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## ANTIOCH ANNUAL PICNIC.

**Will be Held Saturday, July 1—Refuse to Change Date—A Custom for More Than Seventy Years—A Difference of Opinion About the Philadelphia Picnic—Personal.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Antioch, June 20.—Like the laws of the Medes and Persians, these Antioch folks decided Sunday by a popular vote that under no consideration save a Providential reason would they postpone their annual picnic from Saturday, July 1st, to July 8th. There were some who for various reasons preferred a change, but we were in a hopeless minority. It has been a custom for more than 70 years for these Scotchmen to meet here the 1st Saturday in July and have an all-day picnic, discuss their crops and various other subjects, while the Scotch lassies and lads possibly dwell "in futuro," and this year will be no exception. We are now glad ourselves it wasn't changed, because on Monday we received a letter from one of the most loyal Scots in America stating that nothing would give him greater pleasure than for him and his good wife to renew old acquaintances and friendships and of course form new ones, too, among the Scotch of upper Robeson and Hoke, but for reasons which he gave he was afraid he couldn't come. We don't know of a living man whose presence would be more appreciated at Antioch than the gentleman and his good wife to whom we refer. He added in his letter to your correspondent that he would try to arrange to be present. Now that the date is changed we are sure he can come and we want every Scotchman in upper Robeson and Hoke to be here and meet him. Many of them know him personally, all know of him. He was born and reared in what is now Hoke county. We are proud to claim him as a son of our county. We refer to Mr. A. W. McLean of Lumberton, the honored president of the Scottish Society of America, a man who has done more and is still doing more to preserve and hand down to future generations the distinct traits of those noble Scotch worthies who settled the Cape Fear section. Mr. McLean is now trying to get more information concerning his forefathers—the Scots—which he wishes to publish. We want every Scotchman who reads these lines to be at Antioch July 1. There is no special program for the day, there will be few if any addresses, and the day will be devoted to past reminiscences and future plans. Our urgent appeal to Scots doesn't mean to exclude or debar those who are not Scotch. They are good people and if they could have their say they would doubtless be full-fledged "Highlanders." We wish in this connection to return our most profound thanks and appreciation to our good friend Mr. A. W. McLean for a copy of that famous book "Flora McDonald in America." This is the first copy we have seen and we anticipate enjoying to the fullest a careful perusal of its pages and learn more of this noble heroine who was once a citizen for a while of the old North State. This book is dedicated by its author to Mr. Angus Wilton McLean.

Last week our people thought we had too much rain; now those same people say "we would like to see a shower, it would help crops." Crops in this community are doing nicely. Cotton, where it had to be planted over or replanted, will of course be late. We notice Patsey, whoever that person may be (he or she,) is still speaking of that Philadelphia picnic. She says none talked back at her except those who carried no dinner, etc., etc. Well, all we have to say is that (unlike Patsey says she fared) we got plenty to eat of the best there is and we haven't heard anyone complaining of being hungry except Patsey; and to quote from Patsey again (not literally,) "the hit one usually hollers." I was hit by Patsey for not carrying dinner, (she intimates) I yelled; now by the same reasoning she must have been hit by some one, because she was the first one who "hol-

## LUMBER BRIDGE BUDGET.

**A Business Deal—To Build Dormitory—A New Ginney—New Residence—Personal.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Lumber Bridge, June 21.—Miss Annie Bryant has returned to her home near Rowland after spending some time with Misses Nellie and Lonnie Bennett.

Mr. M. L. Marley has purchased N. Shaw & Co.'s stock of goods. His sons Messrs. D. S. and W. E. Marley have charge of the store. We wish for these young men much success.

Miss Essie Shaw is spending this week at Jonesboro with her brother Rev. A. W. Shaw.—Miss Lucy Sikes is visiting in Fayetteville.—Miss Sallie Price is visiting at the home of Mr. A. E. Conley.—Mr. H. M. John attended the Grand Lodge of K. of P. at Asheville last week.—Miss Emma Currie has returned from Florida, where she visited relatives.—Dr. Dunaway is attending the Baptist convention at Philadelphia.—Dr. Stamps is visiting in Raleigh.

