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## SHERIFF F. J. FLOYD PASSES.

**Died at Home Here This Morning—Funeral Tomorrow Morning From First Baptist Church—At One Time Sheriff of Robeson.**

Ex Sheriff F. J. Floyd died this morning at 6:30 o'clock at his home, Third and Walnut streets. Sheriff Floyd had been in bad health for a year or more but had not been confined to his room much of the time, therefore his death comes as a great shock and surprise to many. He was taken worse than usual Thursday night, but was able to be down town Saturday. The funeral will be conducted tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock, or immediately after the arrival of Seaboard passenger train No. 40, due at 9:58 a. m., from the First Baptist church, of which deceased was a member, by the pastor, Rev. C. H. Durham, and the interment will be in Meadow Brook cemetery. Sheriff Floyd was a Mason and the members of the local lodge of Masons are requested to meet at the lodge room at 10:30 o'clock to attend the funeral in a body.

Deceased is survived by one daughter, Miss Pearl Floyd, and five brothers—Messrs. Gaston, Preston, Spurgeon, and Weldon Floyd, all of Fairmont, and Obery Floyd, of Brooklet, Ga.—and two sisters—Mrs. W. A. Bethae, of Birmingham, Ala., and Mrs. Amanda Pittman, of Lumberton. Sheriff Floyd was 67 years old and was a veteran, having enlisted as a soldier when but 16 years old. He served the county as sheriff for seven years some years ago.

## Death of Mr. Alexander McKenzie of Rowland.

Mr. Alexander McKenzie, 83 years old, died at his home in Rowland this morning at 2 o'clock. He was confined to his bed only about a week and death was due principally to old age. Deceased is survived by his wife and three children—Misses Kate and Mary Belle and Mr. Angus D., all of Rowland. The funeral will take place from the residence tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock and interment will be made at Lebanon Presbyterian church, of which deceased was an elder, near Red Banks.

## Presbyterian Church Officers Elected.

At a congregational meeting of the Presbyterian church held yesterday immediately after the morning service officers were elected as follows: Elders, ex-Judge T. A. McNeill, Messrs. M. G. McKenzie and J. P. Russell; deacons, Messrs. T. C. Evans, John S. McNeill and W. K. Bethune. The old members of the two boards who will continue to serve—the new officers only increasing the numbers—are as follows: Elders, Messrs. J. A. McAllister and Abner Nash; deacons, A. W. McLean, H. M. McAllister and Alf H. McLeod.

## A Shooting Scrape at McDonald.

As the result of a shooting scrape at McDonald Saturday afternoon Walter Whitaker, colored, was brought to jail here yesterday with his left hand badly shot up and Aaron Lewis, also colored, is at his home near McDonald with a bullet wound through his back and in a critical condition. A gambling party that broke up in a row, it seems, it happened on Joe Parker's place, in woods. Lewis used a shotgun and Whitaker used a pistol. Drs. W. A. McPhaul and H. T. Pope amputated the index finger on Whitaker's wounded hand yesterday.

## Superior Court Next Week.

A two-weeks' term of Robeson superior court for the trial of civil cases will convene Monday of next week, December 4. Judge Frank Carter of Asheville will preside. The calendar for this term was received too late for publication today but will be published in Thursday's paper. Judge Carter has announced that on Monday of each term hereafter court will convene at 10 o'clock a. m. and on all other days at 9:30 a. m., without regard to the schedule of trains.

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## WAGRAM NEWS NOTES.

**How to Save Cotton the Great Question—Death of Mr. R. M. Monroe—New Church—A Splendid Farming Section.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Wagram, Nov. 24—Mr. R. L. McMillan, principal, and Miss Mary P. Livingston, pupil in the Philadelphia high school, spent the week-end with home folks in the Riverton community.—Miss Nell Sugg of Holly Springs is visiting her sister Mrs. C. C. Maynard.

