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## ROAD COMMISSION MEETS.

**First Meeting Held Friday—Mr. A. L. Bullock Elected Chairman—State Geologist Pratt to Recommend a Superintendent of Roads—Takes Over Road Work.**

The new road commission for Robeson county, created by the road law enacted by the late General Assembly, met in the court house here Friday for the first time, all members of the commission being present, as follows: W. P. McAllister, J. P. Brown, A. L. Bullock, H. C. McNair, N. B. McArthur, Jas. A. Johnson.

Dr. J. P. Brown was requested to act as temporary chairman and Mr. R. C. Lawrence as temporary secretary.

The members qualified by taking the oath of office before C. B. Skipper, clerk of the superior court, and thereupon organized by the election of Mr. A. L. Bullock as permanent chairman. No secretary was elected.

McIntyre, Lawrence and Proctor were elected as attorneys for the commission.

It was ordered that the temporary secretary proceed to procure a seal, suitable blanks, stationery, etc., for the use of the commission and that he also have copies of the new road law printed for distribution throughout the county.

It was ordered that the chairman proceed to notify Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, State Geologist, to submit the names of suitable experts for nomination as superintendent of roads. The law requires that the commission elect a superintendent of roads for the county and that such superintendent be nominated and recommended by Dr. Pratt. It is expected that the election of a superintendent will be taken up on the first Monday in April if Dr. Pratt has his nominations made by that time.

It was ordered that the attorneys of the commission notify the chairmen of the former township boards of road trustees of the several townships to prepare and submit to the commission at its meeting on the first Monday in April a complete statement of all debts contracted and due by the township boards respectively, giving the name of the person to whom due, the amount and the purpose for which contracted and whether evidenced by note or otherwise. This statement must be sworn to by the members of the several township boards of road trustees under the old law. The same parties were requested to submit to the commission at the same time an itemized statement of any and all property in their hands or under their control and belonging to the roads of their respective townships. This statement must also be signed by the members of the township board and duly sworn to.

It was ordered that the commissioners from the several road districts have power to make such arrangements for temporary and pressing work and repairs within their respective districts as may be necessary and report their proceedings to the next meeting.

It was ordered that the chain gang be allotted to district No. 2 for the next thirty days and that the work be done under the supervision of commissioner J. P. Brown.

Chairman J. W. Carter of the board of commissioners was also present to go over road matters in general and give the new commission idea as to the present situation.

The commission adjourned to meet the first Monday in April. As has been stated in The Robesonian, the new law divides the county into six districts, as follows:

- No. 1, Lumberton, Britt's, Howellsville, Back Swamp, Raft Swamp, Wishart's and Saddle Tree townships.
- No. 2, White House, Sterling's and Orrum townships.
- No. 3, Thompson's and Alfordville townships.
- No. 4, Maxton, Smith's and Pembroke townships.
- No. 5, Red Springs, Blue Springs and Burnt Swamp townships.
- No. 6, Parkten, Lumber Bridge and St. Paul's townships.

