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FAIRMONT NEWS LETTER.

A Quiet Christmas—Woman's Betterment Association Organized—A Delightful Entertainment—Wooden Wedding Celebrated—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Fairmont, Dec. 30.—The holiday season of joy and cheer just passed was the most quiet and orderly ever seen in our town. The young people have had a lot of fun but all of it harmless. No fireworks were allowed in the place, which was a great relief. All of our young people who were away at school returned for the holidays and were received with delight by relatives and friends. They will all return to their respective schools next week and others will also go.

A Woman's Betterment Association was organized just before the holidays with Mrs. Bobbitt as president and Mrs. Hayes as secretary and treasurer. We hope it may prove a great help to the school.

The young ladies of the Young Peoples' Home Mission Society gave a delightful little entertainment in the school auditorium last Friday night, "The Japanese Wedding." It was so well liked that by request they repeat it again tonight. This is an ideal little play for young people as it is easily gotten up and makes a pretty show.

Miss Maggie Brown of Philadelphia is a welcome visitor in town, the guest of Mrs. Fannie Brown. She has many friends here who are always glad to see her.

Miss Amanda Townsend leaves at once for several weeks' visit to relatives and friends at different points. We wish her a pleasant visit.

F. C. Jones spent Christmas with his parents at Mt. Olive, returning last Monday.

The Messrs. Carter of Maxton were over last Monday for a few hours with relatives.

Miss Jessie Floyd of Dunn came home from Louisville College with Misses Maggie and May Floyd and has added to the gaiety of the young people.

Mrs. Peter Belanger, formerly Miss Pattie Ashley, came from her far-away Michigan home to spend Christmas with her family and as all the rest of Mrs. Nettie Ashley's children came home also they held a family reunion for Christmas and it was a most delightful holiday to Mrs. Ashley.

Mr. John Morrison of Bingham, S. C., spent a few days here last week and took his wife and children home from their old home. We were sorry to see them go.

Mr. Latta Floyd of R. F. D. 1 is having lumber hauled on his lot, recently purchased from Dr. Brown, and will move his family here. They will be gladly welcomed.

Mrs. N. A. Carter and little Miss Frances are being gladly greeted by all. They will return to Laurinburg in a few days.

Mrs. Stephen Brown, who is most pleasantly remembered here as Miss Willie Weatherly, came up from Wilmington last Tuesday to be with her sister Mrs. McNaull for a few days.

Mr. W. R. McKellar and his mother are gone. Mr. McKellar to take charge as manager of the Butters Lumber Co's mercantile department. We are sorry to lose these good people from our midst but congratulate Boardman.

Dr. Brown held very successful land sales at Proctorville and Boardman this week.

We are sorry to know that Mrs. C. F. Elwanger is in very poor health and hope she may soon improve. Her sons all spent Christmas with her.

Miss Sallie Smith goes to Durham next week to enter Trinity Park school and Miss Helen Smith will go to Louisville college at the same time. Miss Eva Thompson leaves next week also to enter Oxford young ladies seminary.

Mr. Frank Davis and family have moved into their new home in West Fairmont and are gladly welcomed by many friends.

The Baptist Sunday-school enjoyed a beautiful Christmas tree last Sunday morning. All the

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LOCAL BRIEFS.

—Some excellent work is being done by the town in fixing up street crossings with gravel so that they will be in passable condition in wet weather.

—Mr. Floyd McMillan, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. McE. McMillan, left yesterday for Atlanta, Ga., where he will take a course in the Southern Shorthand & Business College.

—Licenses have been issued for the marriage of Maggie Hodges and A. W. Powell; Della Riddle and W. A. Jackson; Ida Phillips and J. A. Rozier; Etta Johnson and Thurman Rice.

—The court house bell and the Presbyterian church bell were rung for a short while at midnight Saturday night, and that is about all that happened in Lumberton to usher in the new year.

—Mr. N. A. Biggs of Charlotte, representing N. Wilson Wallace, State agent for the hupmobile, closed a contract Saturday with the Lumberton Auto & Machine Co. for 6 hupmobiles.

—The regular monthly meeting of the Civic Association will be held Friday evening in the reading room of the Commercial and Industrial Club. Important business is to be transacted and all are invited to attend.