The cotton crop in this community this year is a record breaker. Not more than two-thirds of the crop has so far been gathered and the indications are that there will be a good deal of cotton in the fields after Christmas. With the farmers of Spring Hill township, the question is not so much how to make cotton as how to save it.

Ex-Judge T. A. McNeill of Lumberton has quite a number of friends in this community, who deeply sympathize with him and his bereaved family in the trying ordeal that they are now passing through.

Miss Maggie Wilkinson of Laurinburg was a recent visitor at the home of Mr. Charles Livingston.

The announcement last Sunday that Mr. R. M. Monroe of Laurel Hill township had passed away carried sadness to many hearts in Scotland county. The sympathy of a number of relatives and friends in this community goes out to the grief-stricken family.

Mrs. Alex. McKenzie, of the Philadelphia community, who is recovering from an attack of typhoid fever, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McMillan.—Mr. J. M. McLaughlin, a native of Spring Hill township but for several years a resident of Georgia, left a few days ago for his new home after an extended visit to relatives and friends in Robeson and Scotland counties. Mr. McLaughlin is well pleased with his adopted State but will always have a tender spot in his heart for Scotland, his old home county.—Mrs. Jack McGirt, who had been quite sick for some time, has greatly improved.—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. D. McNatt and two children, of Parkton, spent last Sunday at the home of Mr. Charles Livingston. Mr. McNatt was at one time a pupil in the Spring Hill academy and made many friends who are always glad to give him a hearty welcome.

The new Presbyterian church building at Wagram is nearly completed and will be ready for occupancy by January 1st. The building is brick and when completed will be a credit to the county. Dr. W. G. and Messrs. J. P. and Edwin Shaw and J. R. Bundy, spent a few hours last Sunday in the thriving town of Dillon, S. C. They were the guests while there of the family of Mr. E. D. McLean, a native Robesonian, who left Wagram last January to accept a responsible and lucrative position as superintendent of a 48 horse farm for Dr. J. H. David of Dillon, which position his friends will be glad to hear he is holding down to the satisfaction of his employer. The party went in Mr. J. P. Shaw's automobile and had a delightful trip, not an accident occurring to mar their pleasure. They passed through the McColl and Little Rock sections and never saw such fine farms and beautiful country residences. They are not surprised, after passing through that magnificent country, that farm lands in Marlboro and Dillon counties sell for two hundred dollars per acre.

## To Advertise Lumberton.

A representative of The Manufacturers' Record of Baltimore, a Mr. Spencer, is in town today conferring with prominent citizens in regard to taking an ad in The Record for the town. A half-page ad will cost \$80. Mayor White has agreed that the town will pay half of this amount, and the Industrial & Commercial Club will agree to pay the other half; so the advantages offered by Lumberton will be presented to the world in a half-page ad in this excellent medium for that purpose.

## GOOD ROADS TRAINS.

**To be Operated by the Atlantic Coast Line—Will Show Road-Working Machinery and Models of Good Roads, and Illustrated Lectures Will be Given.**

As previously announced, the Atlantic Coast Line will operate a good roads train over its entire system.

This train will consist of two coaches, one of which will contain models, operated by electricity of road-working machinery of various characters, and forms of various kinds of good roads. These will be displayed in an attractive way, and open to the public. The other coach will be equipped for lectures and stereopticon views. A private car will accompany the train for the accommodation of the lecturers.

Two government road engineers and a representative of the American Association for Highway Improvement will accompany the train, as will, also, a representative of the Atlantic Coast Line.

The Atlantic Coast Line will handle this train without charge to the government or the people, and all demonstrations and lectures will be free. The lectures and exhibits should prove interesting and instructive to all who are interested in the building and maintenance of good roads.

The experts will be glad to answer questions and confer with all interested parties. The working models will be shown in actual operation, the motive power being furnished by a gasoline engine installed for the purpose, and, with these, the experts are enabled to explain what materials make the best roads, how they are made and repaired at the smallest necessary cost.

This train will be on the Atlantic Coast Line from November 24th to February 22nd, and will make two or three stops each working day. The Atlantic Coast Line invites the hearty cooperation of all interested citizens and is very much in hopes that good crowds will meet this train at each stop.