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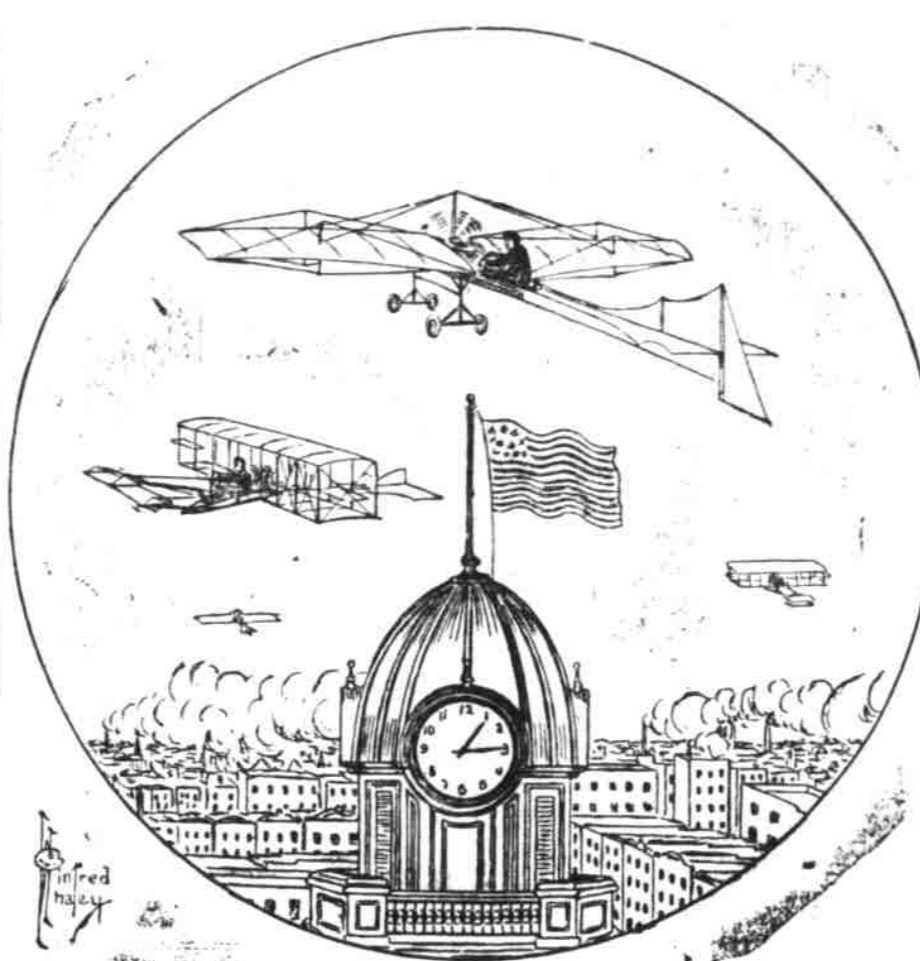
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## LOCAL BRIEFS.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Katie Edwards and E. B. McLean.

—A recital will be given by the students of the St. Paul high school Friday evening of this week, beginning at 8 o'clock. The public is invited.

—Mr. A. Weinstein left yesterday for Baltimore and from there he will go to New York. He will be away about two weeks buying goods for his large dry goods store on Elm street.

—A meeting will be held in the Industrial and Commercial Club rooms tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock to organize a gun club. All who are interested are asked to attend.

—There will be special communication of St. Alban's Lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M., tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock to attend the funeral of Mr. D. A. Prevatt, which will take place at Clyburnville church at 11 o'clock.

—The Messenger: Fairmont is on a boom. We will soon have a fifteen thousand dollar oil mill. New houses are going up all over town. The Baptist are preparing to build a twelve thousand dollar church. Who will invest a few thousand in a hotel?

—Scottish Chief: Messrs. J. W. Carter and T. O. Evans have bought the Cottingham interests in the L. T. Cottingham Co.'s plant and timber in South Carolina and all of his real estate in North Carolina. This is one of the largest deals of the year.

—Miss Jean Louise Pratt, of Columbia, S. C., arrived yesterday from Baltimore, where she had been studying spring styles in millinery, and will be with Miss Josephine Breece this season. Miss Breece will have her opening on the 28th and 29th inst.

—In its report of acts of a local nature passed by the recent Legislature The Robesonian inadvertently omitted mention of the act allowing Mr. Rowland Dees license as a veterinary surgeon. Mr. Dees received his license from Clerk of the Court Skipper Thursday.

—The condition of Miss Lula Norment, who has been sick with pneumonia at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. T. A. Norment, on Seventh street, for the past week, is considered very much improved today and it is thought that she will be able to be out in a few days.

—Mr. Z. V. Knott, who opened a real estate office here in the Lumberton Cotton Mill office building about two weeks ago, expects to leave this afternoon for Crestmont, where he has accepted a position as general time keeper for the Pigeon River Lumber Co. Mr. Knott says that the real estate business in Lumberton is all right, but he prefers the position he has accepted.

—Miss Agnes Williams, teacher of vocal music at the Southern Presbyterian College and Conservatory of Music at Red Springs, sang at the First Baptist church yesterday morning and evening, to the great delight of the congregations. She has been a guest since Friday evening of Miss Emma Higley, who is a student at the college, at the home of Miss Higley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Higley. Misses Williams and Higley will return to Red Springs tomorrow.

—Mr. J. E. Carlyle, of Raft Swamp, left this morning for Greensboro, where he goes as a delegate to attend a bi-annual meeting of Head Camp W of the Woodmen of the World. The meeting will last through tomorrow and Wednesday. Mr. Carlyle says that he will be back in time to attend the meeting of the Farmers' County Union to be held here Thursday, of which he is president. Messrs. John Gilmore, of Lumberton, and Geo. Thompson, of Back Swamp, were also among the W. O. W. delegates who left this morning for Greensboro.