—Mr. C. M. Fuller, who sells horses and mules galore, left Friday for St. Louis, Mo., where he will purchase 3 car-loads of mules, which he will receive at his sales stables here a week from today, on the 9th. Mr. Fuller will return Saturday of this week.

—Rev. and Mrs. S. J. McConnell and their five children will move Thursday from Orrum to Lumberton and will occupy a house on Second street belonging to Mr. W. W. Carlyle. Mr. McConnell has charge of Methodist mission work here and at St. Paul and he moves to this place in order to be more conveniently located for his work.

—The county board of audit and finance, composed of A. Nash of Lumberton, chairman; Mr. J. L. McLean of Maxton, secretary; and Mr. M. Shepherd of Orrum, met in Lumberton Saturday and made out its yearly report of receipts and disbursements of the county for the year ending November 30 last. The report will be published in The Robesonian.

—Mr. W. H. Stalvey, proprietor of the barber shop in rear of the Lumberton drug store, purchased Saturday the barber business of John Leak, colored, and took charge of the shop this morning. Mr. Elijah Rogers, a brother-in-law and Mr. Stalvey, and Mr. B. F. King of Wilmington, are in charge of two chairs in the shop today and another chair will be installed this week. Mr. Stalvey, than whom there is no better barber anywhere, will put in sanitary fixtures and put this shop in first-class condition. He will also continue his shop in rear of the Lumberton drug store.

Interesting Gossip About the North Carolina Senatorship.

Raleigh Cor., Dec. 31. Charlotte Observer.

Special dispatches from Washington to the effect that ex-Governor Aycock and Governor Kitchin are both active candidates for the United States Senate to succeed Senator Simmons two years hence has created considerable comment here. Asked about the matter ex-Governor Aycock said today that he is not and will not be a candidate. On the other hand Governor Kitchin made this response to the inquiry:

"The Washington story is interesting but I have no statement to make about its subject matter at this time."

The situation seems to narrow down to the conclusion that the senatorial contest will be between Senator Simmons and Governor Kitchin, the fight to be between them exclusively in the event there is primary expression on the senatorship. Then if the question goes into the Legislature without primary expression ex-Governor Aycock might be drawn in for the election through a deadlock between Simmons and Kitchin.

FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

Will be Held at Parkton, Rowland and Pembroke Next Week and in Lumberton on the 17th Inst.—Woman's Institutes—Premiums.

The following letter, which has been handed to The Robesonian for publication, explains itself:

"Mr. J. A. McAllister, Lumberton, N. C. 'We hold an institute at Parkton, Wednesday, January 11th; Rowland, Thursday, January 12th; Pembroke, Friday, January 13th; Lumberton, Tuesday, January 17th.

"The posters and programs for this are now in the hands of the printer and we hope to be able to forward them to you in a few days. In the meantime you will please advertise it in every way that you possibly can, through your home papers, by asking your school teachers to announce it, getting your ministers to talk about it to their people, and the merchants and all other people who are interested in better methods of farming. There will be a woman's institute held at the same time and I hope that you will secure a hall for that also, as it will be in a separate room from that held for the men. Also please see that the halls for both the men and women are warmed by the time the institute should open. We regard the woman's institute movement as one of great importance and hope that you will get as many of the women of the county to attend as you possibly can.

"Knowing that you will do what you can for the institute and thanking you in advance for your kindness in this respect, I am, Yours very truly, T. B. PARKER, Director."

Saturday The Robesonian received posters in regard to these institutes. The institutes for women will be held by Mrs. F. L. Stephens. "The objects of these institutes," as set forth in the posters, "are to bring together the women from the farm homes, that they may become better acquainted and talk over among themselves subjects tending to the betterment of conditions in rural homes, such as better and more economical foods and better methods of preparing them, home sanitation, home fruit and vegetable gardening, farm dairying, poultry raising, the beautifying of the home and home surroundings, etc. Let the wives and daughters come out to these meetings in large numbers."

Interesting program, have been prepared for these meetings. A premium of \$1 will be given for the best loaf of bread baked and exhibited by a girl or woman living on the farm. A premium of \$1 will be given for the best five ears of pure-bred corn.

The institute lecturers will be Franklin Sherman, of the State Department of Agriculture; T. J. W. Broom, demonstrator; E. L. Worthen, soil investigator. All farmers and their wives, sons

and daughters, and all others interested in farming and the betterment of the farm homes are urged to attend these meetings and join the discussions. Morning sessions will open at 10:30 o'clock and afternoon sessions at 1:30. All are asked to bring book and pencil to take notes.

