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## TOWN AFFAIRS.

### Public Closets on River Bank Abolished—Banks Invited to Bid on Town Account—Business Transacted by Town Commissioners.

At a meeting of the town commissioners held Tuesday night the following business was transacted:

It was ordered that the public closets at the foot of Fourth street, on the left bank of the river, be abolished at once as a public nuisance. This was done on the petition of Mr. R. O. Edmund and some of his neighbors, who appeared before the board and asked for relief from the unsanitary condition caused by these closets. Good riddance. These closets have been an eyesore and a nostril-stench for these many moons.

The three banks of the town are invited to submit bids for the town's business at the meeting of the commissioners Thursday night of next week, the account to be given to the bank making the best bid. The town board of audit and finance is invited to be present at this meeting.

Mr. W. G. Reynolds, sanitary inspector, reported 275 surface closets on the town side of the river and 115 on the right side.

Commissioners W. J. Prevatt and Howard Morrison and Fire Chief J. P. Townsend were appointed a committee to buy a horse for the fire company.

The bond of H. H. Redfern was fixed at \$1,000 as chief of police and \$5,000 as tax collector, and he is required to make settlement with the town clerk and treasurer once each week. J. L. Higgins of Richmond, having passed satisfactory examination before Supt. Gerald Pittman, of the light and water plant, was granted license to do plumbing work, check for the fee of \$10 having been received. An ordinance was ordered drawn requiring all plumbers to restore streets to normal condition wherever excavations are made, a fine of \$10 to be imposed for each violation.

An ordinance was passed defining and describing the licenses and taxes on polls, property, subjects, trades and professions in the town of Lumberton for the fiscal year 1911. Any person who fails to list his dogs with the tax collector shall be subject to a fine of \$10. The dog tax is \$2, and any dog found running at large after today, June 1, without a metal "T. P. 1911" tag may be killed as a nuisance and any person allowing a dog without this tag to remain on his premises shall be liable to a fine of \$5.

### Death of Mr. Jno. A. Humphrey—A Prominent Citizen of the Philadelphia Section.

Mr. Jno. A. Humphrey, aged about 60 years, died suddenly Monday evening about 6 o'clock at his home near Philadelphia church. He had been indisposed for some time but his condition was not considered serious and his death was very unexpected. Monday afternoon he went out to see about some hands at work and immediately upon returning to the house and taking a drink of water he was seized with a coughing spell and died in a few minutes. The funeral took place Tuesday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock from Philadelphia Presbyterian church, of which he had long been an elder, the service being conducted by the pastor, Rev. A. C. Dixon. The interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Humphrey was one of the most prominent citizens of that section of the county. He was an elder in Philadelphia Presbyterian church, a leader in the Democratic party, took a large interest in Philadelphia school, and in fact was largely interested in and a leader in all church and school and party work in his community. He is survived by his wife and two children, Mrs. Duncan Patrick Buie, who lives near Philadelphia, and Miss Berda Humphrey. Sheriff E. C. McNeill of Lumberton, a staunch friend of the deceased, attended the funeral.

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## CROP CONDITIONS.

### Crying Out For Rain Up Maxton and Laurinburg Way—Outlook Gloomy for Cotton—Truck Cut Short—Dry All Through This Section—Evidences of Progress.

A representative of The Robesonian had occasion to spend a portion of Tuesday afternoon and evening in Maxton and was in Laurinburg for a short while yesterday morning, and much progress is in evidence in both of these towns; but the people generally are very blue over present crop conditions. At Maxton Col. E. F. McRae, Maj. A. J. McKinnon, Mr. Hector McLean and Mr. W. B. Harker, editor of the Maxton Chief, and others were interviewed as to the crop conditions in that part of Robeson and all of them can be quoted as saying that things look serious with the farmer, which as a matter of course affects the merchants and everybody else. All of those consulted are of the opinion that not more than half of the cotton planted in that section is up, and cotton up in sandy land was greatly damaged by the storm last Friday evening. It seems that there was equally as much wind and less rain in that part of the county than in this section. For several years there has been quite a bit of trucking done around Maxton and a great many of the farmers are interested this year in growing Irish potatoes, watermelons, canteloupes, etc., but none of them seems to be much encouraged over the present prospect. Irish potatoes have been cut short and there is much complaint about watermelons and canteloupes not being up, though some few say they have a fairly good stand and they are doing fine. From information at Laurinburg about the same conditions obtain there, and from conversation with several traveling men it was learned that crops just across the State line in South Carolina are suffering more from the drought than crops in this State.

Despite the gloom cast over most of the people in this section because of the dry weather, work is going on just the same and there are many evidences of progress most any way one might look in those parts.

