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T. N. McDIARMID PASSES.

End Came This Morning—A Victim of Consumption and Death Not Unexpected—Remains Will be Interred Here Wednesday.

Dr. R. M. Norment received a telegram at 1:30 this afternoon that his nephew Mr. Thomas Norment McDiarmid died this morning at the Wannanoa sanatorium at Baltimore, near Asheville, where he had been under treatment for some time for tuberculosis. The remains will be brought to Lumberton tomorrow evening and the interment will take place Wednesday in the old cemetery, where the remains of his parents rest. The hour for the funeral has not been determined at the hour of going to press.

Deceased was 34 years old last January 7 and was the son of Wallace W. and Virginia P. McDiarmid, both deceased. His father was for many years editor of The Robesonian, which was founded by his brother. His mother died under distressing circumstances May 9 last year, falling from the roof of the Charlotte sanatorium, where she had been under treatment. Mr. McDiarmid was admitted to the bar about two years ago. He was well known throughout the county and has a host of friends who will grieve sincerely at his untimely death, which was not unexpected, as it was well known that he had fallen a victim to consumption. He was the last member of the family.

Among the Sick.

Dr. N. A. Thompson is able to be out again after being confined at his hospital part of last week with grip. He and Mrs. Thompson spent Friday in Wilmington, where Dr. Thompson went to consult an ear specialist.

Mrs. W. J. Prevatt has been sick with fever at her home on Fourth street but her condition is considered improved today.

Robt. Carter, of the Long Branch section, who underwent an operation for appendicitis 3 weeks ago at the Thompson hospital, returned home Saturday.

Mr. Richard Humphrey, of Saddle Tree, is in town today and says that the condition of his wife, who has been very ill for some time, is unimproved.

Rev. S. J. McConnell, who had been confined at his home on Second street for three weeks with malarial fever, the worst attack of sickness he has suffered in many years, was able to be out a while this morning, though he is still very weak.

Superior Court.

A two-weeks' civil term of Robeson Superior Court began this morning, Judge C. M. Cook of Louisville presiding. Ex-Judge T. A. McNeill, ex-Congressman G. B. Patterson of Maxton, Messrs. E. J. and E. M. Britt and R. C. Lawrence were appointed this morning a committee to report Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock suitable resolutions in memory of the late Col. N. A. McLean. Besides Mr. Patterson the following out-of-town attorneys are attending court today: Messrs. B. F. and S. B. McLean and J. P. Wiggins of Maxton, F. M. Redd of Charlotte, E. S. Smith of Lillington.

Jennings Mills Make First Shipment.

The first shipment of yarn from the Jennings Cotton Mills was made Saturday. Supt. J. D. Bacon began putting cotton through on the 21st ult. and now has all the machinery running that he has help to operate. All the machinery will be running as soon as sufficient help can be obtained. This is one of the prettiest mills, most up-to-date in construction, to be found anywhere. It has 8,000 spindles.

It is rumored that plans are being discussed for connecting Raleigh, Southern Pines, Pinchurst, Rockingham and perhaps other towns of the Pee Dee section by interurban railway lines as the final outcome of the Blewett Falls development.

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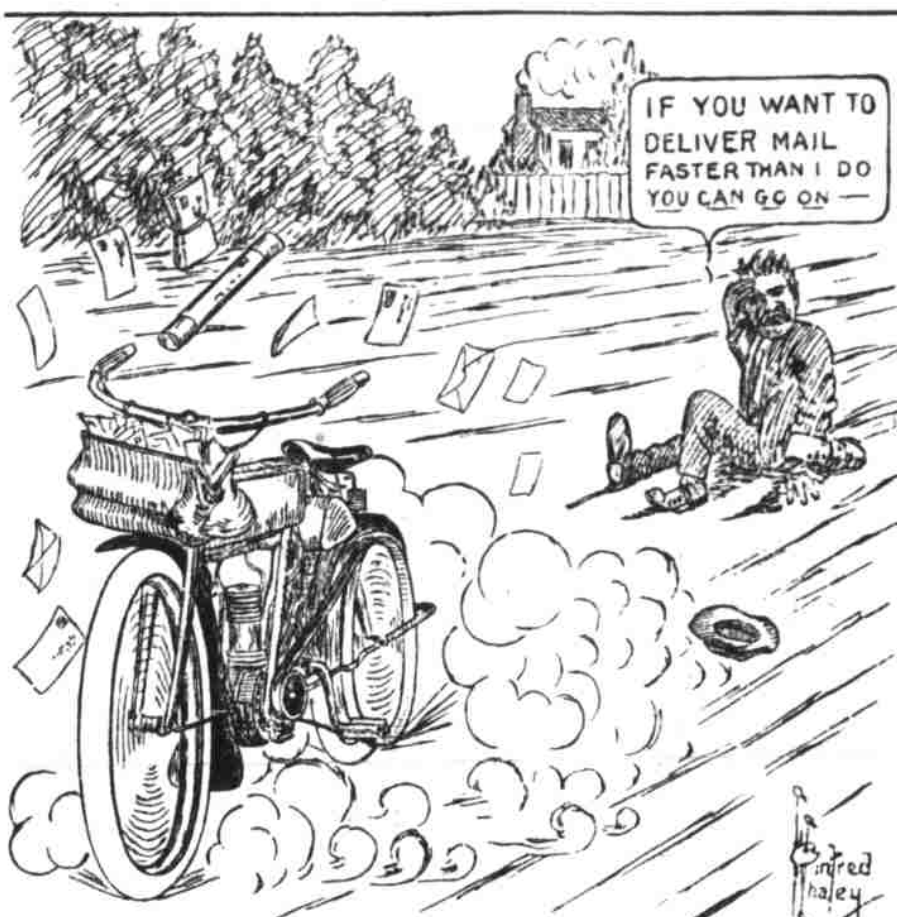
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LOCAL BRIEFS.

