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## SCORE OF BABIES NOMINATED IN ROBESONIAN'S GREATEST CONTEST

**The Most Sanguine Anticipation Exceeded by the Remarkable Amount of Enthusiasm Manifested in the Babies of Robeson and Adjoining Counties--Babies Pictures Will be Published--Prominent Little Folks Entered by the Score.**

**Get a Picture of Your Baby Taken at Once Free of Charge--The Little Darling Will Soon be Peering at You From These Columns.**

The first announcement of the nominations which have been made to date in the Baby Contest inaugurated by The Robesonian will appear in these columns next Monday. Be sure to secure a copy of The Robesonian, carefully scan the list of babies already entered in this great race for fame and fortune, and if the name of your little sweetheart does not appear, send it to the Contest Manager without an instant's delay.

The interest in this contest is going to be more widespread than anything of the kind ever attempted before in this section of the country. It is going to continue without flagging throughout the entire contest, for in the end some little dimpled darling is going to be declared the "most popular baby in Robeson and adjoining counties."

It must not be understood that because the list is going to be published next Monday that the nominations will be closed. It will always be possible to nominate a baby, but it is a distinct advantage to a baby to have its name appear in the outset.

The entries in this great race are going to represent every plane and class of life, but the man with a million is going to have no better chance than the man without a dollar. This is anybody's race, to make a plain statement of fact, but it is going to be a Marathon of votes, not miles. If you win and your little sweetheart is crowned the most popular baby, you are going to be the proudest parent in the land.

The honor is just as great as the prize and every parent should take personal pride in seeing their baby nominated. You cannot afford to sit idly by and see your neighbor get the glory, which, in the eyes of many, could not have been won by her had you entered the race and notified your friends to that effect. In view of this fact it behooves you to call at the Contest Office, and see the contest manager and talk the matter over, or, if you cannot come to the office, use your phone and we will give you all the information possible.

Many a race has been lost because one did not get a good start. Do not let this be said in your case. Call up your kinsfolk, friends and acquaintances at once and tell them to save their coupons. A baby can have as many workers as they care to. There is no limit to the number of babies that may be nominated. Let us impress it on your minds to get an early start. Organize your forces and make up your mind to win and then keep busy every minute. There is no time to lose. Improve every moment of the time and do not let the word "failure" enter your mind for one second.

Everybody loves a baby, and every man, woman and child in this town is going to work for some baby, so be sure to get your friends interested before some other enterprising mother gets their promise to help her little one.

How would you like to see your little darling peering at you from the columns of this paper? We are going to reproduce the pictures of all our babies and also show them at the theatre.

Remember that out of town folks have the same opportunity as those living in Lumberton, as two large prizes go to District No. 2, and there is no reason why you may not carry off the

first honors if you are only energetic enough and do not give up too easily. It is as easy to win in this contest as it is to lose, but there is a great advantage in getting an early start. Let us impress this on your mind, that it is much better for you to get in at once and get your friends to working for you before they promise to work for some other baby. You do not often get a chance to make a little pin money for just a little work. Ordinarily you will work much harder and longer to win \$150 than you will have to work to win it in this contest.

Call on your friends and you will soon learn how easy it is to get votes for your baby. Get one or two or even a half dozen of your friends to help and you will be surprised how rapidly the votes will come pouring in.

There are lots of babies in Robeson and adjoining counties and they are just as cute and pretty as they can be. Of course every mother thinks her baby is the most popular and all of her friends who have no babies of their own think the same thing, but which baby does the populace think is the most popular? That is the question; and that is the question that The Robesonian is offering \$500 in gold for the answer.

The contest office will be open every day this week and every evening until 9 o'clock. Come in and talk with the contest manager, and get all the advice possible on how to go to work to win the prize for your baby.

### BANK MEETINGS.

**Annual Stockholders Meeting of First National Bank Held Tuesday--Bank of Lumberton This Morning--Both Banks in Excellent Condition.**

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Lumberton was held in the bank offices Tuesday. The report of President McLeod showed a profitable business for the year 1911, much better than was expected under existing conditions, and that the bank is in a most satisfactory condition; also a splendid outlook for the ensuing year. The old board of directors was re-elected. At a meeting of the directors yesterday the usual semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent. was declared. This bank has paid 10 per cent. dividends during the year and has passed 5 per cent. to the surplus fund besides a good sum to undivided profits. The same officers were re-elected, as follows: Geo. B. McLeod, president; C. T. Pate, vice president; H. M. McAllister, cashier; R. McA. Nixon, assistant cashier.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Lumberton was held this morning. President McLean's report showed that deposits now amount to \$341,000, that the active accounts of the bank have increased from 1,400 to 1,700, and that the business done during the past year has been exceedingly satisfactory. The report of the finance committee and the State bank examiner, who was here Tuesday, showed all loans safely and satisfactorily secured. The old board of directors was re-elected. At a subsequent meeting of the directors the usual semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent. was declared and the old officers were re-elected, as follows: A. W. McLean, president; C. B. Townsend, active vice president; R. D. Caldwell and A. E. White, vice presidents; A. W. Peace,