Since the above was put in type rains have come which will improve conditions to some extent.

### Waverly Hotel Under New Management.

Mr. B. A. Anderson and son, Mr. H. H. Anderson, of Fair Bluff, took charge this morning of the Waverly hotel, which they have leased and will operate under the style of B. A. Anderson & Son. Mr. Anderson senior is proprietor of the Anderson hotel at Fair Bluff and he comes to the Waverly most highly recommended by the traveling public. For the present he will divide his time between Lumberton and Fair Bluff and Mr. H. H. Anderson, who has been in Lumberton since the first of the week, will have charge of the Waverly. Capt. and Mrs. A. Bicherey, who have managed the Waverly in most excellent manner for the past three and a half years, will leave this evening for Purcell, Okla., where their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Leon T. Cook, live and where they will make their home. They have made many friends during their stay in Lumberton who regret very much to see them leave. Capt. Bicherey is a good hotel man and has done well here with the facilities at his command.

## Notices of New Advertisements.

An important asset for young men—Bank of Lumberton. Notice of summons. Two beautiful lots in Lindell for sale—Geo M. Whitfield. A seamstress wanted. Position in cotton mill wanted. June wedding presents—Boylan's Jewelry Store. An ever-increasing source of pleasure—the Stieff piano.

For a mild, easy action of the bowels a single dose of Doan's Regulator is enough. Treatment cures habitual constipation. 25 cents a box. Ask your druggist for them.

## TWO FINE LECTURES.

### By Rev. J. M. Rowland of Richmond, Va., For New Methodist Church—"Blue Ridge Breezes" and "Courtship and Marriage."

Rev. J. M. Rowland, of Richmond, Va.,—and, by the way, a native Robesonian—lectured at the opera house Monday and Tuesday evenings. He came at the invitation of class No. 7 of the Methodist Sunday school. Mrs. I. E. Poole is teacher of this class and she and the entire class labored hard for the success of the occasion and they should feel well paid for their work, for the lectures were fine and were greatly enjoyed by those who attended; and a nice sum of money was realized, which will go to the new Methodist church.

Mr. Rowland delivered his lecture "Blue Ridge Breezes" Monday evening and it occasioned much laughter. There was pathos, too. He was introduced by Rev. E. M. Hoyle and the music was furnished by the Lumberton orchestra. This lecture was all that Mr. Rowland came to deliver, but he was persuaded to stay over Tuesday evening and deliver his lecture on "Courtship and Marriage," which is even more humorous than his "Blue Ridge Breezes." Each lecture was fine.

On account of the lack of advertising the crowd Tuesday evening was not so large as Monday evening. Mr. Rowland left yesterday morning for his home in Richmond.

### Annual Meeting of Robeson County Rural Letter Carriers' Association—How Patrons Can Help Secure Quick Delivery.

At the annual meeting of the Robeson County Rural Letter Carriers' Association, held in Lumberton Tuesday, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, J. S. Humphrey, Shannon; vice president, A. S. Pittman, Lumberton; secretary-treasurer, E. B. Hayes, Fairmont. The carriers from Lumberton were constituted the executive committee, as follows: J. E. Prevatt, A. S. Pittman, Hardy M. White, R. E. Thompson, Jno. B. Meares, Edward Parnell. The following subjects were discussed: Importance of a County Association, discussed by W. H. Howard of St. Paul's and C. D. Williamson of Parkton; Good Roads, discussed by A. S. Pittman of Lumberton, E. L. Odum of Pembroke and C. H. Howard of Lumber Bridge; Best Method of Delivering Mail Quickly, discussed by C. H. Howard, Hardy M. White and C. C. Crisom. All agreed that the motorcycle is the best means of delivering mails quickly.

About half the carriers of the county attended this meeting. Strong resolutions were adopted urging all carriers to take more interest in the county association and attend the county meetings, as this is the best way to secure permanent service and good roads. The next meeting will be held in Lumberton the first Monday in September.

Much was said about the way some farmers plow out into the roads, making them difficult for motorcycle travel. It was decided that all instances of this kind shall be reported to the county superintendent of roads and if relief cannot be secured in that way to take the matter up to the Postoffice Department and ask that service on roads where this practice obtains be discontinued until the roads are kept in better condition. It will be seen that it is the interest of the patrons of rural routes to keep their roads in as good condition as possible for motorcycles. By this means of delivery carriers on routes that require 6 hours for a horse and buggy can make their trips in three hours, reaching the farthest patron on their routes in an hour and thirty minutes. Much quicker and better service can be given in this way, but roads must not be filled up by plowing into them if such service is to be effective.

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## TOBACCO TRUST MUST GO

### Supreme Court Holds American Tobacco Co. and Allied Corporations Operating in Violation of Sherman Law—Fares Worse Than Standard Oil.