—There will be a regular meeting tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock of St. Albans Lodge No. 114, A. F. and A. M.

—At Fairmont Wednesday during the severe wind W. B. Brice & Son's stables and the cotton storage warehouse were unroofed.

—Licenses have been issued for the marriage of Mary McArthur and Simmons Harrell; Edna Willoughby and L. F. Bullock; Martha Todd and D. C. Quick.

—Mr. A. T. Parmele assumed the duties of county auditor this morning, taking the oath of office before Clerk of the Court C. B. Skipper and giving bond in the sum of \$5,000.

—This evening at 8 o'clock in the Lumberton Cotton Mill office building there will be a meeting of Unity Lodge No. 202, K. of P. There will be business of importance and a full attendance is desired.

—The following from the Raleigh News and Observer of the 1st will be of interest to many Robesonian readers. Mr. Sinclair having lived in Lumberton formerly and being well known here: Mr. D. C. Sinclair, who has been connected with the Yarborough House as clerk, left yesterday afternoon for Laurinburg, where he will make the necessary arrangements for the opening of the "Chetwynd," which is a new building. Mr. Sinclair will have personal charge of this new hotel beginning May 1.

—This is an unusually busy first Monday—superior court, meeting of county commissioners, new road board, county board of education, and many farmers are in town in the interest of the proposed farm-life school. Important matters like the selection of a road superintendent by the road board and the appointment of township tax assessors by the commissioners and farm-life school will come up this afternoon. Mr. W. H. Humphrey, former clerk of the court, has been appointed county tax assessor under the new law by the Corporation Commission.

—Drs. T. D. Kitchin of Scotland Neck, D. M. Prince of Laurinburg and Frank McMillan of Red Springs were in town Saturday to give expert testimony in regard to injuries Messrs. J. T. Barker and Furney Davis are alleged to have received in the wreck of the Seaboard train at Armour November 9, 1909—"Taft Day" in Wilmington. The cases of Messrs. Barker and Davis will come up for trial this week. Dr. Kitchin has many friends in Lumberton who are glad to see him here again. He and Mrs. Kitchin moved a year ago from Lumberton to Raleigh and thence they moved some months ago to their old home at Scotland Neck. Dr. Kitchin will be in town until tomorrow.

—Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Varser and Mrs. Varser's mother, Mrs. Sallie Snead of Fork Union, Va., arrived Thursday evening from Kinston and are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McLean, on Chestnut street. They will move this week into the Presbyterian manse until other arrangements can be made. As has been mentioned several times in The Robesonian, Mr. Varser was induced to come to Lumberton by Mr. A. W. McLean, with whom and Mr. J. Dickson McLean he will be associated in the practice of law under the firm name of McLean, Varser & McLean. Lumberton gladly welcomes these people, about whom a most complimentary reference from the Kinston Free Press was reproduced in a recent issue of The Robesonian.

Elizabethtown is preparing to have telephone communication with the outside world. The Bladen Telephone Co. was recently chartered with capital of \$10,000 and will construct an up-to-date exchange in the town. Service lines will be extended over most of the county with exchange lines to Tar Heel, White Oak and Garland, and it is also proposed to connect with the new long-distance lines of the Bell Co. from Wilmington to Lumberton.

