afternoon by Miss Emma Belle McRae. She entertained at the home of her sister, Mrs. R. M. Williams. The contest was to draw a picture of Santa Claus on the blackboard, for which Miss Atlanta Gibson was awarded the prize, a handsome silver cologne bottle; then a prize was offered for the ugliest face made. Miss Bessie McNair was most successful, and was given a clown doll. The dining room was elaborately decorated in Christmas colors and a delightful supper was served. The souvenirs were chimneys. There were a great many visitors present. Miss McRae was a charming hostess.

Mr. L. W. McKinnon entertained in his handsome country home last Tuesday night some male friends. Those present at this stag dinner were: A. M. McKinnon chaperone; L. R. Kirkpatrick, Jno. M. McKinnon, S. H. McKinnon; Mr. and Mrs. L. W. McKinnon; J. A. McKinnon, Lacy Williams, McK. McKinnon, W. M. Currie, Ben S. Barros and Graham McLeod. The dinner was elegant, the evening much enjoyed.

Misses Clarkie Belle McNair and Atlanta Gibson, with Messrs. Hector McLean and Lacy Williams, drove over to Laurinburg Wednesday in Mr. McLean's auto.

Mr. E. L. McCormick has completed his task of census-taking in Maxton, with the following results: Census of Maxton, ending December 5, 1910, total population, 1,860; 442 within town limits, 418 without.

Robeson County Fourth in Population.

In Thursday's Robesonian it was inadvertently stated that Robeson county stands fifth in population among the counties of the State, Carteret being placed fourth with 53,776. The figures were taken from the usually accurate Charlotte Observer and while they looked impossible large for that little county on the coast, in the rush of preparing copy they excited only passing doubt and the matter was forgotten. Mr. Wade Wishart calls the matter to The Robesonian's attention and the correction is made with great pleasure. Carteret's population is only 13,776, far and away below Robeson with its 51,945, so Robeson stands fourth among the counties of the State, only Mecklenburg, Wake and Guilford being ahead—and those three counties, be it remembered, each has within its borders a large town, while Robeson boasts a number of the best small towns in the State and a larger rural population than any other county in the State.

The law partnership heretofore existing between Messrs. Wade Wishart, E. M. and W. S. Britt, has been dissolved. Mr. Wishart will continue to practice alone and the Messrs. Britt will continue to practice under the firm name of Britt & Britt.

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LOCAL BRIEFS.

—Licenses have been issued for the marriage of Kate Chason and Hector McLean; Dora Tyson and William Baxley.

—Mr. Lacy McKenzie is able to be out again after a siege of typhoid fever and is again at his post at the Lumberton drug store.

—A meeting of K. of P. Lodge No. 35 will be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock. There will be special business and a full attendance is desired.

—Mr. Jno. D. McAllister has leased the McDiarmid residence, corner of Walnut and Sixth streets, and is having water-works put in. He has not yet decided whether he and Mrs. McAllister will occupy the house or rent it.

—The last rails were placed Saturday at Elizabethtown for the extension of the Virginia & Carolina Southern from St. Paul to that town, but it will be some time yet before the road is ready for trains, which are being operated now over that road to Tar Heel.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. M'White, formerly of Robeson but now of Baxley, Ga., are visiting relatives in the county. Mr. M'White was in town Friday with his nephew Mr. W. C. Boone, of rural route No. 2 from Lumberton. Mr. M'White left Robeson county 17 years ago and had not visited Lumberton since five years ago, and he is very much impressed with the improvements that have been made.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Peace moved Saturday from Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. McLeod's residence, corner of Water and Eighth streets, to the house on Fifth street, between Chestnut and Walnut, next the old Baptist church, belonging to Mr. A. W. McLean. Mr. Peace's sister-in-law, Mrs. W. L. Peace of Oxford, and two children arrived this morning and will spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Peace.

—At Barker's school house on Wednesday night, the 21st inst., a comedy will be given that is something out of the ordinary for a country school to undertake—a dramatization of that delightful book "Handy Andy." The play will last one hour and thirty minutes and the excellent Parkton band will furnish music. Prof. Victor A. Roark is principal of the school. The admission will be 20 cents for adults, 10 cents for children under 12.

—The auction sale of 35 building lots—8 acres—of the McMillan land in the western portion of town, conducted Friday by the American Realty & Auction Co. of Greensboro, was a big success. The lots sold for an average of over \$200 each and the total receipts of the sale were \$7,400. Quite a bit of silver was given away after the sale. Little William Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Cox, drew the card that took a prize of \$5 in gold.

—The Robesonian has received an unsigned communication to the effect that the boys of the European Literary Society of the Philadelphia high school will give a minstrel show at Philadelphia Wednesday evening of this week. The communication is withheld from publication because there is nothing to indicate who is responsible for it and this news item is written for what it is worth on the strength of a communication that the author does not think enough of to sign his or her name to for the editor's benefit.

—Mrs. J. P. Brown, of Fairmont, secretary of the home mission society for the Rockingham district, spoke at Barker's Methodist church yesterday morning at the regular hour for preaching service, 11 o'clock, in the interest of the home mission work, with the needs of which she is thoroughly conversant. Mrs. Brown spent last night in Lumberton at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. White. The Robesonian regrets very much that a notice of this service was quite unintentionally left out of Thursday's paper, for which it was written and in which it should have appeared.

COUNTY UNION MEETING.

Officers For Ensuing Year Elected—Change in Road Law Favored—Next Meeting in Lumberton December 30.

Reported for The Robesonian.

The Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of Robeson county met in annual session at Raft Swamp academy Thursday last at 10 o'clock a. m., president J. E. Carlyle presiding. The rules were suspended and some other important matters were taken up before the election of officers. The road matter was a part of the important matter that was discussed. The committee on roads reported that a joint meeting had been held with the committee from the Rural Letter Carriers' Association and recommended that the county be made the unit and that the bond issue be opposed, provided a law that will guarantee good roads can be framed without a bond issue.

