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## UP WAGRAM WAY.

**Preacher Raps His Flock for Attending Fiddlers' Convention—Where are the Old Fiddlers?—Death of Dr. Julian Wood—Personal.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Wagram, June 13.—Rev. T. G. Wood received a telegram a few days ago announcing the death of his brother Dr. Julian Wood of Elizabeth City. Dr. Wood was one of the most prominent and popular physicians in Eastern Carolina. Owing to a delay in the telegram, Mr. Wood did not receive it in time to attend his brother's funeral. Mr. E. C. Smith, the agent at Wagram, is not responsible for the delay, as the telegram was sent to Maxton.

Misses Isabel and Mary McKenzie, of the Philadelphus community, visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McMillan, at Riverton a few days ago. They were accompanied by Mr. McArthur of the same community.—Miss Ida Thomas, who for the past few months was milliner for Mrs. S. T. Thrower, left last Saturday for her home at Lynchburg, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Rivenbark have moved into the new residence which was recently built for Mr. E. C. Smith. Let others follow Mr. Smith example.

Miss Estelle Mason of Thomasville is visiting Miss Lola Thrower of Wagram.—Mr. P. C. Cochran of Greenwood, S. C., superintendent of agencies for the North Carolina Home Insurance Co., was here last Saturday.

Her friends will be glad to know that Mrs. Annie Adams of Aberdeen, who had for some time been in the Highsmith hospital at Fayetteville but who is now at the home of Mr. W. W. Bullard, in the Spring Hill community, is improving.

Miss Jennette Johnson returned home last Friday from South Carolina, where she taught last term.—Miss Virginia Everett of Maxton is visiting the Misses Cooley of this community.—Misses Annie Goodwyn, Annie Roper and Anna Stewart, all of Laurinburg, are visiting at the home of Miss Mae Shaw.—Mrs. C. S. McMillan and son, Guy, of Laurel Hill township, were among the visitors at Wagram last Monday.—Mrs. Hugh Livingston and daughter, Miss Mary, of Woodville visited the Riverton community last Monday, guests of Mrs. D. A. Watson.

Dr. W. G. Shaw and family, accompanied by Mr. Russell Shaw, returned a few days ago from a visit to Smithfield. They made the trip in Dr. Shaw's new Overland car in about 7 hours, a distance of more than 100 miles. The doctor says the trip was a delightful one, not an accident occurring on the way. He says the crops in Johnston county are considerably in advance of those in this community.

At the conclusion of his sermon at Spring Hill last Sunday, Rev. T. G. Wood, the pastor, administered a mild rebuke to those of his members who attended the old fiddlers' convention at Wagram last Friday night. Mr. Wood said that he was sorry the new town Wagram celebrated its entrance into social life with fiddling and dancing, and that he was also sorry that some of his members had participated in those exercises, which he did not think conducive to the spiritual life of the church. It is estimated that about 400 or 500 people attended the old fiddlers' convention, and only three fiddlers present. Mr. Ben McNeill, himself a fiddler, who worked up the convention and who was supposed to be in touch with the fiddlers in Scotland and adjoining counties, has been criticized for the small attendance of fiddlers. Where are all the old fiddlers anyway? Have they nearly all passed over the river? What has become of Murdock McDuffie, Jim McLean and big Daniel McNeill? It is the consensus of opinion that Prof. R. L. McMillan saved the day at the convention and but for him the whole thing would have been a tame affair. Some of the young people who attended said there was no dancing, it was only clogging. As your correspondent was not present, and has no experience in either dancing or clogging, he

## HOPE MILLS NEWS.

**Much Sickness Among Children and Several Deaths—Depot Being Improved—Death of Mr. Charlie Biggs—Bank Building Sold—Wedding Invitations.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Hope Mills, June 12.—The depot is now being greatly improved by the A. C. L. Railroad Co., and when the work is finished Hope Mills will have a very neat and commodious passenger station.

