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## ROAD WORK.

**New Commission Meets—How The Various Townships Stand—Supervisors Elected—Election of Superintendent of Roads Deferred.**

The new road commissioners met Monday in their room in the court house and did much toward getting their work in shape under the new law. All the members of the board were present, as follows: A. L. Bullock, W. B. McArthur, Jas. A. Johnson, Dr. J. P. Brown, H. C. McNair, W. P. McAllister. At the first meeting, which was held March 11, Mr. A. L. Bullock was elected chairman, Mr. R. C. Lawrence being elected temporary secretary. At the meeting Monday Mr. W. P. McAllister was elected permanent secretary at a salary of \$15 per month.

County Treasurer McKenzie reported the following amounts due the road funds of the various townships: Sterling's \$86.55, Raft Swamp \$202.09, Parkton \$448.69, Pembroke \$816.66, Orrum \$345.27, White House \$353.07, Back Swamp \$473.02, Alfordville \$500.70, Blue Springs \$114.14, Burnt Swamp \$83.71, Maxton \$233.17, Howellsville \$366.54, Lumberton \$1,077.01, Thompson \$3,105.60, St. Paul \$656.53, Lumber Bridge \$14.04, Wishart's \$278.48, Britt's \$268.36, Saddle Tree \$250.24, Smith's \$398.74. The report showed that Red Springs township had overdrawn its account \$4.61.

Reports from the chairmen of the various township boards showed the following outstanding obligations: Back Swamp \$73.90, Britt's \$170.06, Howellsville \$665.27, Saddle Tree \$407.05, Wishart's \$216.35, Thompson \$515.09, Alfordville \$120.25, St. Paul \$1,283.64, Maxton \$2,447, Smith's \$3,960.43, Pembroke \$260.38, Red Springs \$1,004.61, Burnt Swamp \$17.44, Parkton \$92.05, Lumber Bridge \$314.30.

It was ordered that H. W. Hedgpath and F. J. Nye, former trustees of Orrum township, be requested to turn in to the county treasurer \$29.62, the amount reported by them as in their possession and due district No. 2. The secretary was instructed to notify the former chairmen of township trustees who had failed to send in their reports and to accompany this notification with a copy of the new road law. Reports received from former road trustees of Wisnart's, Britt's, Thompson (also voucher for \$10 issued Jan. 14, 1911), Maxton, Pembroke, Back Swamp, Raft Swamp were approved and vouchers were ordered issued to cover indebtedness. In regard to reports from Back Swamp, Howellsville, Saddle Tree, Smith's, Parkton, Lumber Bridge, St. Paul, it was ordered that the secretary return reports to the chairmen of the old road trustees of these townships, with copy of the new road law, with request that the reports be made out properly and certified, when vouchers will be issued to cover their indebtedness. The report of the chairman of the Lumberton township board was read and approved.

The following were elected to serve temporarily as supervisors: S. A. Jones, district No. 2; Jno. F. Brown, district No. 5; J. B. McLeod, district No. 3, the salary of McLeod being fixed at \$75 per month.

Bills were ordered paid and charged to the various districts as follows: D. A. Jones, work on Fairmont road, district No. 1, \$150; feeding mules, No. 1, \$15; No. 2, \$20; \$16.55; W. L. Scott, drainage roads and feeding mules, No. 40; McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor, attorneys to the board, printing 1,000 copies of road law and expenses, general fund, \$44.35; seal and express on same, \$3; minute book and express on same, \$4.50; W. A. Leggette, No. 2, \$17.76; J. O. Leggette, No. 2, \$23.59; L. T. McLean, No. 4, \$7.70; Jno. F. Brown, No. 5, \$10; W. D. Prevatt, keeping gang to January 1, 1911, \$56.4.

