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## ROBESON'S TAX VALUES.

Total Valuation of Listed Property \$16,858,216, a Considerable Increase Over Last Year Notwithstanding Loss of Part That Goes to Hoke—Total Tax of \$169,140.17.

County Auditor A. T. Parmele has just completed the report which he will make to the county commissioners at their regular meeting on the first Monday in December. This report will be published in full later, but items of special interest are given below.

The total valuation of property listed for taxation in Robeson county for 1910 was \$15,546,459. Hoke county was formed by the last Legislature from parts of Robeson and Cumberland counties and it took from Robeson 556 polls and taxable property valued at \$916,924, on the 1910 valuation, reducing that valuation for Robeson to \$14,629,535.

Returns for 1911 show the following listed: 7,158 polls; 549,315 acres of farm lands, valued at \$5,306,888; timber acres, 95,034, valued at \$297,605; number of town lots, 3,573, valued at \$76,787; total value of real estate \$7,481,280; personal property, \$4,811,668; total value of real and personal property, \$12,292,948. To this must be added railroads and corporations, \$3,939,861; bank stock, \$447,167; building and loan associations, \$28,446; corporation excess, \$149,789. Total valuation of listed property, \$16,858,216.

The last Legislature increased the school tax 2 cents and by special act gave the road commissioners of Robeson power to increase road tax to 25 cents—it was formerly 20 cents—an increase of 7 cents, making the rate this year 95 cents, as against 88 cents last year. At this rate Robeson collects for taxes: State fund, \$31,591.33; school polls, \$8,804.34; school property, \$33,716.44; county fund, \$38,011.25; road fund, \$47,514.04; court house bond and pension funds, \$3,801.12 each; funding bonds, \$1,901.56—making a total tax of \$169,140.17.

This shows an increase of \$2,228,681 over the tax valuation for 1910—a considerable increase. It does not include, of course, value of unlisted property, which will increase the total by some \$300,000. There are 47 special school tax districts in the county, and this amounts to more than \$25,000.

In spite of the efforts at equalization, there are some glaring inequalities, land in some townships being listed at about twice the listed value in some other townships where the real value is about the same. If property were listed for taxation at its real value the tax rate could be reduced at least one half.

Mr. Parmele, who was one of the commissioners appointed on the part of Robeson to adjust tax values with Hoke—Mr. M. L. Marley being the other—points out in this report that no man has yet been made showing the boundaries between Hoke and Robeson. A few men know approximately how the lines run, but there is nothing to show definitely.

## Down The Long Branch Road.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Lumberton, R. F. D. 4, Nov. 21—The farmers are still trying to get their cotton picked, paying 75 cents per hundred and can't get it picked at that.

Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth filled his regular appointment here Sunday, and preached a good sermon. Mr. Williams Barnes and daughter, Miss Hattie, attended preaching here Sunday, also Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Britt—Messrs. Arch and Ellis Branch were visitors in these parts Sunday.

There was a corn shucking at Mr. W. R. Powell's Friday night.

It looks like one of the Long Branch widows and one of the Smryna widows are going to have the wedding bells ringing soon.

Let every body remember the Wednesday night prayer meetings and come.

## Little Red Riding Hood.

Miss Emma Norment and nephew, Master Truman Parmele, are spending today in Wilmington.

## DR. J. C. MCKENZIE PASSES.

End Came Monday Afternoon, Following a Stroke of Paralysis Last Thursday—Funeral and Interment at St. Paul.