On last Thursday evening Mr. Charlie Biggs died after a long period of illness. The funeral was conducted Saturday afternoon from the Episcopal church by Rev. N. C. Duncan, and the burial took place in the Hope Mills cemetery. Mr. Biggs was a faithful member of the Episcopal church. He leaves a wife and three little children. Mr. Biggs was a member of the Jr. Order of United American Mechanics.

There seems to be quite a lot of sickness among children in this vicinity. Mr. Hemon Deaver's child died last night after an illness of several weeks. Mr. Lige Walden's little child died about two weeks ago. Mr. D. Campbell's little child died on the 2nd inst.

Mr. A. M. Vestal of Winston-Salem is conducting a singing class in the Baptist church. Miss Maggie Carter is visiting relatives in Concord this week.

The bank building has been sold to W. W. Bullard of Cotton, who will very likely open up a store in Hope Mills. It has been reported that the Bank of Hope Mills will be able to pay 100 per cent of the amount due depositors, and many of our people who have money tied up in this bank will be glad to hear the probability of an adjustment in the near future.

Many friends of Rev. N. C. Duncan have received the following invitation announcing his marriage on the 28th inst:

Mrs. Maggie Butt invites you to be present at the marriage of her daughter Mary Olivia

to Rev. Norvin Cornelius Duncan on Wednesday, June the twenty-eighth Nineteen Hundred and Eleven at twelve o'clock Christ Church, Arden, N. C.

At home after July tenth Hope Mills, N. C.

## County School Matters—Appropriation For Building.

A called meeting of the county board of education was held Monday in the office of County Supt. Poole and, as mentioned in Monday's Robesonian, the principal business transacted was the approval of petitions for three special tax elections. Elections were ordered the same day by the commissioners, as mentioned elsewhere in this paper. It was ordered that district No. 1, Burnt Swamp township, be allowed \$500 out of the county building fund, when available, if the committee of this school decide to build a house that will cost \$1,500. If the committee decide to build only an additional room to the present building the district is to be allowed \$300, provided that in either case the district contribute an equal amount. D. P. Buie was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Jno. A. Humphrey, deceased, as committeeman of Philadelphus high school. A. T. McCallum was ordered paid \$22. insurance on the Philadelphus building. T. A. Fisher, of district 3, Alfordville, was allowed rebate of 75 cents, error in listing.

## Rowland to Have Large Ginney

At Rowland yesterday afternoon an informal meeting of citizens of that town and community was held for the purpose of taking steps to organize a company to operate one of the largest ginney plants in this section of the country. It is expected that the plant will be put in operation this fall.

will have to let some one else explain what clogging is. The prize for the best fiddler was divided between Messrs. Rache and Clark, while Prof. R. L. McMillan received the prize for the best dancer.

## ANTIOCH NEWS NOTES.

**From Dry to Wet—School Faculty—Educational Rally Proposed—Personal.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Antioch, June 13.—We have always heard that one extreme follows another. A few days ago everybody we met was wishing and longing for rain; now the same people would like to see a few days cessation. We are indeed hard to please.

His many friends here and throughout this entire county will be glad to learn that Prof. Jno. E. Evans has decided to again cast his lot with the people of Antioch. Prof. Evans was not only one of the best instructors but was also one of the best all-round men who ever came this way. We were all glad also to know that Miss Rachel Oliver will again be a member of the faculty of Antioch Academy for next term. She too was deservedly popular with both patrons and pupils and will be gladly welcomed back to Antioch. With a State high school and with good dormitories this should be the best year in the history of the school. It is probable the two other members of the faculty will be elected in a few days. There are several applicants, among them two graduates of S. P. C., to which we are all partial; and while it is sometimes hard to make a selection where all are good, yet we trust our board of trustees will give the young ladies from our own college preference. We hear talk of a big educational rally to be held here about July 8th in connection with the annual picnic which is usually held the 1st Saturday in July. This would mean postponing our picnic one week. We hope this can be done. This will also be settled in a few days and we will tell our readers in our next letter.