### BALTIMORE WINS.

**Democratic National Convention Will be Held in Monumental City June 25.**

Washington Dispatch, 9th.

The Democratic National Committee completed its work here today with the selection of Baltimore as the convention city. June 25th was fixed as the date of the National gathering, when candidates for President and Vice President will be selected. The Republican National Convention is to be held in Chicago, June 18th.

The Democrats adopted a "permissive" primary resolution in connection with the call for delegates, and such States as have laws on the subject, or desire to do so, can select their representatives in the National Convention by direct vote. There are 1,074 delegates to be chosen.

The primary resolution adopted was a modification of one proposed by Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon. It was framed by a sub-committee, headed by Clark Howell, of Georgia, and was as follows:

"That in the choice of delegates and alternates to the National Democratic convention of 1912, the Democratic State or Territorial committees may, if not otherwise directed by the law of such States or Territories, provide for the direct election of such delegates or alternates, if in the opinion of the respective committees it is deemed desirable and possible to do so with proper and sufficient safeguards. Where such provision is not made by the respective committees for the choice of delegates and alternates, and where the State laws do not provide specifically the manner of such choice, then the delegates and alternates to the said National convention shall be chosen in the manner that governed the choice of the delegates from the respective States and Territories to the last Democratic convention."

Baltimore led in the fight for the convention from the first, but two ballots were required before St. Louis succumbed. Then the vote was made unanimous. The Baltimore bid was accompanied by a certified check for \$100,000.

**Where the Convention Will be Held.**

Baltimore Dispatch, 9th.

The Democratic national convention of 1912 which the party's national committee has awarded to Baltimore will be held in the Fifth Regiment armory, Baltimore's largest auditorium. The armory is an imposing structure of granite and architectural experts say will seat comfortably more than 12,000 persons, allowing ample space for promenades, aisles, etc. If necessary the seating capacity can be increased to more than 20,000 persons. Experts say the acoustic properties can be made almost perfect for a hall of its size.

### New Grocery and Candy Business.

Mr. Saloon Saleeby, with his family, of Dillon, S. C., arrived yesterday and Mr. Saleeby is now making preparations to open up a grocery and candy business in one of the Carlyle new stores on Chestnut street. He will be in the store adjoining Mr. J. H. Wishart. Mr. Saleeby will make a great deal of his candy and says that he is going to have an up-to-date place.

—Preaching at East Lumberton Baptist church. Rev. J. M. Fleming, pastor, Sunday morning at 11 a. m. and in the evening at 7 p. m. Subject of the morning hour, "The twofold principle of the Gospel," after which the Lord's supper will be celebrated. The subject of the evening hour will be, "The excellency of Christian holiness." The public is cordially invited to attend all these services.

### THE COUNTY'S BUSINESS.

**Bills Audited and Paid at Meeting of County Commissioners Monday.**

An adjourned meeting of the board of county commissioners was held Monday, Chairman J. W. Carter, A. J. Floyd and W. P. Barker being present.

It was ordered that the following notes be paid: Bank of Lumberton \$800; First National Bank, \$800; Bank of Robeson, \$800; Bank of Maxton, \$800; First National Bank of Lumberton, \$1,000 on note for \$3,000 due January 2d, 1912, and balance renewed for 60 days.

The following bills were ordered paid:

Jail and prisoners—Anchor Supply Co., one dozen jail cots, \$33.30; Caldwell & Carlyle, cement, 65 cts; Hector Morrison, expense of conveying Roscoe McKay from Maxton to Lumberton, \$2.65; Jno. W. Ward, conveying prisoner to jail, \$7. Total, \$43.60.

Court house and court—Geo. D. Barnard & Co., books for register's office, \$64.75; Walker, Evans & Cogswell Co., supplies for clerk's office, \$42.10; Dr. R. B. Beckwith, expert witness fee in case of State vs. Jim Byrd and Warren West, \$10; Howard Morrison, ice for September court, \$1.97; Southern Stamp & Stationery Co., ledger for sheriff's office, \$7.50; Britt & Stephens, survey for grand jury to chain gang, \$3; M. G. McKenzie, county treasurer, salary \$200, stamps \$1.96. Total, \$231.38.