This train will be at Rowland December 19, at Pembroke and Red Springs December 20, at Dillon and Marion, S. C., Dec. 19, at Conway and Mt. Tabor, S. C., and Chadbourn and Whiteville Dec. 16, at Wilmington Dec. 13, at Fayetteville and Dunn Dec. 8.

At points where this train leaves at 12:00 noon, lectures and demonstrations will begin at 9:30 a. m., and at other points on arrival of train.

For further information call on Agents or write Mr. E. N. Clark, A. & I. Agent, Wilmington, N. C.

## A Christian Endeavor Lecture December 15th.

Karl Lehmann of Boston, Mass., inter-State field secretary of Christian Endeavor, will deliver a lecture in Lumberton December 15, under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor society of the Presbyterian church. He is well known in the Christian Endeavor world and is highly commended by the press. The *Edgar Weekly Sun* of Nebraska says of him:

"To tell in a manner at all satisfactory of Mr. Lehmann's talk and its effect on his listeners would tax the ingenuity of an experienced sermon reporter. He inspires all who come in contact with him with love for himself and the work and leaves an impression of lasting benefit for Christian Endeavor."

## Remember The Poor and Unfortunate

Any contribution for the inmates of the county home or other destitute persons of the community for Thanksgiving dinner left with the undersigned in the court house will be carefully attended to on Thursday. Contributions should be sent to the court house on Wednesday evening, so the ladies can properly prepare them for distribution. We feel sure the people of Lumberton will respond to this call with the liberality for which the people of Lumberton are noted.

M. G. McKenzie, Secretary Associated Charities.

Baby won't suffer five minutes with croup if you apply Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil at once. It acts like magic.

## SOUTHPORT CELEBRATES.

**Future Port of South Atlantic Celebrates Connection With Outside World by Rail—A Notable Event Participated in by Representatives of the State and Nation—The Road and the Section it Traverses.**

Wilmington Star, 24th.

Down at the mouth of the broad Cape Fear, where for more than a century a picturesque little village has nestled in quiet seclusion, yet because of the part it has played in history, not altogether unknown to the outside world, a new port was born yesterday, or rather, the birth of a new port was celebrated, when the assembled populace of Southport and Brunswick county, together with hundreds of friends from Wilmington and other neighboring points, met to commemorate the arrival of the first passenger train over the Wilmington, Brunswick & Southern Railroad, into the county and the beautiful little county seat.

And most fittingly was the birth of this new port celebrated, too, with the Governor of the Commonwealth, the Senior Senator from the State, the Congressman from this district, and many local dignitaries, present, and with land and water sports and parades to entertain the great throng of interested persons. History was made yesterday at Southport and the occasion will ever be a memorable one to the citizens of Brunswick county and to the State for that matter, for the band of twin steel rails that now stretches from Navassa almost to the very water's edge in the harbor at Southport gives to the county, the State and the Nation a direct outlet from the vast mineral fields of the middle West and paves the way for industrial achievements that will place the Old North State among the very foremost of the Nation's richest territories.

The Wilmington, Brunswick & Southern Railroad is 30 miles in length and at present runs from Navassa to Southport, connecting at the former place with both the Seaboard Air Line and the Atlantic Coast Line. Its trains will be run into Wilmington, using the tracks of the Wilmington Bridge Company, which is also used by the Seaboard and Coast Line, from Navassa to Wilmington. The distance from Wilmington to Navassa is 5 miles. The Wilmington, Brunswick & Southern is chartered to build a road from Navassa and Southport via Bolivia, which is about midway between the two points to Lockwoods Folly, Shallotte, Callabash and Little River, S. C.; thence on, by way of Conway, to Charleston, S. C. It is the purpose of the company to continue work of construction from Bolivia southward in the direction of Charleston as soon as the first 30 miles between Navassa and Southport are put in operation. Bolivia is about 14 miles from Southport and the distance from Bolivia to Little River, S. C., is about 24 miles. This route from Navassa to Charleston makes a saving over the present route of 62 miles.