Mr. Rowland Jones has purchased a lot and expects to erect a dormitory for the school soon. All are glad to know that Prof. H. B. Jones has decided to take charge of the Lumber Bridge high school next year.

Mr. L. L. Shaw is all smiles—it is a boy.

The Farmers Trading Co. is erecting a new ginney.

Dr. Stamps' residence, which was burned recently, is being rapidly replaced by a fine two-story building, under charge of Mr. Cooper of Red Springs.

## The Cotton Crop.

Mr. F. P. Humphrey, of Saddle Tree township, was a Lumberton visitor Monday and Tuesday and he talked interestingly about the cotton crop. He says that he has been recently pretty much over the section between Lumberton and St. Paul's, Lumber Bridge, Red Springs and Buie, and that from what he has been able to gather in those sections of the county about three-fourths of an average crop of cotton will be made. He arrives at his estimate in this way: he thinks that about half the crop was planted early and that that half will make a full crop; the remainder was planted late and did not come up until after the recent rains and will make only half a crop; so he judges that the entire crop will be about one-fourth short. Mr. Humphrey says that in his section of the county, Saddle Tree township, they estimate that the bulk of the crop is made generally during the month of July, and the cotton that was planted late did come up in time to "make" during that month. Some farmers have the best cotton-crop prospects they ever had, while others are off, so Mr. Humphrey thinks his estimate will hold good.

lared." Now as we've both been hit and both yelled, guess we had best drop the subject till the next picnic.

Mrs. M. A. Gaston of Greenville, S. C., who had been visiting her son Rev. V. R. Gaston, left Monday for her home.—Messrs. Earnest McPhaul, David Hodgins and John Brown were visitors at Red Springs Sunday evening.—Mr. S. E. Martin of Lumber Bridge spent Sunday with relatives at Antioch.—Mr. Murdock McDonald, that loyal Robesonian who is now a son of Hoke, returned Sunday from several days trip to Jacksonville and St. Augustine, Fla. He reports a most pleasant trip.

We hear that there will soon be heard the merry chanting of the wedding bells out Antioch way. This is what Madam Rumor informs us and she said she heard it from Cupid himself. Time reveals all secrets, even the secrets of two hearts, so we shall have to wait her bidding for confirmation.

[We've been promising ourselves the pleasure of attending the annual picnic at Antioch, but it looks like we've got to miss it again. If we can get back in time from the Press convention at Lenoir we certainly intend to be there, but we're afraid we can't do it. Hard luck for us.—Editor.]

## TAR HEEL TOPICS.

**Protracted Meeting and Children's Day in July—Among the Sick—Stranded Steamer Off—Laying by Corn—Personal.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Tar Heel, June 20.—Miss Fannie Bell Munn of Wilmington is visiting her mother, Mrs. Daniel Munn.—Mrs. W. L. Brady and little daughter, of Berwick, spent last Saturday in town visiting relatives.—Mr. Elias Monroe spent last Sunday near Elise.—Messrs. R. M. Hurt and Lee White visited near White Oak recently.—Mr. I. E. Brady was in Hope Mills last Saturday on business.—Mr. S. F. Cain was in Lumberton one day last week on business.

Our protracted meeting will begin Monday after the 3rd Sunday in July. We do not know yet who will assist our pastor, but we do hope for a real revival.

Mrs. White and children of Fairmont visited here recently.—Mr and Mrs. Raymond Melvin passed through town recently on their way to Mr. Melvin's mother's near White Oak.

Children's Day will be the 5th Sunday in July. Everybody is invited to come. We have some real smart children and are sure it will be nice. We expect some able speakers and we wish we could secure more. "Happy Jack," come and speak for us. We would be just tickled to hear you speak.

Mr. Rowland Carrol attended Children's Day at Ten Mile last Sunday.—Messrs. Alex. Burney and Edgar Bryant of White Oak were in town Sunday afternoon.—Miss Zara Shaw and brother, of Elkton, were in this neighborhood last Monday.

