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ANTIOCH NEWS NOTES.

A Splendid Easter Sermon—Amount Needed by S. P. C. Almost Raised—A Liberal and Cheerful Giver.

Antioch, April 18.—There were no special Easter services here Sunday but our people enjoyed the privilege of hearing a sermon by a man whose place at Antioch can never be filled by any save himself—Dr. Vardell—whose theme was "The four great Alls of the Christian Religion." Dr. Vardell emphasized very forcibly the fact that the church shall and will accomplish that for which it was instituted, viz., the salvation of the world, because the power of the Godhead is behind the command to preach the gospel to every creature. We think if there is any degree beyond the superlative this sermon was in that degree. None of us ever heard from Dr. Vardell anything but a strong sermon but many expressed themselves as considering this the best they ever heard. Dr. Vardell was accompanied by Mrs. Vardell and two younger children, also Misses Stella Cloyd, Lillian McDonald and Lillian Britt, students of the college. To these young ladies we are indebted for some very choice Easter music. We hope they can come out to Antioch again in the near future.

Miss Jessie McNeill of Red Springs is spending a few days with her sister Mrs. D. H. McNeill.—Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Sexton of Raeford spent Easter in the city, guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hodgins.—Mr. Alex. White and Mr. McColl of Floral College were also Easter visitors, guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Strickland.—Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Gaitly spent Sunday with relatives at Rowland.

Mr. Fred Johnson of Raeford passed through the city Monday en route to Red Springs. He was delivering to Mr. W. J. Johnson of Red Springs a Hudson touring car purchased from the Standard Garage Co. of Raeford, of which he is manager.

We wish to inform Editor Poole of Raeford that Murdoch McDonald is glad—but glad because he is in Hoke. The Hoke county line includes and not excludes Murdoch, as Editor Poole thought.

We are glad to learn that Dr. Vardell is now in a fair way to raise the \$6,000 needed to make the required \$40,000. If the churches in Fayetteville and Orange Presbyteries will meet their requirements the money will be forthcoming. On last Sabbath at Antioch a blind lady whose deeds of charity and kindness are known best to her God came up and gave to Dr. Vardell the sum of \$50 for his school, an object lesson for those blessed with more worldly goods than she and are able to manage their affairs. We believe we can truthfully say this blind widow who is one of Antioch's most loyal and liberal members is one of Fayetteville Presbytery's if not the Synod of North Carolina's most liberal and cheerful givers. She is modest and unassuming in her dealings but now that she is blind and growing feeble her chief delight is found in the church and all its interests. She delights to do honor to God's prophets and strictly adheres to the command "Touch not mine anointed and do my prophets no harm." This good lady is Mrs. Saffie McCormick, widow of the late Allen McCormick. She is a sister of Mr. Jno. G. Brown of Red Springs. She makes her home with her only sister, Miss Ann Brown. May her life of usefulness be spared many years.

Flour Mill Assured For Lumberton.

Messrs. R. E. Lee, M. G. McKenzie and K. M. Biggs, who were appointed to solicit stock subscriptions to induce the Robeson Milling Co. to move its flour mill from Pembroke to Lumberton, have secured the required amount of stock, \$1,000, and as the site offered here by the Lumberton Industrial and Commercial Club has already been approved there seems no doubt now that the mill will be moved here. Pres. W. K. Culbreth will call a meeting soon to be held here for final action in regard to this matter. The meeting will probably be called for about the first of May. Lumberton is glad to secure this enterprise. It has been successful at Pembroke and will doubtless be much more successful here, where it will be operated on a larger scale, with a corn mill and an ice plant in connection with it.

Annual Meeting of Civic Association.

The annual meeting for election of officers of the Civic Association will be held tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock in the reading room of the Industrial and Commercial Club. This meeting has been postponed several times on account of conflicting meetings and for other reasons. Much important business besides the election of officers for the ensuing year is to be transacted and every member is urged to be present.

FIGHTING IN MEXICO.

Most Important Battle of the Revolution—Rebels Evacuate Agua Prieta—Demand Surrender of Juarez.

Agua Prieta, Mexico, April 17.—(From the Associated Press correspondent in the field.)

The most important battle of the Mexican revolution thus far was fought here today between 1,600 Federals under command of Lieutenant Colonel Diaz and 1,000 rebels under Balasario Garcia and resulted in the repulse of the former.

The battle, however, was not finally decisive. It lasted from 6:30 a. m., until sundown. At nightfall, two Federal machine guns were in the possession of the rebels and the Federals had sustained a loss estimated by the rebels as at least two hundred killed and wounded. The rebels gave their own loss at 20.

From the beginning of the battle, regardless of the warning given by the United States government to the leaders of both forces, a rain of bullets poured into the American town of Douglas, and when the day was over, it was found that seven non-combatant residents of that city had been wounded. It was a day almost of terror in Douglas.

