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BETTERMENT WORK.

Regular Monthly Meeting of the Civic Association—Efforts Will be Made to Abate the Spitting Nuisance—Home Improvement Pamphlets—President of the American Association Will be Invited to Address Local Association Next Month—Court House Square Again—For a Town Beautiful and Healthful.

The regular monthly meeting of the Civic Association was held Friday evening in the reading room of the Commercial and Industrial Club. The number of ladies present was greatly in excess of the number of men, as usual, and there was some discussion of varying the programs so as to induce more men—and, incidentally, more ladies—to take an interest in the work the association is trying to do. Those who miss any of these meetings are greatly the losers thereby, and this will be more true in the future than in the past, for the meetings will be made more entertaining as well as more instructive.

After reports of committees had been made Dr. N. A. Thompson, who had been invited to address the association, made a few remarks along the line of improving health conditions and pledged his more active co-operation in the work of the association in the future. The spitting nuisance was discussed and the town authorities will be asked to place warnings on the streets against this practice. There is a town ordinance against this nuisance but it has long been a dead letter and the association is going to make an effort to have it enforced, and as an aid to this it wants plentiful public warnings made. Supt. R. E. Sentelle, of the graded school, called attention to the danger in the open water buckets used for drinking purposes at the school, a matter that the association had discussed several times at previous meetings, and Supt. Sentelle was asked to call this matter to the attention of the school board and try to have some action taken at once. It was suggested that there should be closed tanks and that the children should be urged to bring individual drinking cups. Mrs. E. K. Proctor called attention to the move that was started some time ago to get the dentists and physicians of the town to examine the school children for defects in sight, hearing, nasal organs and teeth, and it is hoped that something may yet be done along this line. Mrs. Proctor also called attention to the fact that nothing has yet been done towards beautifying the court house square, a matter that the association has been agitating ever since its organization. The county commissioners appointed a committee to look after this work a year ago or more, and the association's committee appointed some time ago was urged to take this matter up at once with the commissioners committee and have the necessary work done right away.

Mrs. T. C. Johnson called attention to the fact that Mr. McPharland, president of the American Civic Association, of which this association is a member, will be in Wilmington in March to address the association of that city, and the corresponding secretary was instructed to correspond with the National Association and try to get Mr. McPharland to address the local association at some date near the date of his Wilmington engagement. The home improvement committee reported that a meeting was held Friday afternoon with Mrs. H. T. Pope, chairman, and had decided to get out pamphlets setting forth methods of home improvement, etc.

Everybody is asked to help rid the town of the unsightly scraps of paper that blow about the streets. In so far as possible, these scraps should be burned, and all are urged to pick up paper on the streets and put it into the receptacles that have been placed on the streets for this purpose; and the town will be asked to place additional wire baskets at every corner for this purpose.

The association has been in

BUSINESS MEN ORGANIZE.

Lumberton Retail Merchants Association Organized—Its Purpose to Protect Members and to Advertise and Build Up the Town in Every Way.

A Lumberton branch of the North Carolina Retail Merchants Association was organized Friday by Mr. W. F. Eller of Raleigh, State organizer, with 21 charter members and the following officers: W. P. McAllister, of the McAllister Hdw. Co., president; Jno. T. Biggs, of the Jno. T. Biggs Co., vice president; K. M. Biggs, temporary secretary. R. D. Caldwell, A. W. Peace and K. M. Biggs were appointed a committee to draft constitution and by-laws and to recommend a permanent secretary, who will devote time to the work and will be paid a salary. The charter member are as follows: K. M. Biggs, A. Weinstein, Townsend Bros., J. D. McMillan, Crump & Floyd, King Grocery Co., Caldwell & Carlyle, J. H. Wishart, Bank of Lumberton, Whitfield & French, McAllister Hdw. Co., Jno. T. Biggs Co., First National Bank, C. M. Fuller, Lumberton Drug Co., Blacker Bros., W. J. Prevatt, Q. T. Williams, A. H. Hinds, L. H. Caldwell, White & Gough.

There was formerly a similar association here but it was allowed to go down. It is the intention of the promoters to make this a live organization that shall be felt in promoting all the best interests of the town. Practically all the merchants of the town have agreed to join. It is the purpose of the association to get up information that will protect all its members in extending credit—the deadbeats will be advertised, also those whose credit is good—to advertise the town, to look after legislation, etc.—to work for the interests of the town in general, extending the trade zone, etc.

This is just another indication that Lumberton's business men are wide awake and determined to do everything possible for the upbuilding of the town.

Gypsies Put it Over a Hope Mills Man in a Sunday Trade.