UP TO LUMBERTON.

Postoffice Receipts Place Town in Free Delivery Class but Streets Must be Paved and Houses Numbered.

Up to the time of going to press exact figures are not available but postoffice receipts for the fiscal year ending March 31 at the Lumberton postoffice are well over \$10,000, the amount required for free delivery. Before this service will be given, however, houses must be numbered and streets paved, and it is up to Lumberton.

Last year the receipts went over the \$8,000 mark, placing this office in the second class, and the gain during the past fiscal year has been more than \$2,000. Three clerks now are trying to do the work of five, and application has been made for two more clerks. Postoffice inspectors were here last week rearranging rural routes with a view to better service.

A Hobo Tries to Work a Smooth Game on Supt. Bacon But Gets Left.

A tramp tried to work a smooth game on Supt. J. D. Bacon, of the Jennings Cotton Mills, one day last week. He approached Mr. Bacon at the mill and asked him to step aside with him a moment, that he had something to show him. Mr. Bacon complied with the request and the hobo, who was a likely looking fellow enough, showed him a horrible sight—to all appearances the man had been all but disemboweled, and he was bound about with numerous bandages. The tramp stated that he had gotten terribly mangled in getting off a train at Lowe and asked for \$120 in order that he might see a doctor and have his wounds dressed. Mr. Bacon's sympathies were at first aroused and he started to make closer inspection, but the tramp backed away and evidently did not want Mr. Bacon to come closer. This aroused Mr. Bacon's suspicions and looking closely he discovered that the hobo had stuffed with cotton and that what looked like torn and raw and bleeding flesh was nothing but a "counterfeit presentment;" he was able to see the print of the brush with which the paint had been applied, and so crude was the work that a hair or two from the brush was visible. Mr. Bacon did not let on. "My dear sir," he said, taking the tramp by an arm, "you are in a horrible fix. Come right along to my office and I'll phone my physician to come at once and will pay the bill." But that was not what the tramp wanted at all. He stammered out that he just wanted \$120 to see a doctor, and he must be going, good-bye; and before Mr. Bacon realized hardly what was happening the tramp was out and away, stepping briskly as though nothing whatever was the matter—except, indeed, a consuming desire to get out of reach of Mr. Bacon.

EAST LUMBERTON POPULATION.

More Than Town of Lumberton Had Ten Years Ago.

East Lumberton has a population of 881, according to the 13th census. This is more than the population of the town of Lumberton ten years ago, when it was given as 849. According to the estimate of the last census Lumberton now has a population of 2,330, which, together with the population of East Lumberton, makes a total of 3,211. Taking in West Lumberton and North Lumberton the population of the town is easily 4,000.

Church Services—Protracted Meeting This Week—Week of Prayer.

Rev. E. M. Hoyle began a protracted meeting yesterday at the Methodist church, large congregations attending both morning and evening services. The meeting will last about ten days and services will be held daily at 3 and 7:45 o'clock p. m. Rev. J. M. Rowland of Richmond, Va., a former Robesonian, will arrive this evening to assist in the meeting and will preach this evening. The public is cordially invited.

Rev. Wm. Black of Charlotte preached yesterday morning to the Presbyterian congregation at the old Baptist church. There was no service at the new church and Pastor Durham and many of his congregation went to hear Mr. Black. Mr. Black has been a guest while here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McLean, Chestnut street, and will return to Charlotte this evening.

Last evening Rev. Livingston Johnson of Raleigh, corresponding secretary of the Baptist State Mission Board, preached at the First Baptist church, Mr. Black and many who would have gone to hear him attending church there. Mr. Johnson preached at Fairmont yesterday. He was a guest last night at the home of Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Durham and left this morning for Raleigh.

This is the regular week of prayer for the Baptist Woman's Home Mission Society and a service will be held every afternoon at 3 o'clock at the First Baptist church. On account of the Methodist meeting there will be no prayermeeting at this church Wednesday evening.

Bishop Robt. Strange of Wilmington will preach at the old Baptist church Thursday evening at 7:45 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

The Sound Sleep of Good Health

Can not be over estimated and what prevents it is a menace to health. J. L. Southers, Eau Claire, Wis., says: "I have been unable to sleep soundly nights, because of pains across my back and soreness of my kidneys. My appetite was very poor and my general condition was much run down. I have been taking Foley Kidney Pills but a short time and now sleep as sound as a rock, my general condition is greatly improved, and I know that Foley's Kidney Pills have cured me." J. D. McMillan & Son.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

Scotch Singers Good.