The insurgents evacuated Agua Prieta before daylight on the 18th, their ammunition and provisions having been exhausted, and the Federal forces occupied the town. Balasario Garcia and Luis Medina, who commanded the insurgents, deserted and surrendered to the United States authorities in Douglas, Ariz., the citizens of which town were relieved to learn that the rebels had fled.

Congress appears satisfied that President Taft is doing everything possible to solve the Mexican problem and there is no disposition to interfere with his program. The Mexican Department of Foreign Relations replied favorably Tuesday to a proposition received from Washington for an armistice, pending negotiations for a settlement of that country's internal troubles.

A formal demand was made last night on General John Navarro for the surrender of Juarez to the insurrecto army of Francisco I. Madero, Jr., within 24 hours. The demand reached Gen. Navarro's headquarters while he was inspecting fortifications for the city's defense.

A dispatch from Washington last night states that developments here yesterday indicated to President Taft and other administration officials that peace in Mexico may not be a dream and that there is reason to believe that the Mexican authorities will adopt a "definite restrictive policy" along the border to prevent border conflicts.

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New County Meeting.

A bunch of people from the Rowland and Red Springs sections held a meeting in Pembroke Tuesday to start something else, it is said, along new county lines. Nothing definite has been learned about the meeting but it is said that it is proposed now to divide the county by the Coast Line Ry. and to take Fairmont and Raynham into a new county.

RAFT SWAMP NOTES.

Planting Cotton—An Old-Time Quilting—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Raft Swamp, April 18.—Planting cotton seems to be the order of the day among the farmers.

Easter passed off very pleasantly.

There was considerable rain and wind here Saturday, but no damage was done.

Very sorry to report Miss Bertha Townsend's condition unimproved.

Messrs. Tom and Gordon Britt of Buies attended church here Sunday.—Miss Flora Carlyle, who is attending school at Lumberton, spent Sunday with home folks.

Quilting seems to be the order of the day among the ladies. There was an old-time quilting at the home of Mr. W. K. Culbreth Thursday a week ago which was enjoyed very much by the many ladies who were present.

Miss Mollie Davis of East Lumberton visited home folks Sunday.—Mr. Claud Biggs and daughter, Miss Dora, spent Sunday afternoon in the East Lumberton section.—Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Powell spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives near Laurel Hill.—Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Parnell of the Oak Grove section visited at the home of Mr. W. C. Townsend Sunday.

The infant daughter of Mr. J. A. Carlyle of Fayetteville, who is at the home of her grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Carlyle, is very sick, we are sorry to note.

Mr. Daniel Bullock of Charleston, S. C., is spending this week with relatives.—Mr. Cleveland Bullock of Laurinburg spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Bullock.

We hear of business being carried on over in our little town of "Davistown," but we think it best not to say any more about it until after it is completed.

Come again, "Aunt Becky," we enjoy your letters so much.

With best wishes to The Robesonian and its many readers.

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Attractive Corn Contest Booklet Issued by Bank of Lumberton—What the Contest Proved.

The Bank of Lumberton has just gotten out a handsome booklet in regard to its corn contest last year, when it gave away \$100 in cash prizes for the best yields of corn on an acre in Robeson county. The booklet is well illustrated with cuts of prize ears of corn, is printed on good paper, and contains valuable information, the answers of the prize winners to the questions asked in regard to planting, cultivation, etc., being given. As has been mentioned in The Robesonian, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes were won respectively by A. J. Prevatt, 118½ bushels, D. E. Ivey, 109½ bushels, and D. F. Lowry, 109 1-6 bushels. In summarizing the results it is stated that the contest proves that Robeson county land is well adapted to the cultivation of corn; that corn can be successfully and profitably grown; that there is really more profit in corn than in cotton; that it is better to put fertilizer on the land after the corn is planted and is growing rather than before the corn is planted; that it is better to cultivate a small number of acres carefully and well than to cultivate a large number of acres without using fertilizer; that every farmer in this county should at least raise the corn he needs; that the successful and most up-to-date farmers are adopting the most modern methods in the cultivation of their crops; that more machinery should be used in farming so that one person can do the work of several; that the highest degree of intelligence is necessary in securing the best results in farming as in everything else.

This booklet will be sent free upon request to the Bank of Lumberton. This bank is offering the same prizes for best yields of corn this year—\$50 for best yield, \$30 for second best and \$20 for third.

The 21st annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans will be held in Little Rock, Ark., May 16, 17 and 18.

Town Politics—Names of Candidates Must be Handed in to Primary Managers by Tomorrow Evening at 6 O'clock.