Washington Dispatch, May 29.—The government today won a sweeping victory over the so-called "tobacco trust" when the Supreme Court of the United States held the American Tobacco Company and its allied corporations to be operating in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

By directing that the combination be forbidden the privilege of inter-State commerce or be placed in the hands of a receiver unless it disintegrates in harmony with the law within six or, at the most, eight months, the court is regarded to have dealt with the tobacco corporations more drastically than with the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, whose dissolution was ordered two weeks ago.

Both the first and second sections of the Sherman anti-trust law have been violated by the so-called tobacco trust according to the court. Not only has it, in the eyes of the court, restrained wrongfully and unlawfully inter-State commerce, but it has attempted to monopolize the tobacco business to the injury of the public and of its competitors.

While the decree was regarded as unusually severe, at the same time there was a touch of leniency in not making the combination an outlaw "now." The various elements of the combination are to be given an opportunity, under the supervision of the United States circuit court for the Southern district of New York, of re-creation about "a new condition which shall be honestly in harmony with and not repugnant to the law."

The opinion of the court was announced by Chief Justice White, who also delivered the opinion of the court in the Standard Oil case. The entire court agreed that the tobacco combination violated the Sherman anti-trust law, but Justice Harlan dissented from the repeated interpretation of the Sherman anti-trust law so as to call for the application of the "rule of reason" determining what restraints of trade were forbidden by the act. In this respect the division of the court was the same as in the Standard Oil case. Justice Harlan also took issue with the rest of the court as to the reorganization of the tobacco company, saying that he had found nothing in the record which made him "at all anxious to perpetuate any new combination among these companies, which the court concedes at all times exhibited a conscious wrongdoing."

On practically every point on which the government appealed from the decision of the lower court it scored a victory today. In the first place James B. Duke and the twenty-eight other individual defendants were held to be parties to the unlawful combination instead of being freed from further responsibility in the case as directed by the court below.

Unlike the Standard Oil Company which made no move today for a rehearing, William R. Perkins, as counsel for the American Tobacco Company, asked the court after the announcement of the decision for leave to present a petition and to stay the issuance of the mandate of the court for thirty days. The request was granted. Shortly after the court adjourned until next October.

### Meeting of the Eastern Carolina Dental Society.

Drs. R. F. Graham and J. D. Regan attended the meeting in Laurinburg Tuesday of the Eastern Carolina Dental Society. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Dr. R. L. Spencer; vice president, Dr. J. L. Gibson; secretary, Dr. R. F. Graham; treasurer, Dr. R. T. Allen. The following committees were appointed: executive, Drs. D. C. McIver, E. H. Goldberg, J. D. Croom, Jr.; dental education, Drs. W. T. Herndon, J. R. Rogers, M. K. McDiarmid; oral prophylaxis, Drs. J. L. McLaurin, H. E. Stockton, J. D. Regan, J. H. Hurdle; supervisor of clinics, Dr. C. W. Regan.

## BAD BRIDGE ACCIDENT

### Mr. W. E. Hooks of Lumberton Has an Exciting Time on Bad Bridge Near Boardman—Mule Falls Through and Mule, Man and Vehicle are Injured.

Mr. W. E. Hooks, master mechanic for the Kingsdale Lumber Co. here, narrowly escaped serious injury Monday when one of his pair of mules which he was driving broke through Ivey's Bluff bridge across Lumber river, near Boardman. Mr. Hooks was dragged some little distance on the bridge by the lines, to which he held, and he dragged after him by his right foot the overturned buggy, in which his foot had gotten caught. Mr. Hooks sustained a severely sprained back and his right ankle is considerably swollen and hurt; one of the mules received a cut on its left hip and its legs were skinned up; the left front wheel of the buggy was smashed, the tongue was broken and the top torn up; and a set of harness was broken up.

It happened Monday morning about 10 o'clock on the Columbus side of Ivey's Bluff bridge, which crosses Lumber river on the line between Robeson and Columbus and is maintained by the two counties jointly. It is about three-quarters of a mile from Boardman. In the buggy with Mr. Hooks was "Aunt" Polly Walker, an old colored woman who had been nursing at Mr. Hooks' home and whom he was taking to Boardman. Mr. Hooks was driving his two mules slowly when one of them sank through the bridge to his neck. The other lunged forward, the buggy was turned over and, as stated above, Mr. Hooks' foot caught and he was dragged with the buggy a short distance. "Aunt" Polly fell on Mr. Hooks and escaped without injury. Mr. Hooks thinks that in some strange way when the mule lunged forward the mule in the hole was pulled out and forward. It happened about 20 feet from the abutment.