Mr. W. D. King, of Hope Mills, was in town Thursday and reported that he had fallen upon an evil day. Last Sunday while on his way to his farm at Tar Heel, driving a horse and leading a mule, he passed by a Gypsy camp, where he was banttered for a trade. Mr. King refused on the ground of its being Sunday but was finally persuaded to hitch a mule to his buggy and try it. While the hitching was being done Mr. King's horse and mule were led away and when he discovered that the mule was blind and refused to further consider a trade the Gypsies refused to return his stock. They offered another horse, and as that seemed to be the only thing to be obtained Mr. King drove off with that. He found that the horse was no good and returned next morning to get justice but found the Gypsies had vanished. Mr. King came to Lumberton and got claim and delivery papers at a cost of \$13.50, but the Gypsies have not yet been found.

—Prof. R. H. Norris started the stillness Friday night about 11:30 o'clock by firing a pistol on Elm street. A fellow who had too much booze called at the professor's home on the west side of the river and insisted on spending the night, and Prof. Norris escorted his visitor to town and took this method of notifying the police. However, the visitor was not considered loaded enough to hurt and was not locked up.

existence just a year and during that time it has done much work for bettering conditions. Its members are more enthusiastic than ever to work in season and out of season to make Lumberton a town beautiful and healthful; and in the accomplishment of that end it should have the co-operation of every citizen of the town.

Constipation causes headache, nausea, dizziness, languor, heart palpitation. Drastic physics gripe, sicken, weaken the bowels and don't cure. Doan's Regulets act gently and cure constipation. 25 cents. Ask your druggist.

RED SPRINGS REVIEWS.

A Lecture on David Copperfield—in Social Realms—Personal.

Red Springs, Feb. 2.—Dr. Thomas West of Fayetteville spent a few days of last week in Red Springs, the guest of Dr. R. D. McMillan.

Professor Walter Bradley Tripp, a teacher in the Boston School of Oratory, gave an interesting and instructive lecture in the college auditorium Monday evening. The selection which delighted the large audience was David Copperfield, the well-known book of Dickens. Mr. Tripp is a delightful impersonator and he imitated the funny character of Mr. Micawber to perfection, also the "umble" rascal Uriah Heep. The sad and tragic part of the story was equally well given, Emily and faithful old Peggotty brought vividly to life. The hero, David, could not have been more real. This lecture was a rare treat to the people of our town, and we are sure was much appreciated by all.

Misses Jane and Hannah Gibson of Gibson, S. C., were guests at the college Monday. They were accompanied by their guest Miss Rosalie Smith of Waycross, Ga., a former student of S. P. C.

Mrs. George Melville Howard entertained her friends at Hotel Red Springs Thursday afternoon from four to six in honor of Mrs. Craig of Halifax, Nova Scotia. About one hundred ladies called during the two hours, and all enjoyed the afternoon to the fullest extent.

Miss Bess Jones entertained a few of her friends Monday evening. Many delightful and unique games were indulged in and delicious refreshments were served during the evening. At a late hour the guests reluctantly departed, declaring Miss Jones a charming and graceful hostess.

Dr. Roscoe McMillan spent Thursday in Fayetteville on professional business.

On next Monday evening the pupils of the conservatory will give a recital in the auditorium. These concerts are always good, so there is something fine in store for the music lovers of the town.

Mr. D. P. McEachern and Dr. J. L. McMillan have returned from a stay of a few days in Raleigh.

Miss Rosa McMillan, after visiting in Bennettsville for several days, is at home again.

Miss Anna Townsend entertained at her home Monday afternoon from four to six. During this time the announcement of the engagement of Miss Ida Townsend to Mr. Turner of Wadesboro was made by giving to each guest a card adorned with a cupid and bearing the inscription Townsend-Turner.

New Methodist Church at St. Paul's Completed.

The new Methodist church at St. Paul, which has been under construction for some time, has been completed and the first services in the building will be conducted next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. S. J. McConnell, will be assisted in this service by Rev. E. M. Hoyle, pastor of the Methodist church of Lumberton. In the face of much discouragement Mr. McConnell has succeeded in building up or gathering together a good congregation at St. Paul. He organized this church something over a year ago with six or seven members and the membership now numbers fifty. The church has been erected at a cost of something over \$1,000 and is a nice building.

—The St. Paul's high school gave an entertainment Friday evening for the benefit of a piano fund. The exercises consisted of a dialogue, in which the character were represented by Messrs. Jno. and Laurence McArthur and Ewin Howard, and music by the Truman quartette, of Lumberton. After the exercises, oysters, etc., were served and a good sum of money was realized. The exercises were fine and a large crowd attended.

Never can tell when you'll mash a finger or suffer a cut, burn or scald. Be prepared. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil instantly relieves the pain—quickly cures the wound.

INDIAN TRIBAL NAMES.