Something of a mild sensation was created Tuesday when it became known that Mayor J. A. Rowland, who has held the office for the past three years, had decided to withdraw from the race for renomination and that Mr. W. O. Thompson, who served as mayor 5 years ago, had decided to enter the race. The candidates now are Messrs. A. E. White, W. O. Thompson and W. E. Hooks, the two first named both having served the town as mayor, and it is a safe bet that one of these gentlemen will be nominated for the office at the primary next Tuesday. With the exception of the three commissioners who will stand for reelection—Messrs. M. W. Floyd, J. H. Wishart and E. B. Freeman—no candidates have been prominently mentioned for commissioners, school trustees or board of audit and finance. In a notice printed elsewhere in this issue, the managers of the primary call attention to the fact that the names of all candidates must be handed in by tomorrow evening at 6 o'clock, and it is very probable that plenty of candidates will be put out by that time. In case a second primary is necessary it will be held Thursday of next week, two days after the first primary.

On with the dance, let joy be unconfined. It is a hot fight, but good-natured on the whole, though some foolish rumors are being circulated, and—well, somebody is going to win, sure. It is said that candidate Hooks will address the voters at the court house this evening.

Any one can vote in the primary, whether registered or not, who will be entitled to register and vote in the election May 1—that is, one must have been living in the State 2 years, in the county 6 months and in the town 4 months.

Jurors For May Criminal and Civil Terms of Court.

The county commissioners met here in special session today to draw jurors for the special criminal term of court which Gov. Kitchin has ordered to be held the week beginning May 15, the following having been drawn:

N. A. McPhaul, B. W. Lovett, Jno. McLean, C. M. Andrews, W. A. Griffin, N. A. Kinlaw, D. R. Caddell, J. A. Sharpe, L. E. Hughes, J. F. Pittmar, D. T. Rozier, P. F. McRae, E. C. Graham, L. A. Graham, D. J. Little, M. S. Humphrey, Richard Ivey, D. C. Wilkins, K. M. Barnes, A. W. Pate, W. H. McLellan, J. B. Clark, Julius F. Stephens, D. C. S. Shaw, H. F. Lawson, Daniel Johnson, Jesse S. Stone, L. T. Townsend, K. Steele Monroe, W. K. Brock, J. D. Sikes, Wm. Tiddy, C. H. Whitlock, E. D. Sealy, D. M. N. Brown, Jeremiah Odum, Jr.

While holding a meeting for the special purpose of drawing jurors for this special term, the commissioners are disposing of some routine business and have also drawn the following to serve as jurors for the civil term of court which will follow the criminal term, beginning May 22: E. T. Lewis, W. C. Barnes, B. F. Jackson, W. K. Bethune, A. M. Tolar, J. J. Beard, W. A. Lewis, Jno. F. Campbell, I. C. Thrower, A. P. Johnson, Justin McNeill, J. Smith Purcell, A. H. O'Brien, J. M. Love, Murdock McDonald, Geo. C. Fisher, J. W. Alford, J. D. Norment.

Two More Special Tax Districts.

Two more special school tax districts were added to the number in Robeson Monday when district No. 1, Red Springs township—including the town of Red Springs—and district No. 2, Parkton township, voted respectively tax of 30 and 20 cents on property and 90 and 60 cents on polls. Out of a registration of 93 in the Red Springs district 70 votes were cast for and 2 against; in the Parkton district the registration was 37 and 34 were cast for, none against.

The twentieth annual Continental Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution is being held in Washington this week.

Slogans For Lumberton—Thinking About the Right Slogan Doing Good.

Whether just the right slogan has been suggested in the large number that has been made, one thing is certain, and that is this call for a slogan for the town has put many people to thinking, and that at least will do good—has already done good. Locked up somewhere in three or four words is just the right slogan for Lumberton and the judges are going to decide soon, possibly next week, whether a suggestion that will be adopted has been made. Anyway, until the contest closes there is a chance for somebody to win the honor of giving the town a slogan and also to win the \$5 offered by the Industrial and Commercial Club. Here are the suggestions that have been sent in since Monday:

Watch Lumberton for dividends

The town that beats 'em all—Lumberton.

Now come let's rise and get us wise, kill all house flies, preserve the pies and take the prize—good health. (May be taken in whole or in part, says the one who sends this in.)

Don't envy earth's chosen people, move to Lumberton and be one.

All together, as great forces, tell to the world our resources, advertise and tell of Lumberton's great enterprise.

Lumberton, N. C., for good water and prosperity. (This was among the first suggestions published but the "N. C." was omitted, thereby destroying the rhyme the author had in mind.)

Clean up Lumberton.

For a town that is healthy, wealthy and wise, see Lumberton.

Ever booming never dooming Lumberton.

Growing Lumberton never late, always neat and up-to-date. Always hand-in-hand with progress. What? Lumberton.

For prosperity ever working, from square dealing never shirking.

Dearest Lumberton, never beaten, the most good rations ever eaten.