Miscellaneous—Everett Waddy Co., supplies, \$126.80; McAllister Hdw. Co., work and supplies, \$137.84; E. J. Britt, trip to Raleigh in regard to taxes, \$19.25; J. P. Townsend, special coroner inquest over Oscar Suggs, \$6.80; 6 jurors in above inquest, \$2 each, \$12; White & Gough, underwear for Noah McIntyre, \$1.24; A. Schwartzberg, plumbing work, \$3.30; A. E. Israel, holding registration books open 4 days for registration for farm-life school, \$8; Caldwell & Carlyle, coffin for Oscar Suggs, \$10; A. K. Morrison, 5 cords of wood, \$15; Bank of Maxton, refund of interest overpaid on county's deposit, \$12.97; Young & Selden Co., supplies purchased by A. T. Parmelee, county auditor, \$17; Lewis Scott, wood for county home, \$26. Total, \$396.20.

Rebates were allowed as follows: Mrs. Fannie Watson, Thompson's township, on \$900; F. D. Culbreth, Pembroke township, on poll, \$2.85; M. White Bros., Lumberton township, on \$500; J. D. Bullock, Raft Swamp, \$2.85; G. T. Fisher, White house, on \$534; Dawson Hagan, Wishart's, poll; E. C. Nye & Co., Orrum, on \$4.130; C. J. Jackson, Lumber Bridge, on poll.

### Will McKee, Colored, Seriously Injured in Early Morning Fight.

This morning something after 5 o'clock, about three miles from town, on Mr. Irvin Jenkins farm, several negroes had a "rucus" as the result of which Will McKee, one of the negroes involved, is in a serious condition. Will Price struck him on the head with a piece of lightwood, cutting a very ugly gash, and for some time McKee was unconscious, but Dr. W. L. Grantham, who gave medical attention, says that he hardly thinks the wound will prove fatal. Arthur McKee, a brother of the negro hurt, came to town this morning and swore out a warrant against Will Price, Carl Price and Rhoda Price. In the absence of Sheriff McNeill, who is out of town, Mr. L. B. Blackburn was deputized to serve the warrant and he left town about 11 o'clock with Arthur McKee to arrest the three above named Prices.

The negroes are all in the employ of the Boufort County Lumber Co. and it seems that Arthur McKee and Will Price had some trouble several days ago that led up to this trouble.

### New Road Superintendent.

The county road commissioners have elected Mr. Jno. C. Parrish, of Maxton, road superintendent to succeed Mr. N. C. Hughes. This election was made subject to the approval of Joseph Hyatt Pratt.

### CLARKTON NEWS BATCH.

**Marriage of Mr. Snowden Singletary and Miss Leola Stevens--Mr. Clarence Clark Surprises His Friends--Personal.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian

Clarkton, Jan. 9.—Mr. D. B. McKee of Rosindale spent Thursday in this neighborhood. Mr. R. E. Lee of Lumberton spent Wednesday in town on business. Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Cromartie returned to Fayetteville after spending a week with Dr. Cromartie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Cromartie.

Mr. Luther D. Lennon resigned his position with the O. L. Clark Co. and accepted a position with Clark McAuley & Co. of Abbottsburg.

Quite a surprise to the people of Clarkton Sunday, December 31, when Mr. Clarence S. Clark returned from Baltimore with his bride, who was Miss Edna Reynard. We wish the young couple a long and happy life.

Mrs. Oak Bullard returned to Wilmington after spending some time with relatives. Miss Minnie McKee returned to Rowland last Thursday after spending two weeks with relatives and friends. Miss Bertha Goden is spending some time with her aunt in Wilmington.

The wedding bells have rung and will soon ring again. On last Thursday Mr. Snowden Singletary, Jr., and Miss Leola Stevens were happily united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thad Stevens, Rev. William Shaw officiating. Mr. Singletary is the head clerk of Mr. N. A. Currie's store and a ruling elder in the Clarkton Presbyterian church, and for two years he was the superintendent of the Sunday school here. The bride for the past 2 or 3 years has been the efficient bookkeeper for Mr. Currie. We wish the young couple much success in life.

Mr. D. D. McKee returned to Elizabethtown after spending some time with relatives.

Mr. Thomas J. Gooden left one day last week for Hamlet, where he has accepted a position.

Yesterday and last night was about as steady all day and one-half-night rain as I ever saw.