We are sorry to report Miss Mary A. Melvin on the sick list. Hope she will soon be out again.—Little Rubie Monroe, we are sorry to report, is on the sick list. Hope she will soon recover. Also Mrs. David Jordan and Miss Lydia Munn are said to be very unwell. Hope they will soon regain their health.

We were all pleased to hear the steamer "City of Fayetteville" blow her great whistle Saturday, as she had been stranded several miles down the river for three weeks. We only had one small boat operating from Roberson Bros' landing to Willis creek hauling light cargoes of confectioneries, fruit, etc.

We had a fine rain last Monday afternoon. The farmers are laying by their corn.

"Blue Eyes"

## Mr. Ira Wilkins Kills a 'Gator.

Mr. Ira Wilkins of Bellamy was in town Tuesday and he told about a gator hunt he took a few days ago. He shot and killed an alligator in Warwick's mill pond, near Bellamy. Its length was 7 feet 1 inch, and he judges that it weighed about 200 pounds. Mr. Wilkins started to drag the 'gator out of the swamp but it was too much of a load and he gave it up. He bethought him, though, that folks might doubt his veracity if he told about it without some proof, so he cut off a foot and carried it along with him. This foot weighed two pounds. Later he and some of his friends went back to the swamp and hauled the 'gator out.

## The Increase in The Tax Levy.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

The announcement that the tax levy is to be increased this year from 88 cents to 95 cents, or net increase of 7 cents on the \$100.00, is doubtless a great disappointment to the people of the county and is especially disappointing to those who have advocated a true valuation of property and then a lower tax rate.

Wouldn't it be a good idea for the whole county to get together at Lumberton on some day and protest or approve this increased levy? This is simply a suggestion and I feel sure it will bring some public expression.

Subscriber.

Three aviators were killed Sunday shortly after 50 aeroplanist, started from Vincennes, France, on the first stage of a European circuit race which calls for a flight to London and return, with stops at various points going and returning.

## TOWN AFFAIRS.

**H. B. Jennings Elected Town Commissioner to Fill Unexpired Term of J. Howard Morrison, Who Resigns—Matter of Public Toilets Up to Merchants—Fire Limit Extended—Other Matters.**

At a meeting of the town commissioners Tuesday night Mr. J. Howard Morrison, who was elected in May for a term of two years as commissioner, resigned and the board elected H. B. Jennings to fill out the unexpired term. Mr. Morrison was elected rather against his will and does not feel that he has the time to devote to the work.

The fire limit was ordered extended 108 feet east from Chestnut street between Third and Fifth streets. This includes Mr. Frank Gough's residence, the stables occupied by the Dees brothers, Mr. W. I. Linkhaw's lot between his new sales stables and Chestnut street, where he will erect brick store buildings, and the residence occupied by Mr. C. B. Redmond.

Mr. Richard Murphy, plumber for the McAllister Hdw. Co., submitted an estimate of \$103.10 as the cost of installing five public toilets in rear of the fire house at the foot of Fourth street. This matter is to be submitted to the merchants of the town, who are to be allowed to build and maintain these toilets at their own expense.

It was ordered that no train be allowed to stand longer than 5 minutes at any public crossing. Mr. G. M. Whitfield appeared before the board with the request that a sewer line be built from the line which stops near the corner of Fourth and Pine streets to Fourth and Walnut, in order to connect four houses on Fourth, between Walnut and Pine, belonging to Dr. J. W. Griffith. The matter was referred to Supt. W. G. Pittman, of the power plant, and yesterday Mr. Whitfield, as agent for Dr. Griffith, agreed to put in the line himself.

Supt. Pittman was authorized to allow \$5 paid by the McAllister Hdw. Co. as plumbing license for a Mr. Higgins, a former employe, to apply on the license of Richard Murphy.