Lumberton leads, others follow.

Cotton is king, Lumberton is queen.

Don't envy the man who gets ahead, come to Lumberton—Nuff sed.

It will be noticed that some of these are kiddish and perhaps are not intended as serious suggestions for a slogan, but since they were sent in they are published along with suggestions that are worth while.

Five Negroes Cremated In Burned Dwelling at Bladenboro.

Five negroes, 4 of them children ranging in age from 2 to 5 years, one of them a girl 20 years old, were burned to death at Bladenboro Tuesday night in a fire which destroyed the house they occupied, which belonged to Mr. H. C. Bridgers of that place. They were the children of Reuben Branson and wife, who were away from home at the time. The fire occurred between 8 and 9 o'clock and was caused by the explosion of a lamp, while all the occupants were asleep. A negro man who was in the house waked after his bed was in flames and barely had time to jump out of a window.

Speaking Appointments For Supt. J. Y. Joyner.

Dr. J. Y. Joyner, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, is a very enthusiastic advocate of farm-life schools and arrangements have been made for him to speak in Robeson at the following times and places, when he will present the reasons why it will be a good thing for Robeson county to vote for the school in the election May 9: Tuesday, April 25—Parkton, 11 a. m.; St. Paul, 3 p. m.; Lumber Bridge, evening, close of school; Wednesday, April 26—Philadelphus, 9:30 a. m.; Maxton, 3 p. m.; Red Springs, evening; Thursday, April 27—Rowland, 9:30 a. m.

Licenses have been issued for the marriage of Mary M. McLean and A. M. Mercer; Flora C. Biggs and Daniel G. Woodard.

LOCAL BRIEFS

—Mr. D. Y. Floyd, electrician, of Wilmington, arrived Tuesday and is wiring the residences of Messrs. M. F. Caldwell, J. F. Floyd and Jno. T. Biggs.

—Mr. S. Weinstein has purchased from Mr. Robert E. Lee a vacant lot between Second and Third streets on which he expects soon to erect a nice residence.

—In spite of veterinary skill John, the faithful dray-horse that had been on the job for Mr. L. H. Caldwell for the past 6 years, laid down and died last night.

—Sheriff Edgar Hall, Hoke county's first sheriff, was a Lumberton visitor Monday. His home has been at Dundarrach but he will move his family to Raeford some time in the near future.

—Material is being placed on the grounds for the erection of the fire station at the west end of Fourth street. The building will be 32 x 48 feet and will house a hose reel, hook and ladder, horse and wagon.

—March Roper and wife, colored, were before the mayor this morning on a charge of being drunk and disorderly, and Rev. E. S. W. Simmons, colored, was also up for disorderly conduct. Judgment was suspended in both cases on payment of cost.

—Correspondents will please remember to write only on one side of the paper. It gives too much trouble when written on both sides, and with words jumbled together and lines crowded. Fancy writing, too, increases the difficulty. Save that for your copy-books.

—French Blount, colored, was brought to jail last night from Saddle Tree township by Deputy Sheriff T. C. Barnes and was tried this morning before Justice A. E. White on the charge of fornication and adultery. For his appearance at court a \$100 bond was required, and this he gave.

—Invitations have been received here reading as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Farrow announce the marriage of their daughter

Lena A. Bord to Mr. William Edward Cromwell, on Wednesday, April, nineteen hundred and eleven, Wilmington, North Carolina.

The bride-to-be is a niece of the late Mrs. Fannie Peterson of Lumberton.

—Mr. U. M. Edwards is making some changes in the appearance of his bicycle shop on Fourth street, next to The Robesonian office. Heretofore the second floor has been reached from a stairway leading up from the rear of the building, but this is being changed and the stairway will go up from the front, and other changes are being made. Manager S. H. Hamilton is having some repair work done in the Western Union office on Fourth street.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. Collins passed through Lumberton yesterday on their way to their home in Washington, D. C., from a trip to Georgia and Alabama, where Mr. Collins had been on business for the Morrison & Harvey Lumber Co., of the Washington office of which company Mr. Collins is manager. Mr. Collins is a Robesonian and he has his eye on Lumberton as a good place to open a retail lumber yard, but has not decided anything definite yet.

—Dr. C. F. Stroinsider, assistant to the State Board of Health secretary for hook-worm disease, visited with Supt. Poole the public schools at Parkton, St. Paul, Lumber Bridge and Philadelphus Monday and Tuesday. They were brought from Lumber Bridge Tuesday evening by State Senator W. S. Cobb in his automobile and yesterday they visited the graded school here. Today they are visiting the schools at Fairmont and Orrum and tomorrow they will attend the closing of Centenary school, in Parkton township. Rev. E. M. Hoyle, pastor of the Lumberton Methodist church, will deliver the address for this occasion.