W. D. Prevatt was elected superintendent of the chain gang and allowed \$1.10 per day for each man worked on the roads, for which it is agreed that he shall feed and clothe all convicts,

## FAIRMONT TOWNSHIP.

**Robeson Loses One Township to Hoke and New Township Leaves Same Number as Before.**

At its meeting Monday the board of county commissioners created the new township of Fairmont. As Robeson loses one township, Blue Springs, to Hoke county, this leaves the same number as before, 21.

The voting precinct is at Fairmont and the boundaries are as follows: Beginning at Hog Swamp dividing line between White House and Britt's and runs north as Hog Swamp to Atkinson's mill, thence as Orrum and Center road west to the stage road at the Ashley graveyard, thence as the stage road north to the crossing on Hog Swamp known as the Fulmore crossing, thence as Hog Swamp west to crossing on Marion road, thence south as Marion road to Small's crossroads, including the farms of A. H. Leggett, Zach Prevatt, E. F. Prevatt, Robt. Leggett, R. R. Prevatt, thence from Small's crossroads west with the north side of Leesville road to Elias Jenkins' farm, thence as the west side of Pleasant Hope road to Old Field swamp, including the farms of T. B. and Perry Jenkins, thence to the Thompson township line to Ashpole swamp, thence east down Ashpole swamp to Hog swamp, thence north up Hog swamp to the beginning.

## FARM-LIFE SCHOOL.

**Election Ordered to be Held May 9 on Question of Farm-Life School for Robeson.**

At the meeting of the county commissioners Monday a written request was received from the board of education that an election be ordered to vote on the question of the establishment of a farm-life school for Robeson county and the commissioners ordered that an election be held May 9 under the provisions of the new act providing for the establishment and maintenance of farm-life schools. A new registration is ordered. At this election the voters will decide the question of levying a special tax on property and polls for the maintenance and equipment of a county farm-life school.

The petition to the board of education was signed by many farmers and it is understood that already several sections of the county are wanting the school if it is voted, and there is hardly any doubt that it will be. It will mean much toward advancing the agricultural life of the county.

## Congress Meets In Extra Session

The Sixty-Second Congress met in extra session Tuesday. The Democrats took charge of the House and put Champ Clark of Missouri in the Speaker's chair. Yesterday President Taft sent to Congress his message, which treats only of reciprocity and urges immediate adoption of the agreement for benefit of both nations.

feed mules and furnish all necessary tools with which to do work except carts, wagons or improved machinery. The gang was ordered left with Commissioner J. P. Brown in district No. 2 for a further period of 30 days. Supervisor J. B. McLeod asked that his district, No. 3, be allowed the use of the gang at as early date as possible.

The report from Blue Springs was tabled until some arrangements can be made with the commissioners of Hoke county.

Chairman J. W. Carter, of the board of commissioners, appeared before the board and asked that the commissioners be paid for 6 mules originally purchased out of the county fund. It was agreed that the attorneys to the two boards consult and advise at the next meeting.

No superintendent of road was elected, those recommended by State Geologist Pratt being unwilling to undertake the work under the provisions of the new law, so the matter of electing superintendent was deferred and the attorneys to the board were instructed to confer with D. Pratt and request that he make further recommendations.

## TOWN AFFAIRS.

**Fire Pump to be Purchased and Fire House and Stables to be Erected—Primary and Election Officers—Bills Paid.**

The regular monthly meeting of the town commissioners was held Tuesday evening.

J. P. Townsend, assistant chief of the fire department, notified the board that the necessary amount of money for fire house and stables had been raised by private subscription and it was ordered that Mr. Townsend be allowed to proceed with the erection of these buildings on the town common at the foot of Fourth street—Fourth and Water—under the supervision of the street committee.

J. D. McMillan and J. L. Stephens were appointed a committee to act with Assistant Fire Chief Townsend in receiving bids for fire pump which the board has ordered purchased. The committee that had been appointed to confer with the board of audit and finance in regard to the purchase of this pump reported that the A. and F. board requested a written statement of just what the commissioners recommend, which was given, the commissioners making the statement that the purchase of a pump is necessary for the protection of property.