Croatoans of Robeson Seek to Change Name to Cherokee—Most Unique Committee Hearing in Recent Years.

Raleigh Cor. St. Charlotte Observer.

The most unique committee hearing of any Legislature in recent years was that of the Senate judiciary committee this evening to consider the Cobb bill to change the name of Croatan Indians in Robeson county to "Cherokee Indians of Robeson." A big delegation of Croatoans, backed up by prominent citizens of Robeson, were here fighting for the bill, and Chief Welsh and Chief Sounock of the Cherokee tribe of western North Carolina, were here to fight any invasion of their name, to say nothing of their entitlement thereunder to the fostering care of the government, which however, Croatoans do not seek to share. With them was Superintendent Frank Kyselka of the Indian school at Cherokee, the three forming the inner council of the tribe. Fighting for them and against changing Croatoans to Cherokees, were members of the Legislature from western counties. They had nothing against Croatoans but fought the claim that they have any right to the name Cherokee. Col. N. A. McLean, ex-Sheriff McLeod, Anderson Locklear, Gaston Locklear, Emmitt Sampson, the three last Croatoans, were the principal speakers for changing Croatoans to Cherokees.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner, and also the principal of the Croatan normal school, were among those introduced to testify to the high character and progress of the Croatoans. The school principal said he found a great aversion on the part of these Robeson county Indians to the name Croatan as having no real Indian significance.

A dramatic feature of the hearing was the standing of the two Cherokee chiefs and three of the Croatoans, Anderson and Gaston Locklear and Sampson, in line for the Senators to see for themselves if there was tribal resemblance. The most striking likeness was between Assistant Chief Sounock of the Cherokees and Gaston Locklear of the Croatoans. Chairman Graham asked Chief Walsh of the Cherokees to look upon Locklear and say whether he thought there was any resemblance to Cherokees. The answer came through his interpreter that he saw a resemblance to the human family, but nothing that reminds him of any special tribe. Chief Walsh, speaking in Cherokee entirely through an interpreter, addressed the committee insisting that his tribe had nothing against the Croatoans but simply protests against their taking the Cherokee name, to which he insisted that no proof had been offered that they are in any way entitled, but that all Indian traditions are against it. The committee deferred action.

The English Grand Opera Co. Delights a Lumberton Audience.

"The Rose of Auvergne," a one-act operetta, and "Cavallier Rusticana," presented at the opera house Saturday evening by the English Grand Opera Co., have been pronounced by competent judges as the very best performances ever given here, and one man was heard to declare that he has seen many less creditable plays in good theaters in New York. The large audience was delighted. Manager W. S. Wishart is to be commended for securing such a high-class attraction.

"The Four Lessers," in high-class vaudeville, will hold the boards every evening this week, and there will be moving pictures at each performance, beginning at 8 o'clock. Children 15 cents, adults 25, reserved seats 10 cents extra.

Pastor Russell, of the Brooklyn tabernacle, Brooklyn, N. Y., says that he said nothing concerning the year 1915 as marking the end of the world, as reported from Washington last Sunday, when the interruption of a street preacher while Pastor Russell was speaking caused a sensation.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

House Gives Knock-out Blow to Near-Beer—Constitutional Convention Bill Defeated.

The Stubbs bill to call a constitutional convention for the revision of the North Carolina constitution has been defeated in the House.

The Koonce bill for a legislative commission to be named to investigate the conduct of fire insurance companies in this State received Thursday an unfavorable report from the House committee on propositions and grievances and Mr. Koonce, who is a member of the committee, served notice that he will file a minority report. A bill was introduced in the Senate Thursday to create Ransom county out of Wake, Johnston, Franklin, Nash and Wilson counties. Senator Graham presented a petition from an Orange county citizen protesting against frequent changes of fashion and asking that cartoons in newspapers be prohibited, the reading of which caused much merriment.

The House passed a bill Thursday night to prohibit the sale of near beer, beerine and other like drinks in North Carolina, effective June 1.

A bill providing for a tax of \$ on dogs, justices of the peace and bachelors in Henderson county, introduced by Representative Ewart, has passed the House. In explaining his bill Mr. Ewart said that dogs are killing sheep, scratching fleas and spreading hydrophobia all over the county; bachelors are afflicting the county and retarding progress and growth in spite of the fact that Henderson has the prettiest girls in the world; and justices of the peace, more than a hundred of them, are afflicting the county and the State with cost of books and other supplies to which they are entitled by reason of their office.

A bill has been passed to secure to the people of the State the use of the lakes in Bladen, Columbus and Cumberland counties.

Senator Cobb introduced bills Thursday: to amend the law relative to fertilizers; establish recorder's court for Robeson; amend the State veterinary law by requiring practicing veterinarians to register every year with the State veterinarian.

