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CHRISTMAS TREES AND ENTERTAINMENTS

Joyous Occasions for Young and Old Christmas Night at First Baptist Church, Gospel Tabernacle and Baker's Chapel—Three Trees and Entertainments Tuesday Night in East and West Lumberton and Really Trully Santas—At Chestnut Street Methodist Last Night—Tomorrow Night a Tree and Entertainment at Presbyterian Church.

One of the most delightful occasions of the blessed Christmas time was a Christmas tree and entertainment—"The Manger King"—in the Sunday school assembly room of the First Baptist church Monday night. All the Sunday school rooms were thrown into one, with a seating capacity of about 500, and it was filled with an eager and happy throng.

Mr. R. D. Caldwell, who has been superintendent of this school for the past 20 years and was recently elected for life, announced before the beginning of the exercises that the enrollment of the school has reached 501 and the average attendance is about 275. Despite the fact that the exceedingly inclement weather for the past week had made it impossible to have a rehearsal of the entire cantata, "The Manger King" was well rendered, all the children performing their parts exceedingly well, and was very much enjoyed, every minute of it, by the large audience. Every number deserves special mention, but space suffices for only two—"Little Christmas Stars," a song by the primary class of 135 girls and boys, taught by Mesdames R. D. Caldwell and S. H. Hamilton, each girl and boy bearing a star. It was delightful. And the last piece on the programme, "The Troubles of St. Nick," by Leon, tiny son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Sanderson. At the conclusion of little Leon's speech the audience for the first time gave way to the impulse to applaud. They could not help it. Leon was too cute for anything. He is a handsome little chap of maybe as much as four or five years old, and with the calm assurance and perfect confidence of a gentleman he faced that audience and said his piece perfectly, with distinct enunciation and perfect expression. It was all right.

After this came the distribution of presents. Supt. Caldwell announced that presents had been provided only for the primary and intermediate classes, but even so it looked like there were enough and to spare for the hosts of Israel and the horsemen thereof—or however it goes—and even so, too, there was a great multitude to receive them. The tree was beautiful, especially after it was lighted up with candles. And it was an entirely happy crowd that gathered around when Supt. Caldwell and his assistants began the distribution. Every child of the classes remembered was given one or two presents—dolls, whistles and things—besides a large bag of good things to eat, and when the patience of the tiniest tots was rewarded their joy knew no bounds. Such another time of blowing horns and falling over each other in perfectly orderly confusion you never saw! If there was a person in the audience whose heart did not soften at the sight he is beyond hope. But no such one was there. It was an entirely happy time, not only for the little folks but for the grown-ups as well.

On the same evening there was a Christmas tree at the Gospel tabernacle, and, while this reporter could not multiply himself, as he would have liked to do, and be at both places at the same time, he knows that much that is written above applies equally as well to this occasion—to all the Christmas trees and entertainments that will be mentioned, in fact, if space would only permit, as it will not, as lengthy a write-up, with the necessary variations, of them all. So it must be considered that what is written above about the first entertainment applies, except in so far as there is special mention, to all. There was a large crowd at the Gospel taber-

nacle and the evening was one of pleasure. There were some songs and recitations and presents for all the children. Mr. E. B. Freeman is superintendent. At Baker's chapel, Presbyterian, five miles from town on the Elizabeth road, on the same evening there was a tree, recitations and songs, and presents were distributed. This is the fourth tree at this place and it was considered the most successful. Mr. W. K. Bethune of Lumberton is superintendent and Mr. T. A. McNeill, Jr., one of the youngest members of the Lumberton bar, went with him on this occasion and made an excellent talk.

On Tuesday evening there were three trees and entertainments for the following Sunday schools: East Lumberton Baptist—recitations, songs, etc., and a real live Santa Claus. Master Leon Sanderson figured prominently in this entertainment, too. He and little Miss Sadie Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Edwards, were the bright particular stars. Mr. Frank Gough is superintendent and has been for the past ten years. He was presented a Bible by the school. Mr. R. E. Lee, one of the teachers, making the presentation speech. West Lumberton Methodist, Mr. Joe Harrell, superintendent. Santa there, too, and talks by the pastor, Rev. R. L. Carraway, and Mr. Herring. And West Lumberton Baptist, Mr. J. A. Branch superintendent. On all these occasions presents were distributed and there was a delightful time for all.

At Chestnut Street Methodist church last night fruits and candies were distributed. The church was beautifully decorated with holly, etc., but no programme had been arranged. The pastor, Rev. J. W. Bradley, made a short talk, there were songs, and little Miss Lucile Jackson sang a solo that was sweet enough to belong to the most elaborate programme. Little Misses Vashti White, Lucy Smith, Geneva Kersey and Mary Boddy were called on by the superintendent, Mr. W. E. Jackson, to distribute the fruits and candy, which they did gracefully. It was an altogether unpretentious occasion but a very enjoyable one.