A committee formerly appointed to look into the matter of an appropriation for sewer extension in North Lumberton recommended an appropriation of \$100, which was done. Clerk and Treasurer Lennon was directed to draw up proper papers in regard to Mr. Jas. Kerr's electric line, to which others are to connect.

It was ordered that a primary be held on the last Tuesday in this month, April 25, to nominate candidates for mayor, three town commissioners, three members of the graded school trustees and one other to fill out Col. N. A. McLean's unexpired term. In case a second primary is necessary it is to be held Thursday, April 27. W. S. Britt is appointed registrar and J. D. Norment, C. M. Barker, J. D. McAllister, T. A. McNeill, Jr., and A. T. McLean, poll holders. The same rules and regulations are to apply as heretofore.

The town election is to be held the first Monday in May, which is the first day. W. S. Britt, registrar; L. C. Townsend, S. F. Caldwell, H. McE. McMillan, poll holders.

The following bills were ordered paid: White Oak Coal Co., \$57.09; Stonegate Coal Co., \$34.30; L. G. Crenshaw Co., \$26.84; Adams Beggall Co., \$4.50; W. C. Robeson & Son, \$8.55; Columbia Incandescent Lamp Co., \$49.25; Freeman Printing Co., \$42.65; D. B. McNeill, rebate, \$18.30; R. T. Sanderson, further damage to roaster, \$5.25; J. D. McAllister, \$12.41; rent for mayor's office to June 1, 1911, \$70.00.

## Slogans For Lumberton.

In response to the offer of the Industrial and Commercial Club of a prize of \$5 for a slogan for the town of Lumberton the following suggestions have been sent The Robesonian:

Hard to beat, hardest to beat, never beaten, Lumberton.

Rome for Romans, Lumberton for all.

Lumberton: She meets you on the level and deals with you on the square.—"Little John."

Lumberton Leads—"S. C. A." No definite time has been set by the club for closing the contest but it is desired that a slogan be selected as early as possible, so those who care to submit suggestions are urged to do so at once. It is hoped that the ladies will give the benefit of their ideas along this line.

## Civic Association Meeting Postponed.

On account of the protracted meeting at the Methodist church and also court week the Civic Association has decided to postpone its regular monthly meeting, which was to have been held to-night, until Friday evening of next week. All are earnestly requested to remember the change of time of meeting and to be present Friday evening next week.

## TAX ASSESSORS.

**Assessor for County Appointed by Corporation Commission—Assistants for Townships Appointed by County Commissioners—The New Law.**

As stated in Monday's Robesonian, Mr. W. H. Humphrey, former clerk of the court, has been appointed tax assessor for the county by the State Corporation Commission under the new law. At their meeting Monday the county commissioners appointed the following township tax assessors for 1911, each to receive \$3 per day for the time actually served: Alfordville, Alex. Alford; Back Swamp, W. N. Townsend; Britt's, J. S. Thompson; Burnt Swamp, Daniel H. Brown; Fairmont, A. E. Floyd; Howellsville, D. C. Regan; Lumber Bridge, J. L. Shaw; Lumberton, A. P. Caldwell; Maxton, E. F. McRae; Orrum, Haynes Barnes; Parkton, Collier Cobb; Pembroke, E. M. Paul; Raft Swamp, Jno. E. Carlyle; Red Springs, J. N. Buie; Saddle Tree, R. E. Lewis; St. Paul, G. T. Fisher; Smith's, D. L. Stewart; Sterling's, R. A. Hedgpath; Thompson, D. W. Bullock; White House, C. A. Oliver; Wishart's, J. E. Tyson.

Under the changes made by the recent Legislature in the machinery act looking to the equalization of taxes throughout the State the Corporation Commission now has supervisory control of all assessed values in North Carolina. It appoints a tax assessor for each county and the county commissioners appoint an assistant for each township. The assessments made by them go to the Corporation Commission in Raleigh, which has the power of supervision and correction of the same, as they have heretofore had in cases of the cotton mills and other corporations. This year and hereafter May, instead of June, will be the month for returning taxable property, the assessor's office to be opened May 1 instead of June 1, as formerly. The new law works a complete change in tax equalization.