The Raleigh & Southport Railroad, which has just been purchased by the Norfolk Southern, is building from Elizabethtown toward Navassa. It is the general opinion here that it is the part of a well-thought-out plan that the Raleigh & Southport, which touches Fayetteville and a number of other important cities, will be completed to Navassa and connect with the Wilmington, Brunswick and Southern.

The first president was Mr. Z. W. Whitehead and he has been re-elected annually ever since. Other officers are: Mr. A. J. C. Kinnon of Maxton, vice president; Mr. O. C. Pearsall of Wilmington, secretary and treasurer; Mr. H. E. Goodwin of Wilmington, traffic manager. Composing the board of directors are: Mr. John F. McNair, of Laurinburg; Mr. A. J. McKinnon, Maxton; Mr. Martin McKinnon, Red Springs; State Senator George H. Bellamy of El Paso, Brunswick county; Mr. I. W. McKeithan, Lockwoods Folly; Mr. R. F. deVane, Red Springs; Oscar Pearsall, Wilmington; Mr. Charles E. Taylor, Jr., and Mr. Z. W. Whitehead of Wilmington.

## Free Telephone Service to be Discontinued Between Lumberton, Fairmont, Rowland and Maxton—Day and Night and Sunday Service at Fairmont and Rowland.

The Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Co. is sending out notices reading as follows:

"During the latter part of 1909 the Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company purchased the telephone exchanges at Lumberton, Fairmont and Rowland. The company has reconstructed these exchanges and has continued to furnish service without charge to its subscribers over its toll lines between these three exchanges, as well as to the Maxton exchange of the Carolina Telephone Company.

"We beg to say that it is necessary to advise you that effective December 1, 1911, the company will discontinue furnishing service without charge between these exchanges, but will be prepared to continue to furnish service between these points at its toll rates.

"Effective on the same date, December 1st, the company proposes to furnish continuous day, night and Sunday local service at both the Fairmont and Rowland exchanges, as is now being furnished at the Lumberton exchange."

## Good Potato Crop—Seems to Beat Cotton This Year.

Mr. W. D. Barfield, of Ten Mile, was in town Friday and brought to The Robesonian office three "Norton yam" potatoes that weigh about 3 pounds each, and he says that he has plenty more at home like 'em. He says that he thinks, generally speaking, a good crop of potatoes has been made in the Ten Mile section. He made 140 bushels on one acre and says that Mr. N. A. Townsend, also of Ten Mile, made over 200 bushels on an acre. It has not been many days since Fuller Locklear, Indian, who lives on route 2 from Lumberton, brought to town a "yam" potato that weighed 8 pounds. So potatoes, this year, must be growing large and plentiful. For a money crop it looks like potatoes would beat cotton this year, for potatoes are now selling for 50 cents per bushel and those marketed early brought \$1, easy.

## A Present of a Baby.

A baby girl about one week old was left Saturday night about 8 o'clock on the porch of the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Sandy McNeill, on Chippewa street. It was taken in and will be adopted and cared for by Mr. and Mrs. McNeill. It is understood that the little stranger was born at the Thompson hospital about a week ago, that Mr. McNeill saw the child soon after it was born, agreed to adopt it, and this method of its arrival at his home was agreed upon; also that its mother came here from the western part of the State a few weeks ago and entered the hospital.

## Change of Schedule on Seaboard

A slight change of schedule of passenger trains went into effect yesterday at noon on the Seaboard, as follows: No. 45, west-bound, due at 7:18 a. m. instead of 7:15; No. 39, west-bound, due at 5:47 p. m. instead of 5:57; No. 40, east-bound, due at 9:58 a. m. instead of 9:50; No. 44, east-bound, due at 9:44 p. m. instead of 9:37.

Construction of the road was begun August 3, 1907, when the first spike was driven at a point near Navassa.