Mr. Harrison Skipper and daughter, of the Mt. Tabor section, spent a few days at Antioch recently with Mr. Skipper's son Mr. D. T. Skipper. Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Skipper are visiting relatives near Fayetteville this week.—Hon. J. W. McLaughlin and wife of Raeford left Monday for New York, where on Thursday they will sail for an extended European tour. They expect to be gone for three months.—Rev. C. E. Hodgkin and family, who had been visiting relatives here, left Thursday for their home at Greensboro. The only objection to their visit was its brevity. Their friends, who number their entire acquaintances, are always glad to see them and hope they may visit us again in the near future.—Mr. R. P. Barnes of Barnesville, who had been visiting Mr. J. A. Brown, Jr., left Monday for his home.—Mr. T. Shelly McLaughlin returned Friday from Effingham, S. C., where he visited his brother Rev. M. B. McLaughlin.

## Tarboro Bank Cashier Suicides—Assistant Cashier Under Arrest.

Raleigh Dispatch, June 14.

State Bank Examiner J. K. Doughton telegraphed the Corporation Commission this evening that on his arrival at the Bank of Tarboro to look into financial complications, Cashier L. V. Hart admitted shortages and said the stealing had been going on seven years and he was glad it was caught up with.

He then went home and soon his wife heard a pistol shot in his room and he was found to be shot over the right ear. He died at 4 o'clock. Examiner Doughton finds also that Assistant Cashier E. B. Hussey is short in his accounts and he is committed to jail in default of \$15,000 bond. The estimated shortage is \$12,500, but the impression is strong that it will prove to be twice that amount. Cashier Hart was 38 years old and leaves a wife and two sons; also three sisters, Mrs. Marvin Nash, of Greensboro; Mrs. Ben Williford, of Rocky Mount; Mrs. Jno. Tyree, of Virginia; two brothers, Capt. Edgar L. Hart, Wilmington, and Richard Hart, of Hartsease. The bank was opened in 1895, has \$25,000 capital, \$25,000 surplus, \$174,918 deposits, and \$250,000 resources.

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## CLARKTON NEWS.

**Death of Miss Berta Pierce—Personal.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Clarkton, June 13.—Miss Berta Pierce, daughter of Mr. James Pierce, died last Friday p. m. Her remains were laid to rest Sunday morning at the Brown Marsh church. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Morton, who is preaching here for this summer. Miss Pierce had been sick for some time. She was taken away in her youth, but we know "the Lord doeth all things well." She leaves a father, two brothers and one sister to mourn her loss, besides a host of friends. We extend our tenderest sympathy to the bereaved family.

Miss Janette McKee is visiting her brother at Elizabethtown.—Messrs. W. M. Monroe and son Enas spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives here.—Miss Mary C. Ward of Baltimore, Md., who has been spending awhile here, left for Nashville, Ga., where she will visit her brother before returning to Baltimore.—Mr. D. D. McKee of Elizabethtown spent Sunday here.—Mr. W. B. Burney of Florida is at home now.—Mr. L. L. Wallace of Councils is spending a few days with his son Mr. A. M. Wallace.—Mrs. Fodie McLeod of Elizabethtown spent Saturday and Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Katie McEwen.

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## Meeting of Town Fathers—Town Clerk and Treasurer.

At a meeting of the town commissioners Tuesday night Mr. Grover Page was elected town clerk and treasurer at a salary of \$62.50 per month to succeed Mr. W. Lennon, who resigned. His bond is fixed at \$5,000. He is to devote his entire time to this work, collect electric light and water bills, etc. Mr. Page, who has been clerking for L. H. Caldwell, will assume his new duties today. He will have an office with the mayor in the fire house as soon as that building is completed.

Messrs. G. G. French and J. L. Stephens, members of the board, were appointed a committee to see that additional supports are added to the fire house that is being built at the foot of Fourth street. It was considered by the board that not enough supports were at first placed under the building to make it safe.