Mr. W. T. Lee, the new member of the Corporation Commission, is going about the State now for the purpose of seeing that the new law is thoroughly understood. During his recent visit to Charlotte he was interviewed by The Chronicle, from which The Robesonian has taken the main points given in the second paragraph above.

## More About the Flour Mill—Organization Meeting to be Held Next Wednesday.

Messrs. W. K. Culbreth, Walter Bridges, J. L. W. F. and Jno. Prevatt, James McLaughlin, H. H. Lowrey and G. L. Townsend, composing the board of directors of the Robeson Milling Co., which is a new company to take over the business of the Raft Swamp Co-operative Milling Co., met here Monday in the office of R. E. Lee, attorney for the company, and applied for charter, which reads with principal office in Lumberton. An organization meeting will be held here Wednesday of next week, when it will be definitely determined whether the plant is to be moved to Lumberton. The majority of the stockholders have voted to move here and it will be done if Lumberton business men do what is expected of them, but Red Springs is now putting in a bid for the plant. W. K. Culbreth and J. L. Prevatt were appointed a committee to take up with Messrs. A. E. White, S. McIntyre and K. M. Biggs, a committee appointed by the Industrial and Commercial Club, the offer that will be made by Lumberton business men in the way of taking stock, etc., a site having already been offered. Messrs. Culbreth and Prevatt are in town for this purpose today. Rev. Jno. Prevatt and G. L. Townsend were appointed to see what Red Springs has to offer and both committees will report at the meeting next Wednesday.

It has already been voted to come to Lumberton and the proper sort of encouragement on the part of the town is all that is necessary to secure the plant.

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## LOCAL BRIEFS

—A car of Indiana Bedford stone is being unloaded today for the new Methodist church and the rough lumber is being placed on the grounds.

—Mr. Scott Stone was in town yesterday and he says there have been some mad-dog scares lately in his neighborhood, route 1 from Raynham.

—The people of Hoke celebrated at Raeford yesterday over being a new county. Gen. R. F. Hoke of Raleigh, for whom the county was named, was present.

—Mr. Amos King is erecting a nice five-room residence on the corner of Second and Pine streets, and Mr. F. J. Floyd has a nice two-story residence completed on Third street.

—About 8 o'clock Monday evening some smart-Aleck turned in a false fire alarm from the box at the new First Baptist church. If indulged in too often that may prove dangerous business.

—Telephone service is being extended rapidly here. Eleven new 'phones were put in last month. Last October the local exchange had 121 'phones and now it has more than 200, including 18 farmers' phones.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Randall moved Tuesday from Seventh street, where they had been occupying a house belonging to Mr. J. D. McMillan, to a house belonging to Mr. J. H. Floyd on Fifth street. Mr. Randall is plant foreman for the Bell Telephone Co.

—Receipts at the postoffice for the fiscal year ending March 31 were \$10,320, an increase of more than \$300 over last year. As mentioned in Monday's Robesonian, Lumberton is now entitled to free delivery as soon as streets are put in proper condition and houses are numbered.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. E. White expect to move the latter part of next week into their elegant new house on their beautiful triangular lot between Chestnut and Walnut. Some of the new furniture will be moved this week. This is one of the handsomest and most conveniently arranged residences in this section of the State.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Reynolds moved yesterday from the county home to Lumberton, into a house belonging to Mr. Sam Branch, on Third street, between Walnut and Pine. Mr. Reynolds has just resigned as keeper of the county home, the duties of which position he discharged well for three years. He will work insurance.

—Mr. B. Sam Edwards, formerly foreman for The Robesonian and who went some months ago to Burlington to work for the Burlington News, has organized the Edwards' Publishing Co., of which he is manager. He had selected St. Paul as a place to start a paper but since Mr. Stewart Starr has beaten him to that place he is looking for another location, with a longing eye on his native Robeson. Mr. Edwards is a mighty good printer.