The Lumberton Presbyterian Sunday school intended having a Christmas tree and entertainment Tuesday night but it was postponed until tomorrow night on account of the disagreeable weather. It was first postponed until Monday night of next week, but since the weather "broke" yesterday it was decided to have it tomorrow night. So take notice—tomorrow night is the time.

Christmas in Lumberton.

Christmas passed off in Lumberton about as usual—there was some noise from fireworks, some imbibed too freely of "the old familiar juice" and fell into the toils, and there was a raid Saturday night upon a crowd of gambling negroes which resulted in the death of one of them yesterday. There were many Christmas trees and entertainments and there are some to follow. For a few days before Christmas and on up to yesterday the rain it rained every day and the streets and roads were a sight to behold—sloppy as sloppy—which deterred some people from coming to town who otherwise would have come, but even so the streets were pretty well crowded with shoppers Saturday and for a few days before and the Christmas trade was all that the merchants expected—better, in fact, and if the weather had been favorable it would have been exceptionally good.

Among the Sick.

Mr. Hector McLean, brother of Messrs. A. W. and A. T. McLean of Lumberton, has been confined with typhoid fever for the past two weeks at the home of his mother, Mrs. Lina McLean, in Maxton. His condition was considered somewhat improved this morning.

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REV. P. R. LAW DEAD.

Editor of Presbyterian Standard of Charlotte, Well Known Preacher and Writer—End Came at McColl, S. C., Sunday Morning—Remains Interred at McColl Sunday Afternoon—For Many Years a Citizen of Robeson County, Pastor of Churches at Lumberton and Lumber Bridge—Formerly Edited a Department in The Robesonian.

The intelligence of the death of Dr. P. R. Law, editor of The Presbyterian Standard, in McColl, S. C., late Saturday night, as given in yesterday's Observer came as a distinct shock to his many friends in Charlotte. Dr. Law left the city Tuesday for McColl to officiate at the marriage of his youngest daughter, Miss Lida Law, who was wedded to Mr. Robert Chapman, Wednesday. He was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. M. M. Inabinet. Shortly prior to his departure he was seen by a friend on The Observer and in a long and intimate conversation, stated that he was feeling well, as well as could be expected of one who was afflicted with asthma with which he suffered excruciatingly at times. It was known by his friends here that he was subject to paroxysms at intervals and it is presumed that he passed away in one of these before assistance could be summoned. Few of his acquaintances in Charlotte however were fully aware of the degree of his sufferings, for he endured it so bravely and so uncomplainingly. His children oftentimes urged him to give up the active pursuit of the editorship and management of the great paper with which he was connected, but he always refused, declaring that the field of effort as he viewed it was so large and the work yet to be done so great, that he could not retire from the battle so long as he was able to toil for the Master. That he labored effectively, in spite of handicaps that would have disheartened a less able man and achieved much is but a faint expression of the result of his efforts. Dr. Law possessed many of the Scotch characteristics, for he was known always for the saneness of his views on all matters of religion, the strength of his convictions and courage in all things pertaining to the essentials of existence, the deep piety and consecration of his life, his profound sympathy and patience and his abiding love for his fellowman. His aim and purpose in life and the one that was ever before him was the glorification of his Master and the hastening, insofar as he was able, of the coming of the Kingdom on earth. Indeed, he was not "disobedient unto the Heavenly vision." Dr. Law's life was one of service and usefulness of the highest type.—Charlotte Observer, 25th.

Dr. Law's death occurred at 1:30 o'clock Sunday morning, the immediate cause being uremic poison. He had been in his usual health until Saturday afternoon, when he was compelled to go to bed. He intended to spend Christmas at McColl. Friday he wrote an account of his daughter's marriage for The Standard, also an editorial. The funeral was conducted Sunday afternoon from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Inabinet by Rev. Dr. H. G. Hill, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Maxton, and Rev. Dr. C. G. Vardell, president of the Southern Presbyterian College of Red Springs. The remains were interred in McColl. Mesdames Irvin Jenkins and M. B. Williamson of Lumberton, sisters of the deceased, and a daughter, Mrs. Paul E. Davis of Wilson's Mills, who was visiting here at the home of Mrs. Jenkins, received a phone message about 3 o'clock Sunday morning advising them of the death. They attended the funeral and returned to Lumberton Sunday night. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman sailed from New York Saturday afternoon for Porto Rico and Cuba and have not yet been advised of Dr. Law's death, the last communication sent them being by wireless Saturday afternoon advising them that Dr. Law was in his usual health.

Dr. Law was born in Martinsville, Va., 63 years ago.

WOUND PROVES FATAL.