Mr. Hooks was able to patch up and reach Boardman and then patch up some more and come back home, but the Columbus county commissioners will no doubt have a suit for damages on their hands.

### A Misdemeanor Not to Report Smallpox and Other Contagious Diseases.

Dr. W. A. McPhaul, county physician and quarantine officer, asks The Robesonian to call attention to the fact that it is a misdemeanor under the health law for a householder, physician or any other person to fail to report any case of smallpox, whooping cough, measles or scarlet fever to the quarantine officer within 24 hours after they become known. Persons who fail to comply with this law are liable to be prosecuted and punished.

There is still considerable smallpox and measles about over the county. L. R. Brewster, colored, who has been operating a pressing club at St. Paul's, was brought to his home here, across the railroad from the Seaboard station, Tuesday with a well-developed case of smallpox.

### "The Fall of Troy" In Motion Pictures.

At the opera house Monday and Tuesday nights of next week "The Fall of Troy" will be represented in motion pictures. This is one of the newest films and is said to be a most remarkable production. The New York Morning Telegram, an exceedingly complimentary reference to these pictures, says that none of the big dramas and pictures that has been produced by the motion picture camera in recent years "can equal 'The Fall of Troy'." It is beautiful and so high in scenic display and the number of actors and others involved as to stagger belief. This picture should be seen by all and nowhere could it fail to create a sensation. As an educational picture it is especially to be commended. There will be no advance in prices for these wonderful pictures. The Lumberton orchestra will furnish music for these two evenings.

## LOCAL BRIEFS

The motion picture show for tonight is said to be exceptionally good, and when that is said about the motion picture show here you can bet that there's no better anywhere.

Electric current was put on at 1 o'clock this afternoon at the power house to operate electric fans. This service will continue throughout the summer during afternoons.

County Auditor A. T. Parmele asks The Robesonian to state that tax books have not been sent out because they have not been received and that they will be sent to each list-taker as soon as possible.

A pretty good crowd left here this morning on the Sunday-school excursion to Jackson Springs being operated by Messrs. McKenzie, Jones and Bethune. They will return tonight.

Rain last night, not heavy in this immediate section, but enough to do crops some good, and, Praise be! there is every indication of more. Mr. A. S. Pittman, carrier on rural route No. 2 from Lumberton who returned from his trip about noon, says there was a fine rain on his route.

Ex-Sheriff Geo. B. McLeod returned this morning from the Highsmith hospital at Fayetteville, where he had been under treatment for some time. His health is considerably improved, although he is still weak. He will go Monday to Jackson Springs, where he will spend some time regaining strength, and later he will go to some other health resort.

Mr. W. H. Graham, Jr., who has been studying electrical engineering at the A. and M. College at Raleigh, will work here during the summer with Mr. E. G. Sipher, electrical engineer. Mr. Graham returned home from the A. and M., where he will graduate next year, yesterday and is spending a few days here with his brother and sister-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Graham, Pine and Fourth streets. Mrs. W. H. Graham is also a guest at the home of her son Dr. Graham.

Edmond Eugene, 9-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wright of Bluefield, W. Va., died Monday night about 12:30 o'clock. The child had been sick some time and death was expected for several days. Mrs. Wright is a sister of Messrs. H. C. and E. B. Freeman. It has been only a short time since Mr. and Mrs. Wright and little boy visited in Lumberton. Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Freeman went last week to Bluefield and are expected to return one day this week.

Mr. R. O. Edmund put a force of hands to work this morning tearing down his cottage on Water street, between Fourth and Fifth, preparatory to building a 7-room, 2 story residence. Mr. J. R. Newberry has the contract for the work. Mr. and Mrs. Edmund and children moved yesterday into a cottage on Pine street belonging to Mr. J. T. Prevatt, which they will occupy until their new residence is completed.

Dr. Jno. Knox, Jr., returned last night from his father's home in Steele Creek township, Mecklenburg county, where he went Tuesday morning in response to a wire advising him of the death of his mother. Mrs. Knox, who was about 58 years old, had been in her usual health and her death, which occurred about midnight Monday night, was very sudden and unexpected. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon from Steele Creek Presbyterian church and interment was made in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Jas. Phillips and daughters, Misses Dorothy and Marjorie, of Edinboro, Scotland, will sail on the 10th inst from Glasgow and are expected to arrive here the last of this month to spend some time on a visit to Mrs. Phillips' sons, Messrs. J. M. and C. H., who, with Mr. J. H. Balfour, are keeping batch on Mr. J. A. McAllister's farm 4 miles from town on the river road. The Messrs Phillips left their native Scotland 3 or 4 years ago and they were joined here 2 or 3 years ago by Mr. Balfour.