—In remitting for The Robesonian Mr. S. T. Moore, of rural route No. 1 from Parkton, writes that he guesses he will be left in old Robeson, though the line is in few yards of him. He can't say whether the people want to go to Cumberland or not, but as for him, "Old Robeson all the time." Farms in that section are well up with their work and Mr. Moore thinks they are preparing their lands better than they ever did before, which he considers a hopeful sign.

—Invitations reading as follows have been received here: Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Justin Jacobs request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter

Ellen to Mr. Thomas Jefferson Moore on the evening of Thursday the twentieth of April nineteen hundred and eleven at quarter to six o'clock at Saint James Church Wilmington, North Carolina.

Mr. Moore lived in Lumberton a year or more, being assistant cashier of the Bank of Lumberton and very popular here. He went two years ago to Wilmington, to the Murchison National Bank.

—Rev. S. J. McConnell and family were pleasantly remembered Tuesday with a load of groceries of all kinds by Mr. McConnell's East Lumberton congregation, and it is needless to say that this thoughtful kindness was greatly appreciated. Mr. McConnell is just recovering from a severe spell of sickness and is regaining strength very slowly.

—Deputy Sheriff N. A. Ratley, of route No. 1 from Fairmont, brought to town today two negroes who were committed to jail by Justice A. E. Floyd of Fairmont to await the result of a shooting scrape at the plant of the Beaufort County Lumber Co. yesterday in which another negro was shot in the back and dangerously, perhaps fatally, wounded.

—A little knot of folks gathered in the office of the register of deeds yesterday morning about 10 o'clock to witness a marriage ceremony performed by Justice A. P. Caldwell. Warren Lewis and Gussie Briggs, a pleased-looking colored couple, were the contracting parties. When it was over Justice Caldwell told Warren to put his arm around his bride and kiss her, which the same Warren did with right good will.

—Her many friends in Lumberton will be concerned to learn that Mrs. A. E. Baker underwent an operation in Lynchburg several days ago and her condition was considered favorable until yesterday, since which time complications have arisen which make her condition not so favorable. Rev. and Mrs. Baker moved from Lumberton to Lynchburg some months ago and have many friends here who sincerely trust that her condition will not prove serious.

—On account of the increase in business the McAllister Hdw. Co. has found it necessary to employ another plumber and Mr. J. B. Davis of Richmond, Va., has the position, having arrived and begun work Friday. Mr. W. R. Murphy has had charge of this part of the company's work for more than a year, during which time work has increased to such an extent that he had to call for help. The company has the contract for putting in waterworks in Mr. H. B. Jennings' handsome new residence, Ninth and Elm streets, and besides jobs not yet completed contracts have been closed for quite a bit of new work within the last few days.

## New County Board of Health Meets.

In accordance with an act passed by the recent Legislature providing for county boards of health, Chairman J. W. Carter, of the board of county commissioners, Mayor J. A. Rowland of Lumberton, and J. R. Poole, superintendent of public instruction, met Monday in the office of the county board of education and organized with J. W. Carter as chairman and J. R. Poole secretary and elected Drs. T. L. Northrop of St. Paul and H. H. Hudgin of Red Springs as the other members of the board, the law providing that the chairman of the board of commissioners, the superintendent of public instruction and the mayor of the county seat, together with two physicians selected by them, shall constitute the county board of health. This board will meet the first Monday in May and elect a county superintendent of health.

## County Health Report For March.

In his report to the county commissioners at their regular monthly meeting Monday Dr. H. T. Pope, county physician, reported 50 cases of smallpox, 10 of measles, 20 of whooping cough, 35 of pneumonia. Smallpox, measles and whooping cough have prevailed in several portions of the county. Dr. Pope thinks that the county home and jail might be kept cleaner with a little effort. Smallpox is reported in several sections yet. He has vaccinated a large number of people. Eighteen prisoners are reported confined in jail, 19 in the convict camp, and there are ten inmates of the county home.