The House passed Friday the bill to put husband and wife on equal footing in divorce on Biblical grounds, a single act to constitute cause for divorce from husband.

The Senate bill to create Hoke county has been made a special order for Tuesday night, the 14th inst.

Representative McPhaul of Robeson introduced a bill Friday to provide free antitoxin for the citizens of the State generally.

Sunday-School Teachers' Training School at First Baptist Church.

As mentioned in last Monday's Robesonian, a Sunday-school teachers' training school will be held in the First Baptist church of Lumberton from the 9th to the 12th inst., inclusive. The sessions will begin at 10 o'clock Friday morning and there will be morning, afternoon and evening sessions through Sunday, to all of which the public is cordially invited. Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock there will be a general mass-meeting of the Sunday-schools of the town. The institutes will be conducted by Mr. E. L. Middleton, of Raleigh, Sunday-school secretary of the Baptist State Convention, and Prof. J. H. Highsmith, professor of pedagogy at Wake Forest College.

Superior Court.

A two-weeks' criminal term of Robeson Superior Court convened this morning. Judge C. M. Cook of Louisville presiding and Solicitor N. A. Sinclair of Fayetteville being present to represent the State. The grand jury was duly impaneled and charged with Mr. A. B. Pearsall of Red Springs as foreman and Mr. J. Span Thompson as officer, and the morning session was taken up with calling over the docket. Among the out-of-town attorneys here today are Messrs. G. B. Patterson and B. F. and S. B. McLean of Maxton.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

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

—Licenses have been issued for the marriage of Nannie Rozier and S. P. Allen; Nannie S. McLean and V. A. Roark; Blanche Bracey and R. J. McLean.

—Mr. E. B. Edwards, who returned to Lumberton recently from Palmetto, Fla., where he lived for some time, is local agent for Stone & Co., grocers, of Wilmington.

—Mrs. W. T. Porter of Emerson held the lucky number 17 on the second drawing at Boylin's Jewelry Store and has claimed the diamond ring. Miss Nora Page, teacher at Back Swamp, held No. 607 and has claimed the gold watch.

—Mr. C. Pol Plancon, who took the part of Alfio, the wagoner, in "Cavallier Rusticana" at the opera house Saturday evening, sang at the Methodist church yesterday morning, to the great delight of the congregation.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Stephens, who have been boarding with Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Johnson since selling their home on Elm street some time ago to Dr. W. L. Grantham, are moving today into their handsome new residence, just completed, on Elm street. The new home is one block from the one they sold.

—Mr. F. P. Humphrey, of Saddle Tree, who underwent an operation at the Thompson hospital some ten days ago, was out on the streets for the first time Friday. He expects to return home the latter part of this week. Mr. Humphrey is immensely pleased with the treatment he has received at the hospital and says that if he ever has to go to a hospital again right back here he is coming.

—Mesdames W. P., H. M. a. I. J. D. McAllister will entertain Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. A. McAllister, corner of Chestnut and Sixth streets, in honor of Mrs. Thurman D. Kitchin, wife of Dr. Kitchin, of Scotland Neck, who will arrive tomorrow evening and will be a guest for some time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. McAllister, corner of Walnut and Fourth streets. Mrs. Kitchin formerly lived in Lumberton and has many friends here.

—The Chief says that burglary seems to have become epidemic in Maxton. The latest excitement along that line was caused by a burglar breaking into the store of Mr. J. W. Carter last Wednesday night. Night Watchman G. G. Renn found the burglar, a negro, and had a pistol duel with him in which he received wounds in a hand and a leg, and that the negro received a wound in his hand was shown by a bloody pistol butt that was found, but the negro escaped.

—Mr. E. L. Odum of Pembroke was in town Thursday afternoon and he told the Robesonian that he had Mr. A. C. Perry of Parkton beaten. Mr. Perry, it will be recalled, told about killing a 15-months old pig that weighed, when cleaned, 250 pounds. Mr. Odum says that some time ago he killed a 14-months old pig that weighed, when cleaned, 330 pounds. One story is good until another is told, you know. Who's going to knock the props from under Mr. Odum?

—The Dixie cafe rooms on Elm street, in the Columbia hotel building, are undergoing some changes. The dining room has been enlarged by moving a partition in the rear of the room, quite a bit of double plate glass has been put in on the walls, thereby doubling in appearance, the size of the place, and everything on the inside is being repaired. "Pete", the lively Greek who has the cafe in charge, says that business is getting better and that the changes are necessary.

How to cure a cold is a question in which many are interested just now. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has won its great reputation and immense sale by its remarkable cure of colds. It can always be depended upon. For sale by all dealers.