Dr. J. C. McKenzie, whose critical illness was mentioned in Monday's Robesonian, died Monday afternoon about 5 o'clock at the home of his brother, Mr. M. G. McKenzie, with whom he had lived for the last two years. He suffered a stroke of total paralysis last Thursday night, after which he never spoke or regained consciousness. After a brief service Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock at the home of Mr. M. G. McKenzie, Elm street, conducted by Rev. R. E. Steele, pastor of the deceased, the remains were taken to St. Paul, where, at 11 o'clock, in the Presbyterian church, the funeral was preached by Rev. A. C. Dixon of Red Springs, a former pastor of the deceased, being assisted in the services by Rev. Mr. Steele and Rev. J. McI. Wicker, the latter being pastor of the Presbyterian church at St. Paul, and interment was made in the church cemetery by the side of his second wife, who died in 1904 and whose maiden name was Janie Sinclair. The pall-bearers, active, were: Messrs. Alf H. McLeod, D. K. Gregory, H. M. McAllister, J. P. Russell, T. A. McNeill, Jr., and W. K. Bethune; honorary, J. A. McAllister, A. W. McLean, A. Nash, C. B. Skipper, R. D. Caldwell and Geo. M. Whitfield. The remains were taken to St. Paul on the regular train, leaving here at 10 a. m., and those who attended the funeral from Lumberton returned at 2 o'clock in the afternoon on a special train. Among the floral designs was a beautiful one sent by the Lumberton Presbyterian Sunday school, of which deceased was a member.

Dr. McKenzie was born and reared in Moore county, near Jackson Springs. He was born the 6th of July, 1847, and was, therefore, 64 years old. He was graduated at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa., in 1874, immediately after which he began the practice of his profession at Jackson Springs. He practiced there about two years and thence he went to Mt. Gilead, thence to Gibson, and thence to Tatum, S. C. He practiced at Tatum for about 20 years. From Tatum he went to Parkton, thence to Barnesville and from Barnesville to Lumberton. He is survived by one daughter, Miss Sadie, 10 years old, and two brothers, Mr. M. G. McKenzie of Lumberton and Mr. Daniel McKenzie of Jackson Springs.

## Lumberton Classes in Voice Culture

Reported for The Robesonian

Prof. J. McCombie Murray, who has been actively engaged in teaching voice culture in speech and song during the past four months in Maxton, gave his first few lessons in the Sunday school room of the First Baptist church on Tuesday afternoon. Prof. Murray is a Scotchman by birth, of university education and with honorable record in the Royal Academy of Music, and the London College of Music, London, England, having been appointed representative for Philadelphia in the local examinations of the latter college during past years. He also acted as assistant demonstrator for Dean William Hallock of Columbia University when he and Dr. Floyd S. Muckey, a New York throat specialist, were holding scientific demonstrations of voice photography and scientific voice production, now attracting universal attention. Prof. Murray will visit Lumberton twice a week, Tuesdays and Fridays, as arranged for the present, and will be found at the church Sunday school room on the days mentioned.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson says that more modern and up-to-date machinery has been purchased by farmers during the past year than during any previous year, indicating not only prosperity but alertness to seize upon every means to increase the yield per acre and preserve the soil. Reports show that the sales to Southern farmers have been enormous, greater than in any other section of the country.

## RED SPRINGS REVIEWS.

In Social Circles—A Treat for Music Lovers—Death of Mrs. John Throver—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Red Springs, Nov. 20—Mrs. A. T. McCallum entertained at a tea Monday afternoon in honor of Mesdames Bartram Robeson and William Martin. The beautiful home was decorated for the occasion with autumn leaves and chrysanthemums. The guests were met at the door by Miss Annie Bell Williams and Mrs. McCallum received in the parlor, introducing the honor guests. The dining room was softly lighted by shaded candles, and a beautiful bouquet of chrysanthemums formed the centerpiece for the table. Delicious salad and coffee and mints were served by Misses Williams and McMillan. At six o'clock the guests reluctantly departed thanking their gracious hostess for such a pleasant afternoon.

Mrs. W. J. Martin and children of Davidson are guests at the home of Mrs. Martin's brother, Dr. C. G. Vardell.