The road penetrates a section of the county of Brunswick that has never had the advantages of transportation facilities and goes through one of the richest trucking and agricultural timber and naval stores districts in North Carolina. There are at present nine saw and planing mills located on the first 15 miles of the road, with two others projected on the last 15 miles, besides several naval stores plants and spiritine enterprises. Owing to the fact that it penetrates a section never before enjoying transportation facilities, there is in easy access of the road great quantities of timber of original growth and therefore of most valuable grade and quality.

## NEXT CALL THURSDAY MORNING.

In order to give the employees of the paper a half-holiday, the next issue of The Robesonian will be printed Thursday morning instead of Thursday afternoon. Advertisers who want a change for Thursday's paper will please bear this in mind and hand in copy as early as possible and not later than 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

## LOCAL BRIEFS.

—Lumberton lodge No. 35, K. of P., will hold a special meeting tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

—The Seaboard will give a special round trip rate of \$5 to Richmond for Thanksgiving Day, \$2 for Pullman.

—Licenses have been issued for the marriage of Annie Mitchell and Sandy Andrews, Cora Britt and Lee Hendren.

—Miss Ella Steed and Mr. H. B. Ashley, both of Maxton, were married on the evening of the 23d in St. Paul's Methodist church at Maxton, the ceremony being performed by Rev. A. P. Tyre, pastor of the church.

—Gertrude, 4 year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Schwartzburg, died Thursday night at 9:30 o'clock. The child had been ill for nearly three months and death was not unexpected. The remains were taken Friday to Charleston, S. C., where interment was made.

—The three banks of the town will be closed Thursday, Thanksgiving day. Sunday hours will be observed at the postoffice, the rural mail carriers will have a rest that day from their routes, and most of the stores of the town will be closed a part of the day, at least, as usual.

—Mr. W. C. Powell, of Orrum, who has been very sick at the Thompson hospital since Saturday, is thought to be somewhat better today. Miss Lillie Barker, who has been in the hospital for some time with typhoid fever, is improving. Mr. Raymond Reynolds, who underwent an operation about three weeks ago, left the hospital Saturday.

—The East Lumberton school will give a concert Thursday night of this week and there will also be a contest for the prettiest girl in which the girl receiving the highest number of votes will be given a \$5 locket and chain. Admission will be 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children. All proceeds, after expenses are paid, will be used to supplement the school term.

—Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of public instruction, will go tomorrow night to Raleigh to attend the meeting of county superintendents that will be held there Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. All teachers who care to attend the meeting of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly in Raleigh from Wednesday to Saturday, inclusive, of this week, will be given credit for Friday, and Thursday is of course a regular holiday.

## ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS

Special to The Robesonian.

Kinston, Nov. 27—The North Carolina Conference closed its annual session here this morning with the reading of appointments. Rev. J. W. Bradley, last year at Raeford, goes to Lumberton, and Rev. E. M. Hoyle goes from Lumberton to Greenville. Following are the other appointments for Rockingham district: Aberdeen and Biscoe, C. L. Reed; Caledonia circuit, J. C. Humble; Elizabeth c., D. P. Parker; Elerbe c., D. A. Watkins; Hamlet, J. A. Dailey; Laurel Hill c., F. B. McCall; Laurinburg, H. A. Humble; Lumberton c., R. L. Caraway; Maxton, S. E. Mercer; Mt. Gil-ead c., M. E. Coltrane; Montgomery c., S. J. McConnell, last year at Lumberton; Camden, N. L. Seabolt; Raeford c., C. W. Smith and C. B. Brothers; Red Springs, S. A. Cotton; Richmond c., B. E. Stanfield; Roberson c., C. H. Biggs; Robeson c., S. T. Moyle; R. W. Townsend and W. H. Townsend supply; Rockingham, E. H. Davis; Rowland c., J. A. Lee; St. John and Gibson, C. W. Dowd; St. Paul c., A. J. Groves; Troy c., C. R. Canipe. Conference missionary evangelist, L. L. Nash. Conference meets next at Fayetteville.