R. M. Williams and A. E. White were allowed rebates on sanitary tax of \$5 and \$2.50, respectively.

Notice was given Tuesday to property owners on Elm street of the order for the paving of the sidewalks, 4 feet wide, granolithic, from Sixth street, to which the sidewalks were paved some years ago, to Fourteenth street. The work must be done in 30 days. Notice is being given today of the order for connecting with sewerage. This order must be complied with in 10 and 15 days from time notice is given.

## Bloomington News Batch.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Bloomington, June 13.—The farmers are very busy now since the rain. In my traveling I see some kind of little green something coming all over the fields which the farmers don't like to see.

Mr. J. D. Barnes, Jr., is holding a high head: it's a boy.

Mr. Harrison Sealy was the guest of Mr. B. C. Rhodes Sunday.

Among those on the sick list are Mrs. Robert Davis, who is being attended by Dr. W. W. Early of Marietta; Mr. Austin and Mrs. J. D. Barnes, Sr., who are being attended by Dr. J. P. Brown of Fairmont.

Mesdames Lenora, Emma and Hellen Carroll spent Saturday and Sunday with friends and relatives at Boardman.

A good many of our young people are expecting to be present at the Children's Day at Bethesda Sunday, June 18.

Mr. Robert Byrd was the guest at Roger Davis Sunday.

The severe wind blew down lots of corn last night.

"Happy Dick."

—License has been issued for the marriage of Beatie J. Varnum and Rudie Jackson.

## COLORED SWANN CAUGHT.

**Wanted on Three Charges—Caught After Stiff Race at Pembroke—Officer and Negro Both Surprised.**

Geo. Swann, colored, was tried yesterday morning before Justice A. E. White on three charges—an affray, resisting officer and carrying concealed weapon. For the first offense a \$100 bond was required for his appearance at court, the second was dismissed, and for carrying concealed weapon a \$100 bond was also required; and upon failure to make bonds Swann was remanded to jail.

The trouble all started at the Lumberton Cotton Mills Tuesday morning when Swann and Jim Dockery, also colored, got in a mix up over some misunderstanding and Swann struck Dockery on the head twice with a brick. The trouble happened in the engine room at the mill, where both of the negroes were at work. After the fight Swann ran off some distance from the mill and when a policeman of the mill village tried to arrest him he pulled a pistol and succeeded in escaping from the policeman, going in the direction of Proctorville. The trouble was reported to Sheriff McNeill and Deputy T. C. Barnes went down the Raleigh & Charleston railroad and spent Tuesday in search of the negro. But Mr. Barnes was off the track, for late Tuesday afternoon Chief of Police H. H. Redfern of Lumberton arrested Swann at Pembroke. The arrest was rather unexpected by both the negro and Mr. Redfern. Mr. Redfern left town Tuesday evening for Wadesboro and just as the train was pulling out of Pembroke he saw Swann some distance from the station, and, recognizing the negro, he stopped the train and after a race of about a mile the arrest was made. After running some distance Mr. Redfern saw that he was no equal for the negro in a race, so while passing through a bunch of hands at work on the railroad, somewhere about the beginning of the race, he made a quick offer of \$5 to the man that would catch Swann; and a big negro, who is said to be some in a race, took a chance for the \$5; but Swann was the first man to the swamp. Mr. Redfern was not very far away when Swann went into the bushes, so as soon as he reached the spot where the coon faded from the landscape he and the faithful negro, who was doing his level best to make \$5, went into the swamp and found Swann crouched under a log about twenty yards from where he entered the swamp. Mr. Redfern brought the prisoner to Lumberton Tuesday night on the 10 o'clock train and placed him in jail to await trial yesterday morning.

Swann has been in trouble several times before. The negro who aided in the chase did not earn the \$5, but Redfern gave him \$1 for his assistance.

## Tax Rate for Robeson—Seven Cents Higher on Property, 21 Cents Higher on Poll.

At the meeting of the county commissioners Monday the tax rate was fixed as follows: State 21cts.; State pensions, 4cts.; public schools, 20cts.; roads, 25cts.; general county purposes, 20cts.; court house and sinking fund, 2cts.; funding bond fund, 1ct.; county pensions, 2cts. Total, 95 cents. Poll, three times that amount, or \$2.85.