## Cotton Blossoms a Plenty.

In Monday's Robesonian the first cotton blossom for this section was reported, brought in by Mr. W. C. Powell of Orrum. Since then several have brought in blossoms and it seems that they are now plentiful. Tuesday Mr. George Wishart, who lives on rural route 3 from Lumberton, about 3 miles from town, brought a blossom to this office; on the same day Mr. W. H. Bullock, of route 5 from Lumberton, was in town and said that he had plenty of blossoms; also on the same day J. M. Hill, colored, brought in two blossoms while the office force was out, but he did not indicate where they were raised. Yesterday morning's mail brought blossoms from Mr. S. B. Williams, found on his farm at Buie, and Mr. F. L. Floyd, Orrum. Also yesterday Mr. E. Odum brought in a blossom found on the farm of his son Mr. W. C. Odum, of Raft Swamp township, and Mr. Warren Davis brought in a blossom plucked Tuesday from the farm of Mr. Edmund Davis, Raft Swamp township. Mr. Davis said the blossom he brought was from a stalk that was beaten down to the ground on Sunday, the 11th inst., by a hail storm. Mrs. Agnes E. Edmund, who lives just on the edge of Lumberton, sent in a blossom yesterday, and says she has several on her farm.

## Church Services Sunday.

East Lumberton Baptist—Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor, Rev. J. M. Fleming; subject, "New Testament Tongues."

Methodist—Preaching, 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m., by the pastor, Rev. E. M. Hoyle. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

First Baptist—Pastor, Rev. C. H. Durham, attending Baptist convention in Philadelphia. No preaching announced. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

Presbyterian—Preaching, 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m., by Rev. J. D. A. Brown, Aberdeen. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

## Fourth of July Celebration Proposed.

The meeting of merchants that was to have been held Monday night to discuss a Fourth of July celebration was not held on account of the weather, but a meeting was held Tuesday morning and Mr. W. P. McAllister, president of the Merchants Association, was asked to appoint a committee to see all the merchants of the town, get their views as to the form the celebration should take, and solicit funds. Mr. McAllister appointed Messrs. A. W. Peace, E. B. McMillan and W. K. Bethune and this committee will make a canvass this afternoon. The time is short, but the business men of Lumberton have an enviable record for doing things on short notice and if it decided to celebrate the Fourth it will be done in proper style and the celebration will be worth coming to town to participate in. Definite announcement will be made in Monday's Robesonian.

## Hen Lays an Egg Ready to Hatch.

Dr. Rowland Dees brought to The Robesonian office yesterday morning an egg that was laid only the day before and that was all ready to hatch. It was found by Mrs. Dees yesterday morning at their home on Cedar street. She gathers up the eggs every day and there is no doubt that this egg was laid the day before. The "forrard" end of this egg was sorter sad looking—it was sunken and looked rotten at that point, and was pipped—and a tiny near-leather protruded. It did not take any great stretch, looking at that egg, to imagine that one could hear a biddy "peep-peep." When the egg was broken the biddy was found to be not quite able to walk forth. It gave one gasp and keeled over, poor thing. It must have been an absent-minded hen that laid that egg. She probably intended to lay it some weeks ago.

## Important Real Estate Deal.

Mr. A. W. McLean has purchased the life interest of Mrs. Edna G. Griffith, of Greensboro, in the property occupied by Mr. C. M. Fuller and others on Second and Elm streets. This is a desirable piece of property with a frontage of 216 feet on Elm street and the same on Second street. Mr. Geo. M. Whitfield handled the deal, which was made Tuesday.

## Pullman Accommodations to Wilmington.

Beginning yesterday, the Seaboard began full Pullman service between Charlotte and Wilmington. Either a berth in a sleeper or a seat in a chair car will be available to passengers between these two points. This is a great improvement that will add greatly to the comfort of people in this section in going to either Charlotte or Wilmington.

—Work has been begun on a new water tank at the Seaboard station, near the old tank.

—P. J. Faircloth, of Howellsville, was tried before Mayor White Monday on a charge of drunkenness. He submitted and was fined \$2.50 and taxed with the cost.