Oscar Suggs, Colored, Shot When Gambling Den Was Raided Saturday Night, Died Yesterday—Coroner's Jury Fastens Guilt Upon Jim Jenkins, Colored—Five Negroes Arrested as Result of Raid.

As the result of a raid on a gambling den Saturday night down in the "hollow," as it is called, just across the Seaboard railroad, some 400 or 500 yards from the depot, Oscar Suggs, colored, is dead and Jim Jenkins, Simp Johnson, Cal White, John Clark and Will Mosley, all colored, are in jail.

Saturday evening about 8 o'clock Chief of Police Redfern and Policemen T. C. Barnes and Joe Stone, and some two or three others that were deputized to assist, made a raid on a gambling den in the above-mentioned place. The den where the gambling was going on is a small old tool-house at the Humphrey Williams mill site, which is now owned by the Carolina Lumber Co. The negroes were in this small house around the light of a little tin lamp gambling and could be seen from without through cracks in the house. When the officers asked for admittance Oscar Suggs pulled the door open and started out, when a pistol was fired and the ball struck Suggs in the back to the left of the spinal column and passed out through his breast a little to the right. Suggs fell in the door and the other negroes gave up. Jim Jenkins said he had a pistol but left it at home, saying this while the negroes were all being searched for weapons, but none was found on their persons. Some time after the arrests had been made one of the officers, while looking around in the house, found a pistol lying on the floor bearing the description of the pistol Jim Jenkins said he owned. The pistol was full except one empty cartridge. Suggs lived until yesterday about one o'clock. An inquest was held over the body yesterday afternoon, Mr. J. P. Townsend acting as coroner in the absence of Coroner G. E. Rancke, who is visiting at Dillon, S. C. The verdict of the jury was to the effect that Suggs came to his death as the result of a pistol-shot wound at the hands of Jim Jenkins. It is understood that Suggs said Policeman Barnes shot him while Chief Redfern held him, but that was not in evidence at the coroner's inquest.

The five negroes jailed were given a hearing before Mayor White yesterday morning and each was bound to court on \$200 bond, failing to give which they were all remanded to jail.

He entered the Presbyterian ministry more than 30 years ago and held many positions of honor and trust. He served churches at Pitsboro, Chatham county, and Monroe, and about 21 years ago was called to Lumberton. He served the church here 6 years and then went to Lumber Bridge, where he remained until he became editor of The Presbyterian Standard some years ago and moved to Charlotte. While at Lumber Bridge he published for awhile a small paper known as the Lumber Bridge News. After discontinuing that he for a number of years edited a department in The Robesonian from Lumber Bridge, writing both news and editorial. For about a year he was editor of The Charlotte Chronicle when it was a morning paper. He was a pulpit speaker of great power but was perhaps best known through his work on The Presbyterian Standard, which he made a great paper. He was clerk of Fayetteville Presbytery for many years.

Deceased is survived by four daughters—Mesdames M. M. Inabinet and Robt. Chapman of McColl, S. C., Henry R. Bryant, Jr., of Newbern, Paul E. Davis of Wilson's Mills, Wake county—three sisters—Mesdames Irvin Jenkins and M. B. Williamson of Lumberton and Robt. Meador of Madison, Rockingham county—and one brother, Mr. J. B. Law of Plainview, Ark.

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MURDER NEAR ROWLAND.

Negro Infant Brutally Murdered in Mother Arms, Shot Being Intended for the Mother—Murderer in Jail—Negro Shot by Rowland Chief of Police Dies in Fayetteville.

Troy Graham, colored, was committed to jail Tuesday by Justice McKellar of Rowland on the charge of murdering the 2-year old son of Donna McNeill, colored, about 2 miles from Rowland on Christmas day. He was brought to jail Tuesday night by Mr. G. E. Bell of Rowland. It was in evidence at the preliminary trial that Graham was making himself troublesome in the home of Donna McNeill, she ordered him out of the house and he shot at her with a shotgun, hitting her baby boy, which she held in her arms, and blowing his brains out. There were several witnesses to the horrible crime and Graham was captured Tuesday by one of them, Elmore Couch, colored, and several other negroes, about 2 miles from Purvis. Graham claims that he was too drunk to know what he was doing.

Jim Walker, colored, died in Fayetteville yesterday as the result of a pistol-shot wound at the hands of Chief of Police J. H. Carper of Rowland. Mr. Carper and several other men were in search Sunday of some parties who had committed a robbery when they overtook Walker, who began cursing the officer and put his hand to his hip pocket as if to draw a pistol. Mr. Carper got out of the buggy and told the negro to halt, but Walker ran and apparently kept making an effort to draw his gun when the policeman fired, the ball taking effect in the negro's side. Walker was taken to a hospital in Fayetteville and died yesterday.