Dinglefoot.

### Mr. R. S. Sledge Sells Interest in Lumberton Drug Co. and Will Move to Winston-Salem.

Some changes, which have been under way for some time, in the affairs of the Lumberton Drug Co., were consummated yesterday when Mr. R. S. Sledge, who for several years had been manager of the business, sold his interest to Mr. M. G. McKenzie, who for a year or two has been a stockholder in the company. The business will now be conducted by three Macks—McKenzie, McKennie and McLarty—Messrs. M. G. McKenzie, Lacy McKennie and Howard McLarty. Mr. Sledge, with his family, expects to leave tomorrow for Winston-Salem, where he will engage in real estate and insurance business with his brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Sledge have many friends here who regret very much their decision to leave Lumberton and hope that success will follow them to their new home.

### Mr. Geo. G. French's Condition Improving.

Mrs. A. W. McLean received word this morning that her brother Mr. Geo. G. French, whose serious illness at the Hygeia hospital in Richmond, Va., was mentioned in Monday's Robesonian, is considerably better and that his condition is improving every day, though he will probably be at the hospital for some time yet. Mrs. French is still with him. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McLean returned home Tuesday morning from Richmond, where they had been since Friday night.

### Merchants Meeting Postponed.

On account of the weather the merchants meeting which was to have been held Monday was postponed and another date, of which due notice will be given, will be set for the meeting.

### LOCAL BRIEFS

—License has been issued for the marriage of Normie Brisson and Sam Burney; Lucy Hayes and Neill Britt.

—"Along the Kennebec" was played to a fair sized audience at the opera house Tuesday night and it is understood that the audience was fairly well pleased.

—Somebody's Sunday cigars were left on the wrong porch on Fifth street Saturday night. More may be learned about this by calling at The Robesonian office.

—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Birmingham of Laurinburg, formerly of Lumberton, Monday morning a 14-pound boy. Mrs. Birmingham is a daughter of Mrs. Flora Smith of Lumberton.

—Mrs. Stephen McIntyre will entertain this evening at 8:30 o'clock at her home, Sixth and Walnut streets, in honor of Miss Hilda Way, of Waynesville, who is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Lawrence.

—The meeting of the county health board mentioned in Monday's Robesonian as being held on that day was held for the purpose of discussing some matters about which no definite decision was reached and which will be taken up again at the meeting which will be held on the first Monday in February.

—Tomorrow evening at 8:30 o'clock at the home of Capt. and Mrs. J. P. Russell, Elm street, there will be a business meeting of the local Christian Endeavor Society to which all members are cordially invited. After the business there will be a social feature, and certainly it will be a pleasant occasion for this society.

—The Robesonian has received an unsigned communication from Ruie, R. F. D. No. 3, dated the 9th inst., to the effect that Andrew Woods, Indian, has killed two hogs, two years and 9 days old, that weighed 688 pounds dressed. Whether each hog was 2 years and 9 days old and whether each weighed 688 pounds or whether that was their combined weights, deponent sayeth not.

—Mr. Jas. M. Merritt, who lives near Barnesville, passed through Lumberton yesterday on his way to Duplin county, in which county, near Magnolia, he has purchased a farm, to which he will move his family within the next few weeks. Mr. Merritt has not sold his farm near Barnesville and will not sell it until he decides whether he wants to make his home in Duplin permanently or not.

—Lumberton theater-goers are to have the privilege of witnessing two good plays soon—"Paid in Full" on the night of the 19th inst. and "The Third Degree" on the evening of February 1. If the plates arrive in time The Robesonian is going to give its readers opportunity to read "The Third Degree," which is by the author of "The Lion and the Mouse" and "The Music Master," before it is played here.

—Mr. M. F. Caldwell returned Tuesday and Mrs. Caldwell yesterday from Latta, S. C., where they had been since Saturday on account of the death of Mrs. Caldwell's father, Mr. D. S. Edwards, who died suddenly Saturday morning about 6 o'clock. While in his stock yard some week or so ago Mr. Edwards was mated between two mules and it is thought that he sustained injuries from this that caused his death. Mr. Edwards is survived by his wife, three sons and six daughters.

—Miss Mary Jeffries, teacher of the fourth grade at the graded school, has been sick at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Caldwell, Caldwell street, where she boards, since she returned Sunday from her home at Canton, where she spent the holidays, and Miss Leslie Proctor has been teaching in her place. The attendance at the graded school Monday, the first day of the spring term, and Tuesday was somewhat slim on account of the weather, but yesterday there were more than 300 pupils present.