—The management of the moving picture show will give away another free ticket to-night for The Robesonian excursion, which will be run Thursday of next week. A seat will be designated as the "lucky seat" and the person occupying that seat will be the winner. The pictures are always good and somebody is going to get a free trip to Wilmington. Better go.

Mr. J. H. McLean, of Bellamy, was a Lumberton visitor for a short while this morning.

Mr. J. P. Russell and family returned Monday evening from Augusta, Ga., where they spent some time on a visit to relatives and friends. Mr. Russell and family came here from Augusta.

## Middle Aged and Elderly People

Joe Foley Kidney Pills for quick and permanent results in all cases of kidney and bladder troubles, and for painful annoying irregularities. J. D. McMillan & Son.

## LOCAL BRIEFS

—License has been issued for the marriage of Breant Meachum and Knox Herring.

—Mr. A. W. McLean has just placed on guard on the lawn in front of his palatial residence on Chestnut street a couple of brave lions, and a beautiful fountain, which will soon be playing, has been placed farther out on the lawn, in front of the lions.

—Work was resumed yesterday on the new Methodist church, Walnut and Eighth streets, and it will be pushed now to completion. Messrs. Blythe & Isenhour of Charlotte have the contract, which they have sub-let to Mr. J. A. Jenkins, a contractor of Charlotte.

—Mr. Raymond Thompson, a student at the North Carolina Medical College, Charlotte, and who has been doing work in the Crowell Sanitarium at Charlotte since school closed a few weeks ago for the summer vacation, came home last evening to spend a few days.

—The annual election of officers of St. Alban's Lodge No. 114, A. F. and A. M., was had Tuesday night with the following result: Chas. P. McAllister, W. M.; J. D. Proctor, S. W.; G. E. Rancke, Jr., J. W.; E. J. Britt, treasurer; Dr. N. A. Thompson, secretary. These officers will be installed at the next regular meeting, which will be held two weeks from last Tuesday evening.

—Mr. Gilbert C. White of Durham, a consulting engineer, will be in Lumberton tomorrow night for the purpose of appearing before the town commissioners in regard to the paving of Elm street from the Seaboard right of way to Sixth street. Mr. White is an expert consulting engineer who undertakes to see that the work of the paving company to which the contract may be let is properly done.

—Mr. W. T. Sanderson, who lives in the eastern portion of town, was in The Robesonian office yesterday and said that it was his pleasure to spend a night recently at the home of Mr. W. M. Sweet, who lives about 5 miles east of town on Jackson swamp, and that Mr. Sweet told him about killing a rattlesnake some days ago that was a full-grown one. The snake was 5½ feet long and had 21 rattles and a button.

—Mr. F. P. Gray and his bride, who was Miss Van Lillian Bruton of Fayetteville, returned Tuesday night from their wedding trip to points in the North and are at home at the home of Mrs. Essie McLean, on North Elm street. Mr. and Mrs. Gray were married in Fayetteville on the 6th. They visited Washington, New York city, Niagara Falls, Buffalo, N. Y., Toronto, Canada, returned by boat from New York to Norfolk, and visited at the home of Mr. Gray's parents in Suffolk, Va.

—The Standard Oil wagon used to distribute oil over the county from Lumberton, headquarters, and driven by Mr. Otty Stone, broke through the bridge across Jacob swamp at Mr. Jake Thompson's Tuesday morning about 9 o'clock en route to Rowland. The wagon was well loaded with oil and was pulled by four mules. One of the mules was right much hurt, though it is not thought to be serious. The sleepers gave way just as the wagon covered the bridge. Mr. Stone unhitched his mules and went in search of help and succeeded in getting the wagon out about 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

—Charlotte Observer, 20th:—Mr. Hector McLean, president of the Bank of Robeson and also president of the Maxton commercial club, passed through the city last night en route to Kanuga Lake to attend the State bankers' convention. Mr. McLean says the new home for the Bank of Robeson will be completed by August 1. The building is a two-story triangular one of a rather flatiron architecture, which will be somewhat unique and new for this section. The bank is a young institution and much credit is due its officers for its splendid substantial growth. The new home will cost upwards of \$12,000.