At 12:30 the Union took a recess for a basket dinner until 1:30, at which time the Union again assembled and discussed some other matters and proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, as follows: J. E. Carlyle, president; Gen. F. A. Bond, vice president; W. K. Culbreth, secretary-treasurer and business agent; W. S. Johnson, chaplain; Mr. Bizzell, lecturer. The following were elected members of the executive committee: N. A. Townsend, N. T. Andrews, E. W. Stone, Walters and McCallum (the initials of the two last-named I do not recall).

The session as a whole was a success. We are under great obligations for the use of the school building, and the church was occupied for the remainder of the day.

Another county meeting will be held in Lumberton December 30. I believe it is for the purpose of discussing some legislation and some other matters claiming the attention of the Union.

The farm demonstration work was discussed and it was recommended that a law be enacted authorizing the county commissioners to supplement the fund furnished by the government for demonstration work in the county to the amount of \$640.

We had a very representative session. While all the locals were not represented, it was due to the coldness of the weather, the shortness of the day, long distance, etc. This is but a short review of what was done and very imperfect, as I am writing from memory.

W. P. Barker.

Lectures On Farm Demonstration Work.

Mr. E. S. Millsaps, district agent of the farmers' demonstration work, will be at St. Paul Thursday at 11 o'clock and at Lumberton Friday at 11 o'clock. He will lecture on the work and the farmers are requested to attend the meetings.

POPULATION OF U. S.

A Gain of 21 Per Cent Over 1900.

Washington Dispatch, 10th.

In the United States and all its possessions the Stars and Stripes protect 101,100,000. This enormous number is the official estimate of the United States bureau of the census, announced today in connection with the population statistics for the country as enumerated in the thirteenth decennial census. It includes the Philippines, Samoa, Guam, Hawaii, Alaska and the Panama canal zone.

Within its borders on the North American continent, exclusive of Alaska, the United States has a population of 91,972,266 inhabitants. During the last 10 years the States of the Union had an aggregate increase in population of 15,977,691, which amounts to 21 per cent over the 1900 figures.

The grand total includes 7,635,426 in the Philippine islands, as enumerated in the census there in 1903, and estimates for the population of the Island of Guam, the American possessions in Samoa and persons on the Panama canal zone.

Frederick The Great.

"Frederick the Great," the noted magician, who is now touring the South and is coming this way, will appear in Lumberton with his company on Friday of this week at the opera house. The company includes Mr. W. Paris Chambers, famous the world over as cornet virtuoso, artist and composer; Miss A. E. Vernice, a charming singer; Misses Phyllis and Ruby Brooks, of England, recently arrived, and Mr. Edwin Sault, assistant demonstrators.

The program presented by Frederick the Great covers the field of legerdeman illusion and spirit demonstration, and is said to be one of the most complete performances of the kind yet seen in the South. The musical features are also of consequence. The stage is handsomely mounted.

A Gambling Den Raided.

Chief of Police H. H. Redfern and night Policeman Strain made a raid on a gambling den over the river Friday morning about 1:30 o'clock in the third building on the left in crossing the old bridge, in a room used by William Davis as an insurance office. As a result of the raid William Davis, Otha Alisten, Faro Jones, Calve White and Chas. Bowen, all colored, were caught in the act and captured. Money and cards were in evidence. They were all jailed and given a hearing Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock before the mayor. All were bound over to court, Davis and Alisten each giving a \$100 justified bond, Bowen giving a \$50 cash bond and White and Jones going to jail in default of bonds.

New Telephone Directory to be Issued Soon—A New Farmers Line.

Manager J. C. Branch, of the Lumberton exchange of the Southern Bell Company, announces that the new telephone directory will soon be issued. The new list will be corrected up to January 1st and he states that all who wish to make changes in their listings or have their names placed in the new directory should communicate with him at once. Those who are contemplating installing telephones in their homes or offices should act promptly in order that their names may appear properly in the new directory. Manager Branch states that there will be a number of new names added to the list and that the growth of the exchange here is a strong indication of the progress of Lumberton.

A new farmers' telephone line having six subscribers has just been connected with the Lumberton exchange. The line extends out the Orrum road and furnishes service to the following well-known people: I. H. Warwick, residence; E. C. Nye, store; J. R. Lawson, store; W. C. Powell, residence; J. F. Shepherd, residence; E. C. Nye, residence.

The subscribers on the line are now in constant telephone communication with each other and through the Southern Bell exchange with telephone users in Lumberton. The construction of this line and its connection with the telephone exchange here is another step in the progress of telephone development which is being made by the residents in the rural sections of Robeson county. Under the plan of the Southern Bell Company farmers and other rural dwellers are enabled to secure telephone service on an economical basis. As a result, farmers in all sections of the State are installing telephones in their homes.

Anti-Cigarette Club Organized.

Reported for The Robesonian.

The Lumberton Anti-Cigarette Club has been organized at the graded school building. The following officers have been elected: president, Wayne Caldwell; vice-president, Furman Biggs; secretary, Knox Proctor; censor, Rufus Sanderson. The club meets at 3:00 o'clock Monday afternoons of each week, and all boys over twelve years of age who are willing to give up the tobacco habit are eligible.

—Mrs. H. M. McAllister delightfully entertained quite a number of friends at dinner Thursday evening at her home on the corner of Fourth and Walnut streets in honor of Mrs. Jas. D. Proctor.

Gov. Kitchin has appointed W. T. Hollowell a director of the State hospital at Goldsboro, to succeed Chas. F. Herring, resigned.