J. C. Barker, aged 42, a prosperous farmer of Stella, a small village 30 miles from Newbern, in Carteret county, committed suicide at Newbern Wednesday. No cause has been assigned for the deed.

## COUNTY MATTERS.

**Meeting of Board of Commissioners—Officers for Special School Tax Elections—Considering Purchase of Farm for County Home.**

An adjourned meeting of the county commissioners was held Friday, Chairman J. W. Carter and Messrs. A. R. McEachern and W. P. Barker being the only members of the board present.

Chairman Carter was appointed a committee to confer with the new road commissioners relative to disposition of mules, wagons, etc., belonging to the county.

Mr. Barker was appointed a committee to look after the county home with power to dismiss the present keeper if he does not carry out conditions of his contract.

About a year ago Mr. McEachern and Mr. E. J. Britt, attorney to the board, were appointed a committee to investigate the advisability of selling the present county home and purchasing a farm to be used for county home purposes. Messrs. McEachern and Britt visited Friday the farm formerly used by the Messrs. Boone as a dairy farm, 4 miles from town on the Harleesville road. This farm contains 150 acres, whereas the present home has only 37½ acres of land. This committee will report at the next regular meeting of the board.

The board appointed Archie Wright registrar and J. B. Malloy and Daniel Culbreth judges of the election to be held on the first Monday in May to vote on enlarging the boundaries of Parkton special school tax district, to change its name and to authorize the board of trustees of said district to issue bonds for the purchase of a site and the erection of a school building and to levy an additional special tax. This election was authorized by act passed by the last Legislature.

The following claims were ordered paid:

Coroner G. E. Rancke, holding inquest over Lewis Purcell, \$19.80; six jurors in above inquest, \$2 each, \$12; E. J. Britt, McLean & McLean, McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor, attorneys fees in case of Ben Brewer against the board of commissioners, \$70.

## Shooting Scrape at Fairmont.

As the result of a shooting scrape near Fairmont Saturday night Dave Hoggard, colored, was seriously and perhaps fatally wounded. A phone message was received from the office of the Beaufort Lumber Co., for which Hoggard worked, at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon to the effect that he was barely alive. Richard Thompson, colored, charged with doing the shooting, was brought to jail here last night.

—Mrs. S. R. Spivey, who underwent an operation a few days ago at the Thompson hospital, is getting along very nicely.

## NEW LAW FIRM.

**Mr. A. W. McLean Announces Partners in the Practice of Law.**

Mr. A. W. McLean, who was associated in the practice of law with the late Col. N. A. McLean, the firm name being McLean & McLean, announces that he has associated with him, for the general practice of law, Mr. L. R. Varser, formerly of Kinston, and Mr. J. Dickson McLean, of Lumberton. The name of the new firm will be McLean, Varser & McLean.

Mr. Varser has been for many years a member of the firm of Loftin, Varser & Dawson, of Kinston, one of the most prominent law firms in the State. He is a lawyer of long experience and fine ability, and is admitted to be one of the best lawyers in eastern North Carolina. He is a graduate, not only of the academic department but also of the law department of Wake Forest College.

Mr. J. Dickson McLean, the junior member of the new firm, graduated in the law department of the University of North Carolina a little more than a year ago, and has since that time been associated with the firm of McLean & McLean here.

Mr. Varser and his wife will move to Lumberton the latter part of this month. Mr. Varser has been practicing law at Kinston for the past 12 years. Just before beginning the practice of law he taught school for a few months at Back Swamp, this county, and boarded at the home of Mr. Taylor Fisher.

The firm of McLean & McLean was long known as one of the strongest and most influential law firms in the eastern part of the State and this new firm will be a worthy successor. Mr. A. W. McLean is not only a lawyer of ability and wide practice but is a practical man of affairs, president of the oldest bank of Robeson county—the Bank of Lumberton—also president of the Virginia & Carolina Southern, the new railroad that has opened up one of the finest sections of the State, and is actively connected with almost every enterprise that looks to the upbuilding of this section of the State.

—The Robesonian received this morning a card from Rev. A. H. Porter, of route 1 from Whiteville, reading as follows, from San Antonio, Texas, of date March 10, which will be of interest to many of its readers: "I left Bladenboro last Monday at 5:30 and reached here last night at 8:30. Expect to be away a month. This is indeed a great country."