The Ward drug store in Rowland was broken into last night, but it has not been learned what was stolen and no one has yet been arrested for the robbery.

Christmas Dinner For Inmates of the County Home.

At Christmas time Miss Lizzie Caldwell always sees to it that the inmates of the county home have plenty of good things to eat. That is her especial care and joy, and this Christmas she carried to them the usual bountiful supply of good things. She and Mr. S. F. Caldwell carried out the dinner—it was many dinners, in fact—Sunday morning in Mr. Caldwell's auto. There were two boxes for each of the eleven inmates, one of fruit and one of ready cooked food. Those who helped to furnish this dinner may have the satisfaction of knowing that it was enjoyed and appreciated.

—Mr. L. B. Blackburn has sold the bakery business which he had been conducting on Fourth street for the past 15 months to Mr. J. W. Morris, of the Lumberton Wholesale Grocery Co. The deal was closed Saturday night and Mr. Morris took charge of the business Monday.

—Rev. C. J. Thompson, agent of Meredith College, Raleigh, will preach at the First Baptist church Sunday morning in the absence of the pastor, Rev. C. H. Durham, who, as mentioned elsewhere in this paper, will preach in Statesville Sunday. Mr. Thompson was formerly pastor of this church.

—Mr. J. H. Wishart is vacating today the store on Elm street, belonging to Mr. A. Weinstein, and is moving into one of the new stores on Chestnut street recently erected by Mr. W. W. Carlyle. Mr. H. C. Boylin, who also occupies a store in this same building, expects to move Monday to the store used by Mr. C. B. Redmond during the holidays, between the stores of Miss Josephine Breece and Jno. T. Biggs Co. Mr. Weinstein expects to begin the work of remodeling this building next Tuesday.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

—There will be an entertainment and oyster supper at Antioch academy Friday evening of next week, January 5.

—Prof. A. N. Cullom and family, who moved last May from Raleigh to Raeford for the summer, have located permanently in Fayetteville.

—Rev. Father Gallagher of Wilmington will celebrate mass at the opera house at 7:30 o'clock Sunday morning and will lecture at the same place at 8 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

—Rev. F. A. Prevtatt and family, who have been living for 8 or 4 years on Tenth street, moved yesterday back to Mr. Prevtatt's country home, about 6 miles from town on the Fayetteville road.

—Mr. O. T. Atkinson, who lives on route 3 from Lumberton, was in town some 3 or 4 days ago and says that he killed the week before Christmas a "pig" 31 months old that weighed 550 pounds.

—Mary, 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Lawrence, has been afflicted for some time with some trouble the exact nature of which is not known and she was taken Tuesday to Richmond, Va., by her parents for examination by specialists.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Esther Norris and James A. Quick; Hattie Townsend and J. B. Powell; Mary Howell and Milton Campbell; Lillie Britt and C. L. Clewis; Martha May Edwards and A. H. Rivenbark; Mary Ann Williams and Dave Williams.

—Sheriff E. C. McNeill is having his household effects packed up and says that he expects to move his family Monday or Tuesday to Rowland. Lumberton regrets to lose such a family. Sheriff McNeill holds nothing against Lumberton but likes Rowland, and no one can blame him for that—Rowland is a likely town.

—Manager W. S. Wishart will give a free moving picture show at the Pastime theater Monday afternoon—New Year's Day—beginning at 3 o'clock, to the primary classes of all the Sunday schools of the town. This will be a delightful occasion for the little folks, for Mr. Wishart is prepared to seat comfortably a large crowd and his pictures are of the best.

—Mr. John Callahan, of Bladenboro, and Miss Sallie Grimsley, of Freeman, were married here Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth. Several friends of the contracting parties were in the party that witnessed the ceremony. The happy couple went from here to Bladenboro, where they will visit at the home of the groom's parents, and thence they will go to Freeman, where Mr. Callahan holds a position and at which place they will reside.

—Messrs. E. C. and A. H. Bissell of El Paso, Ill., and their sister Miss Lizzie Bissell, who has been living with another brother, Mr. Joe Bissell, in Nashville, Tenn., are at the home of their father, Mr. H. F. Bissell, at Mt. Eliah, arriving last week. They will remain at the home of their father until next March. The Robesonian published recently an interesting article from Mr. E. C. Bissell about farming out West, and it also has some interesting views sent by him. He has been living at El Paso about two years and his brother joined him there about a year ago.

—Rev. C. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, will go Saturday to Statesville, in the Baptist church of which place he has been invited to preach Sunday. He will return to Lumberton Tuesday or Wednesday. Mr. Durham has not yet reached a definite decision as to what he will do about the call he has received to become pastor of this church. He has received a strong protest, signed by every member of the official board of the church here, against his even considering the call, and people of Lumberton, regardless of denominational lines, hope that he will decide to remain here.