The Scotch Singers, the last and perhaps the best of the lyric course, delighted a fair-sized audience at the opera house Friday evening. The Scotch Singers are four ladies, each one an artist. The first number, a quartette, Annie Laurie, captured the audience completely. It is doubtful if many in the audience knew there was so much in that sweet old song before. And "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes," the encore, was simply exquisite. The quartette numbers and the violin playing of Miss Hannah W. Gove made the greatest hits. Miss Gove certainly knows what to do with a violin. Miss Leahy has a good soprano voice and her solos were enjoyed. The audience came very near missing one of the best things given, a reading given as an encore—"A Ghost Story." B-r-r-r-r! The way Miss Hyde announced it made one shiver, and she certainly rang the bell in that piece. The last number, "Lead Kindly Light," by the quartette, was too grandly and solemnly sweet for words. They got all the music there is out of that stately hymn, and that is about as high praise as anyone could ask.

Philadelphus High School Minstrels Friday Night.

The members of the Duropan Literary Society of the Philadelphus high school will give a minstrel show at the opera house Friday evening of this week, beginning at 8:30 o'clock. There are 22 in the troupe, 8 dressed as men, 8 dressed as women, and 4 musicians—2 banjo-pickers, 2 guitar-players, and a man with a set of bones. Three shows have been given—one at Philadelphus, one at Lumber Bridge, and one at the college at Red Springs. They were greeted by full houses each time—over 500 at Red Springs. The program covers one hour and thirty minutes and includes choruses, solos, music, etc. The proceeds go for school purposes. Admission, 50, 35 and 25 cents.

A Trip to Egypt and the Holy Land.

An entertainment entitled "A Trip to Egypt and the Holy Land" will be given at the opera house Saturday evening of this week by the "Maluf Trio," natives of that interesting and historic land. They will appear in native costumes, will be aided by a number of helpers and in various ways will explain and illustrate the ways and customs of the people of that Land of Wonders. They will sing in their native tongue and give 100 beautiful illustrated pictures of Egypt and its pyramids, Jerusalem and Damascus, with all the surrounding country.

This entertainment will be for the benefit of the new Methodist church building fund. It will begin at 8:30 o'clock. Reserved seats will be 50 cents, general admission 35 cents and gallery 25.

Much Interest in Proposed Farm-Life School—County Commissioners Will Act Today.

As was mentioned in a recent issue of The Robesonian, a committee composed of Messrs. N. F. Andrews, D. H. Britt, F. W. Walters, N. A. Townsend, Alex Alford, J. E. Carlyle, F. A. Bond and Senator W. S. Cobb was appointed at the last quarterly meeting of the Farmers' County Union to meet today with the board of education in the interest of the farm life school for the county. That meeting was had this morning and the board of education has sent to the board of county commissioners a written request asking that an election be held for the school, which will very probably be granted by the commissioners. After the meeting with the board of education the committee above mentioned, with 75 or possibly more citizens from various parts of the county, met in the Pythian hall in the McLeod building, and are in session at the time of going to press, for a discussion of the farm-life school. Several from different parts of the county have made talks in behalf of the school and much interest is in evidence. Several places are already making effort to get the school in the event the election is called and should carry.

Minor Court Cases.

Chas. Dillard, colored, was tried Thursday afternoon before Mayor Rowland on the charge of being drunk Tuesday night and was taxed \$25 and costs, a total of \$8.35, from which judgment he appealed and gave bond in the sum of \$100 for appearance before the higher court. Dillard is the third who has made before the mayor recently the plea that he was not drunk but "sick and medicine." Jim Broadwell submitted this morning to the charge of being drunk yesterday at the National Cotton Mills and was taxed \$2.50 and costs, a total of \$4.45.

Alex Hunt, Indian, of Back Swamp township, was tried Saturday before Justice J. A. Rowland on the charge of abandonment and the agreed judgment was that he should pay his wife \$1.25 a week for 2 months and \$1 each week thereafter until the first of next January.

Buddie Love, colored, was taxed \$5 and costs, a total of \$8.05, this morning for using profane language on the streets yesterday.

Mr. J. G. Brown Appointed Postmaster at Red Springs.

News comes from Red Springs this afternoon that Mr. J. G. Brown, has been appointed postmaster of Red Springs, to succeed Mrs. Snoddy. Prior to Mrs. Snoddy's appointment, Mr. Brown was postmaster of Red Springs for 12 years. He is of the Morehead-Butler faction of the Republican party.