It will be seen from the above that the tax on property is seven cents higher than last year and the tax on polls—three times the property tax—is 21 cents higher. This seven cents is made up by an increase of the road tax from 20 to 25 cents and the school tax from 18 to 20 cents.

It will not be possible to approximate the amount of taxes that will be raised by the increase until the new assessment is made. Hoke county took from Robeson about \$300,000 of taxable property.

About 10,000 gallons of booze—high grade liquors, wine, beer, etc.—were seized in a storeroom on Main street in Hendersonville Monday. O. N. Carson, the man in charge, is thought to be the agent of well-known Asheville liquor men.

## LOCAL BRIEFS

—During the storm Monday afternoon lightning struck one of the Kingsdale Lumber Co.'s houses and its occupants, Will Graddy and family, colored, were all more or less shocked. No serious damage was done.

—The expert on acoustics who was expected here yesterday to examine the defects of the court house advised County Attorney E. J. Britt that he could not get here until Friday of this week, so he is expected here tomorrow.

—Mr. Lee Caldwell left Tuesday afternoon for Baltimore, Md., where he has accepted a position as traveling salesman for the Royal Blue Tailoring Co. Mr. Caldwell did not know at the time he left what territory he will travel.

—Mr. G. S. McKenzie left Tuesday for Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where he will take a course in business in Poughkeepsie Business College. Mr. McKenzie recently resigned a position in the office of his father, County Treasurer M. G. McKenzie, as mentioned in The Robesonian at the time.

—The Boardman baseball team will play the Lumberton team this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock on the diamond across the river. The Lumberton boys carried it to a team from Rockingham last Friday and it is expected that the Boardman boys will have to play some lively ball if they go away with any laurels.

—Rev. Ira E. Wishart, son of Mr. Strong Wishart, of route 3 from Lumberton, who recently graduated from Louisville Theological Seminary, is now at Saluda, S. C. In a card asking that the address of his Robesonian be changed he says that crops are good in that section, which is a fine farming country.

—Fayetteville Observer, 12th: We regret to note that Solicitor N. A. Sinclair is quite sick at his home on Haymount. Mr. Sinclair was taken violently ill last Monday, and has had high fever ever since. We are glad to know, however, that his condition is somewhat improved today, but he is still in bed and unable to give any attention to business.

—Mr. Geo. W. Lennon, who lives on the corner of Third and Chestnut streets, has some Timothy hay growing in his back yard that is fine. The seed were scattered over the place from Mr. Odell Edens' livery stable which joins the yard and at first Mr. Lennon thought the Timothy was oats. Mr. Lennon thinks the farmers would do well to cultivate the grass.

—Rev. C. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, and his three children, little Misses Wilma, Margaret and Kathleen, will leave this evening for Gastonia, and thence Mr. Durham will go to Philadelphia to attend the convention of the Baptist World Alliance, which holds its triennial convention there from the 19th to the 25th inst. The children will remain in Gastonia with their grandmother Mrs. Moore during Mr. Durham's absence.

—Dr. W. L. Grantham is moving today from the office he has occupied over Mr. J. P. McNeill's store to two office rooms he has had fitted up in the Waverly hotel building, in rear of the Lumberton drug store, in the old Lumberton Cotton Mills office, which was later a barber shop. This has been divided into 3 rooms, 2 of which Dr. Grantham will use and the other the Lumberton Drug Co. will use. It has been connected with the Lumberton drug store.

—Mrs. Jno. T. Biggs underwent an operation at the Thompson hospital a few days ago and is getting along nicely. Miss Mildred McIntyre and Mr. Shepard Nash, who underwent operations for appendicitis Monday, are getting along well. Miss Gladys Barnes, stenographer at the First National Bank, has typhoid fever and was taken to the hospital this morning. Mrs. Maggie Murray of Barnesville was brought to the hospital yesterday suffering with typhoid. Miss Ethel Godwin of Dillon, S. C., was brought to the hospital this morning for treatment.