Monday evening the music-lovers of our town had the pleasure of hearing two good vocalists in the persons of Miss Sauer and Mr. Devereaux of Boston, Mass. The program was a varied one—songs both old and modern, and even a few negro songs. Mr. Devereaux has a rich voice which covers a wide range. His low notes were exceptionally good. The negro melodies were exceptionally well rendered and were much enjoyed. Miss Sauer has a well-trained soprano voice of great depth and sweetness. She sang several selections from recent operas, among the number the song "Madame Butterfly." Miss Levin played the accompaniments and these were beautifully rendered. Quite a large audience was present to enjoy the music.

We are sorry to report the sudden death of Mrs. John Throver, which occurred at the home of her father, Mr. J. S. Jones, Tuesday night. It was a sudden death and came as a great and crushing shock to her family and friends. Mrs. Throver had scores of friends here and elsewhere who are terribly grieved over her death. Her remains were interred in the cemetery here Wednesday at eleven o'clock, the funeral services conducted by her pastor, Rev. S. A. Cotton, assisted by Dr. C. G. Vardell. The sympathy of the entire community is with the sorrowing husband and sorely bereaved parents, brother and sister.

Mrs. B. F. McMillan spent Tuesday in Fayetteville shopping. Miss Mary Johnson entertained the college faculty and many friends from town at a delightful tea Friday afternoon from four to six in honor of Mesdames Robeson and Martin. The college parlors were beautifully decorated for the occasion and Miss Johnson entertained her guests in her usual charming, gracious manner.

Mrs. W. J. Johnson and daughter, Miss Ethel, spent Tuesday in Fayetteville. Mrs. H. M. Dixon and children, Sara and Paul, are visiting relatives in McColl S. C.—Mr. and Mrs. Jackson and Miss Irene Muse, of Norfolk, Va., are visiting relatives in town.—Mr. Charles Roach, of Dillon S. C. is the guest of his aunt Mrs. Singleton for a few days this week.—Miss Virginia McKay of Maxton, visited Miss Anna de Vane some time ago.—Mrs. Phifer of Memphis, Tenn., is the guest of Mrs. Dew for several days.

Mr. W. J. Council has purchased a beautiful new touring car. This is quite an addition to the automobiles of our town, as it is a large and attractive one.

Alleging that when he retired from office in 1908 several thousand dollars in State funds were not fully accounted for, suit was filed in the chancery court of Hinds county, Miss., on the 18th seeking to have former Governor, now United States Senator, James K. Vardaman, make explanation. The bill alleges that the former Governor made overcharges and double charges in rendering expense accounts for visits to State institutions and that public moneys and his private bank accounts were mixed.

## JOSEPH PEARSON CALDWELL PASSES.

For Many Years Editor of The Charlotte Observer—One of South's Most Capable Editors—Died Wednesday Morning at Morganton—Funeral Arrangements.

Morganton Special, 22, to Raleigh News and Observer.

Death as peaceful as was the life brought to a close descended upon Mr. Joseph Pearson Caldwell, many years editor of the Charlotte Observer, who died this morning at 5:30 o'clock, at the home of Dr. John Campbell, superintendent of the State Hospital here, where Mr. Caldwell had been since he suffered a second stroke of paralysis in June 1909. He reached the end of life's journey in his 59th year, having been born in Statesville, N. C., June 16, 1853.

The funeral of Mr. Caldwell will be conducted at the First Presbyterian church at Statesville Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The services will be in charge of Rev. C. E. Raynall, pastor of the church, who will be assisted by Mr. Archibald Johnson, editor of Charity and Children; Rev. P. R. Law, editor of The Presbyterian Standard, and Rev. Plato T. Durham, presiding elder of the Winston District of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and who was formerly connected with the Observer.

A special train leaving Charlotte at 1:30 tomorrow will carry a large crowd to the funeral.

## AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Organization of Robeson County Agricultural Society Merely Postponed—Will be a Live Number Soon.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

Rally day, the 10th, was so full of marching and speech-making there was no time left to organize the Robeson Agriculture Society, and for the further reason, on account of the very disagreeable weather a full delegation of prominent farmers from all sections of the county were not present. It was agreed by the few who assembled to postpone the organization to some date in the not distant future. Many of the prominent farmers present Friday gave the proposed enterprise their most enthusiastic support. Also Gov. Kitchin and Congressman Godwin expressed the opinion that such an organization would not only be one of the very best means of advertising this, the greatest agriculture county in the State, but be a tremendous incentive all along the agriculture line, as well as being a good investment for the stockholders. We already have letters from prominent citizens of the county saying that they stand ready to do anything in their power to help Robeson county in this or any other worthy enterprise. So don't think the proposition is either dropped, dead or dying, but a day soon will be named for the organization to be had during the winter, and the enterprise will be walking on strong legs throughout the county before the dogwoods blossom again.

## Barnesville Batch.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Barnesville, Nov. 20—A good many of the cotton patches are whiter than ever since the frost has come and killed the leaves, while some others are looking dark with the burrs which have been picked.

Mr. Roland Stephens of Mt. Elham was in this part last week.

Mrs. A. C. Kellham of Waycross, Ga., spent a week or two in this part. She returned home last week.

Mrs. Maud Sealy who has been confined to her bed for some time, is just a little better. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Uncle Pete.

Dr. W. A. McPhaul returned this morning from Mobile, Ala., where he and Mrs. McPhaul and their son, Master W. A. Jr., went some days ago on a visit to Dr. McPhaul's mother, Mrs. A. E. McPhaul. Mrs. McPhaul and Master W. A., Jr., are still at Mobile where they will remain for a week or so.

## UP ST. PAUL WAY.

Cotton Fields Still White—A New Residence—Roads Neglected in the Country—"Aunt Becky's" "Possum Hunt" Matched.

Correspondence of The Robesonian

St. Paul, R. F. D. 1, Nov. 20—The fields are still white with the large crop of cotton and very little being picked in this section. Most everybody have their sweet potatoes stored away now and all that I have seen are nice ones better than was expected during the dry weather.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Townsend and little daughter, of St. Paul, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Townsend's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Broadwell.—Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Humphrey and sister, Mrs. Carrie Hedgpeth, spent Sunday p. m. at the home of Mr. W. J. Johnson.—Dr. T. L. Northrop and Mr. Turner Webb of St. Paul were in this section a while Monday morning. Mr. John Harrel of Rozier spent Saturday night at the home of his daughter Mrs. C. D. Johnson, returning home Sunday—Messrs. Ira and Rollen Davis of Raft Swamp spent Saturday night at the home of their uncle Mr. James Johnson, and attended preaching at Great Marsh Sunday.

Rev. E. O. Johnson filled his appointment at Zion Hill Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. C. D. Johnson, who has been sick with diphtheria, is well again, we are glad to report.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Throver and little son spent Sunday p. m. at the home of Mrs. Throver's father, Mr. J. H. McDonald, near Rozier.

Mr. W. J. Johnson has his new residence completed and ready for rent. It is a nice little cottage.

Rev. E. L. Weston filled his regular appointment at Great Marsh Saturday and Sunday. His subject Sunday was, "Will a man rob God?" and on Saturday it was the parable of the sower. Both sermons were strong and to the point, as his sermons always are.

There has been lots of talk about how well the roads are kept up in Robeson county. I want to say they are kept up in good fix near the towns and villages, but out in the country there is not any work done, only fixing the bridges. The road across Big Marsh has had no work done on it in about three years, and then it was very little. It is a shame for the country people to have to pay taxes to keep up roads and then have no advantage of it.

"Aunt Becky," we all enjoyed your last letter to the dear old paper, The Robesonian. You spoke of going opossum hunting when you were a girl. One of my sisters and I went coon hunting one night with brother. We tramped around for quite a while and went in the swamp where it was real thick and found in a large gum tree a large opossum. We girls were then tired of the hunt so brother gave us the game and we came home tired and with our shoes snagged to ruin. That was my last hunt and I have never wanted to go any more.