## THE FINAL SUMMONS.

**Mr. Daniel A. Prevatt.**

Mr. D. A. Prevatt, 43 years old, died yesterday afternoon at 5:15 o'clock at the home of his father, Mr. Thomas Prevatt, corner of Eighth and Pine streets. He had been confined to his room for about two months and the direct cause of death was pneumonia, though he had been unwell for five years, having had an attack of fever in December, 1905, that settled in his head and affected his mind, since which time he lived with his father.

Mr. Prevatt was a school teacher and spent most of his life teaching, having begun the work when he was about 18 years old. He is survived by one brother, Mr. J. Emory Prevatt, and three sisters, Mrs. R. H. Taylor of Beaver Dam, Va., and Misses Flora and Katie Prevatt.

The funeral will take place tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock at Clyburnville Baptist church, of which the deceased was a member, and the services will be conducted by Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth. The interment will be made at Clyburnville in the family burying ground with Masonic honors, the deceased having been a member of St. Alban's Lodge No. 114.

**Mr. J. K. Singletary.**

Mr. Joshua K. Singletary, 66 years old, died yesterday morning at 3 o'clock at his home near Back Swamp. He had been in bad health for about three or four months and his death was not unexpected. The funeral took place this morning at 10 o'clock at Back Swamp Baptist church, of which the deceased was a member and deacon. The services were conducted by the pastor of the church, Rev. Mr. Bridgers, assisted by Rev. C. I. Durham of Lumberton, and the interment was made in the church cemetery.

Mr. Singletary is survived by his wife, four sons and four daughters—Messrs. W. O. M. M. and Claudius of Back Swamp and John T. of Lumberton; Mrs. Hardy Lewis, of Fairmont; Mrs. Geo. Wishart, who lives near Lumberton, and Misses Lula and Dollie Singletary.

**Mrs. A. S. Wishart.**

Mrs. A. S. Wishart, aged 70 years, died yesterday morning at 2:30 o'clock at her home about three miles from town. She had been an invalid for several years. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at the home, services being conducted by the pastor of

the deceased, Rev. C. H. Durham, and interment was made at the home in the family burying ground.

Mrs. Wishart was married twice, her first husband being the late Alex. Watson, of South Carolina, and of this union were born three sons and one daughter, Messrs. O. M., E. C. and J. G. Watson and Miss Ophelia Watson. The first named, Mr. O. M., is dead and the other three live near the home of Mr. Wishart. To Mr. and Mrs. Wishart were born five sons and four daughters—B. F. (deceased); E. S., of Jacksonville, Fla., F. A., of Wilmington; I. E., of Louisville, Ky.; G. B., of Lumberton; Mrs. M. A. Warwick, of Barnesville; Mrs. L. L. Hamilton, of Lumberton; Miss Willie Wishart, and an infant daughter, deceased. Her husband survives.

## Presbyterians Call Pastor.

Rev. G. T. Pace of Red Springs preached to the Presbyterian congregation at the old First Baptist church yesterday morning and evening and at Baker's chapel in the afternoon. After the morning service a meeting of the congregation was held and it was decided to call Rev. R. Murphy Williams of Greensboro to this church, which has been without a pastor since the resignation of Rev. A. E. Baker. Ex-Judge T. A. McNeill and Messrs. J. A. McAllister and A. W. McLean were appointed a committee to notify Mr. Murphy.

## Order to Abate the Unnecessary Whistle Nuisance.

At the meeting of the town commissioners last Wednesday afternoon Mayor Rowland and Town Attorney Britt were instructed to look into the matter of having the unnecessary blowing of railroad-engine whistles cut out. Mayor Rowland wrote at once to the proper railroad officers and this nuisance will be abated. Supt. Gore, of this division of the Seaboard, has already had notices posted calling this matter to the attention of the employees.

## Another Young Scotchman Arrives.

Mr. F. H. G. Balfour, a young Scotchman, who is employed on Capt. J. D. Malloy's plantation at Lumber Bridge, was in town yesterday afternoon to meet his brother, Mr. T. E. B. G. Balfour, who arrived here on the 4:30 A. C. L. train, coming straight from the old country to accept a position similar to his brother's. These study young Scotchmen, if they stick to it, will some day be among our most prosperous farmers.

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