The boys are especially invited to come and learn about the boys' corn clubs.

The posters are signed by W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture, and T. B. Parker, director of farmers' institutes.

In addition to the premiums mentioned above, The Robesonian will give a year's subscription for the second best loaf of bread exhibited at the institute in Lumberton and a year's subscription for the second best five ears of corn.

PITTMAN-KYLE.

A Fairmont Couple Surprise Their Friends by Marrying in Lumberton Saturday.

Special to The Robesonian.

Fairmont, Dec. 31.—Mr. H. H. Pittman, of the Pittman Drug Co., and Miss Mamie Kyle, both of Fairmont, surprised all their friends by motoring this afternoon over to Lumberton, where they were united in marriage. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Carl McLean and Mr. F. C. Jones kindly acted as chauffeur.

Though a surprise, it was not an unexpected surprise to their hosts of friends, who wish them joy.

The ceremony was performed at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. C. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, on Fifth street, about 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, after which it is understood that the party returned to Fairmont.

Minor Court Cases.

Robt. Pate was tried this morning before Mayor J. A. Rowland on the charge of cruelty to animals. Messrs. McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor and T. L. Johnson representing the State and Mr. E. J. Britt appearing for the defendant. The charge was brought by Mr. E. D. McNeill, from whose stable the horse was hired on the night of the 21st ult. It was in evidence that the defendant and two companions, named Edwards and Tyner, drove to Barker's school house on the night mentioned and that when they returned the horse had a pistol shot wound in his hip. The defendant admitted that he and his companions had had a drink but said they had no pistol and claimed to know nothing of how the horse was wounded. Pate was bound to court in a \$50 bond, which he gave.

Deputy Sheriff Hugh McNeill brought to jail here from Maxton Saturday night Callie Covington, John Barton, Jesse Relevant and Flute Sellers, all colored, committed to jail in default of bond on the charge of larceny by Justices McRae and Wooten of Maxton.

WOMAN DROPS DEAD.

Colored Woman Succumbs to Heart Failure After Difficulty With Unruly Son, Who Stabs His Brother.

Flora Singletary, colored, about 65 years old, dropped dead near her home in the eastern part of town Friday afternoon about 2 o'clock. It was at first reported that she had been struck over the head by her son Herbert with a board and killed, but the investigation of the corner's jury revealed nothing to sustain this belief and the jury reported that her death was the result of heart failure caused by excitement. The deceased was the wife of Henry Singletary, driver for Dr. H. T. Pope. Hayes Singletary, son of the dead woman, was stabbed by Herbert in the fight that excited his mother and Herbert was caught and brought to the sheriff's office by Charlie Dillard and Jim King, both colored.

Coroner G. E. Rancke impaneled a jury and investigated Friday afternoon but it was hard to get anything coherent out of the witnesses. From the halting testimony the circumstances seem to have been about as follows: Herbert, who is about 23 years old and has been considered a harmless sort of half-witted fellow, was corrected by his mother for breaking up her stove. This made Herbert mad and he proceeded to break up all the lamps in the room, shoved his mother aside, and left the house. His mother followed him from the house, saying that she was going to beat him, and at the same time called another son, Hayes, who came at once from his house next door. Hayes says that he tried all he could to keep Herbert from striking his mother and did not know that Herbert had a knife until after it was all over and he found that he had been stabbed. Hayes was stabbed in the left shoulder and severely, though not dangerously, wounded. Dr. T. C. Johnson was summoned immediately and dressed Hayes' wound. County physician H. T. Pope arrived on the scene soon after Dr. Johnson, and at the inquest Dr. Pope's partner, Dr. W. A. McPhaul, was present. Thorough examination failed to reveal any sign of a blow on the body of the dead woman, and none of the witnesses could say that Herbert struck his mother, while the testimony of one girl that the deceased leaned against the fence after Herbert was some distance away, going towards town, and was panting and called for water, bore out the theory that her death was due to heart failure caused by excitement. Dr. McPhaul gave that as his belief, Dr. Johnson concurring with him, and the jury so found.

Herbert was tried this morning and was bound to court in the sum of \$100 for stabbing his brother, in default of which he was remanded to jail.

—The banks of the town are observing today as a holiday.