It will not be long until Thanksgiving and we all have something to be thankful for.

Hazel Eyes.

## Long Branch Locals.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Lumberton, R. F. D. 4, Nov. 19—Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth filled his appointments here Saturday and Sunday and preached two good sermons to large crowds. The Baraca class is coming on fine.

Mr. Williams Barnes and daughter, Hattie, of East Lumberton attended preaching here Sunday.—Mrs. W. S. Britt of Lumberton spent Sunday here with home folks.—Miss Emma Britt of Mt. Elham spent Sunday here with a friend.

Brown Eyes.

There is little danger from a cold or from an attack of the grip except when followed by pneumonia, and this never happens when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is used. This remedy has won its great reputation and extensive sale by its remarkable cures of colds and grip and can be relied upon with implicit confidence. For sale by all dealers.

## LOCAL BRIEFS

—Mr. Geo. M. Whitefield has purchased from Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Cox a vacant lot on Elm street. The papers were passed yesterday.

—License have been issued for the marriage of Lonnie Adams and Jno. W. Jones; Flora A. McPhaul and D. S. McLean; Janie Capps and S. W. Britt.

—Mr. W. H. Humphrey received a telegram this morning from Maxton to the effect that Mr. Make A. McRae, who lived near Maxton, died this morning at 6 o'clock.

—Mr. Wiley C. Barnes, of Wilson, has accepted a position as stenographer with the law firm of Messrs. McLean, Varner & McLean. He began work Monday.

—Mr. Clemson M. Thompkins, of Baltimore, Md., is a new stenographer in the Lumberton Cotton Mill office. He arrived Sunday and began work Monday.

—Sunday morning at the Presbyterian church immediately after the morning services there will be a congressional meeting for the election of officers, and a full attendance is desired.

—John Purcell and wife, colored, were before Mayor White Tuesday on charges of retailing and John was bound to court in a \$100 bond, in default of which he was sent to jail. Judgment was suspended as to his wife.

—Capt. J. M. Wales, of the Salvation Army, Charlotte, will conduct a service at the Chestnut Street Methodist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and at the Presbyterian church in the afternoon at 4 o'clock and in the evening at the Gospel Tabernacle.

—Andrew Hamer, colored, was placed in jail here yesterday by Frank Anderson, township constable from Rowland, on a charge of burglary. Hamer was tried Tuesday before Justice A. T. McKellar of Rowland and was committed to jail without bail. When arrested Hamer tried to escape and was shot by the officer and is said to be in a critical condition.

—The court house square presents a much more attractive appearance since shrubbery has been set out, grass sown and the ground leveled off, and it will be a place of beauty when the grass comes up next spring. A drain pipe has been put in for the pump that stands on the south side of the court house, and that helps, too, for it kept the sidewalk constantly wet as it was.

—Mr. E. E. Page, one of the hustling local insurance agents who does business in a hurry, has made settlement with the beneficiary of a policy held in the LaFayette Mutual Life Insurance Co., of Fayetteville, by Fannie Oxendine, Indian, who died on the 10th instant at her home in Pembroke. The policy was for \$250 and a check for the face of the policy was made out on the 15th instant.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Baxley, of Rozier, were in town yesterday and they told of a rather unusual occurrence, which happened at their home Monday when a hawk, in an effort to catch a bird, flew against their son, Master Braudis, and broke its wing. Braudis was in the field picking cotton, stooping down between the rows, and hearing a noise stood up and was struck by the hawk. He caught the hawk and killed it.

Richard Britt in Jail on a Serious Charge.

Richard Britt, who lives near McDonald, was arrested here on the streets Tuesday night by night Policeman Joe Stone for being drunk and placed in jail. Yesterday morning before Britt could be given a hearing in the mayor's court his wife was in town and had a warrant issued for him on the charge of criminally assaulting his 13 year old step daughter. From information obtainable it looks like the case is going to develop into a pretty bad affair. The time for a preliminary hearing has not yet been set. Britt is still in jail.