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BABY CONTEST HAS MET WITH PUBLIC APPROVAL

Plenty of Time to Enter Your Favorite Baby's Name
—Two Large Prizes Go to Each District—Names of the Winners of the Gold Rings Will be Published Next Monday.

Last week The Robesonian made the first announcement of the baby contest, which immediately met with public approval. We have a great many names entered in the contest, but there are not nearly so many as there should be on account of the very severe weather we have been having. Do not mind the cold weather, it will do you good to get out and get some of this pure, fresh air.

You will please remember that the first twenty names in will each receive a solid gold ring, and there are not enough of names in yet to carry off all the gold rings. Send in your baby's name at once and you may be one of the lucky ones to get a ring. Do not delay about it as these rings are very pretty and well worth winning. Do not be the only mother in the county to have a pretty baby left out of the race. The more the merrier.

There are four prizes and two of these go to each district. Come in at once and get a subscription book. You will find the work pleasant and congenial and the money is surely worth working for. What is there that you can do that will bring you in the money that this contest will bring you, if you only put in a little time and effort? There is still plenty of room to get in. There is practically no work being done so far and you will have just as good a chance to win as though you had entered your baby the first day of the race.

The names of the winners of the gold rings will be published next Monday. See that your baby's name is on the list.

Remember that the contest office is open every evening from 7 o'clock until 9, and every Saturday from 9 o'clock in the morning to 10 o'clock at night. Come in and see the contest manager and get all the information necessary. We will gladly help you all we can. Send us a postal card or telephone No. 2, for any information desired. Contest office over J. P. McNeill's store.

Employers Liability Measure Upheld by Supreme Court.

Washington Dispatch, 16th.

After nearly a year's consideration the Supreme Court of the United States today gave its unanimous approval to the employers' liability law, enacted by Congress in 1908 to take the place of a similar act declared unconstitutional. The decision marks an epoch in labor legislation.

The old common law, hedging in the rights of employees, is displaced in several particulars by the statute as approved today. Notable among these is the abolition of the "fellow-servant doctrine" and the substitution of a law, making employers liable for the negligence of an employee resulting in injury to an interstate employee. Furthermore, it frees the employee from "contributory negligence" in many instances and limits the effect of the doctrine in others; and likewise in many cases liberates the employee from assuming the risk when he enters employment knowing of the danger in his employment.

Meeting of Camp Willis H. Pope Postponed.

The meeting of Camp Willis H. Pope which was called by Commander McAllister to be held tomorrow at the court house has been postponed indefinitely on account of the weather. A meeting is held annually on or about this date, and the Daughters of the Confederacy always serve dinner to the veterans, but the bad weather and bad roads would work a hardship on both the Daughters and the veterans who might attend, so it has been decided that it is best to call off this meeting for the present.

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RED SPRINGS BUDGET.

Miss Emma Brown of Salisbury and Mr. Hiram Grantham of Red Springs Married Yesterday—Death of Mr. Robt. McEachern—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Red Springs, Jan. 16.—Dr. T. Marshal West of Fayetteville visited Dr. R. D. McMillan last week. Dr. West was accompanied by his father, Rev. T. M. West, who is now pastor of a Methodist church in Baltimore, Md. Mr. West has been visiting his son in Fayetteville for several weeks, but returned to Baltimore Friday of last week.—Drs. R. D. and J. L. McMillan attended the regular meeting of the Fifth District Medical Society which was held in Fayetteville last Tuesday.—Miss Winifred Nicholson has returned to her home in Washington N. C. after a pleasant visit to Miss Lucy De Vane.

Mr. Hiram Grantham left today for Salisbury, where he will be married tomorrow to Miss Emma Brown, of that city. Messrs. David Robeson, Hector Currie and Irvin Grantham accompanied the groom-elect. After a two-weeks' trip in Florida Mr. and Mrs. Grantham will be at home in Red Springs. Miss Brown is well known and popular here, as she taught for several years in the college. It is needless to say that Mr. Grantham has lots of friends, for no one could be more universally liked than the kind and genial manager of the Red Springs Drug Co. We heartily congratulate them and wish for them a long and happy life.

Messrs. Edmund and Owen Easley of Lynchburg, Va., visited their sister Mrs. W. B. Lea not long ago.—Mr. and Mrs. C. Long are at home at the home of Mrs. Nellie Shooter, on First avenue, after a wedding trip in several of the Northern cities.

We are sorry to report the death of Mr. Robert McEachern, which occurred in Atlanta several days ago. Mr. McEachern had been in ill health for several months and while his death was not unexpected, yet it came as a great shock to his mother and sisters here. Misses Maggie and Julia McEachern and Dr. H. H. Hodgins attended the funeral.

Messrs. J. G. Williams and J. M. Johnson left Tuesday for a vacation trip in Florida.—Mr. Shaw of Hope Mills is with the Red Springs Drug Co. for several days during the absence of Mr. Grantham.

Bellamy Briefs.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Bellamy, Jan. 18.—Mrs. Dan Patterson and two children, Misses Mary Jane and Velmor, of Hope Mills, are visiting Mrs. Patterson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Todd.—Mr. and Mrs. Cole Meares of Lamar, S. C., are visiting at the home of Mr. J. F. Meares.—Mr. Rowland Mercer went to town Saturday on business.

Mr. I. J. Wilkins, who moved to Hamlet some time ago, has moved back to this section. Glad to have him back again.

Mr. Dan Pitman, who had been visiting near Lumberton since Friday, returned home Monday.

People have been killing lots of rabbits lately. "Aunt Becky," your letters are highly appreciated by Hiawatha.

County Teachers Meeting Saturday, January 27.

Supt. J. R. Poole is making arrangements for a meeting of the white public school teachers of the county to be held in Lumberton on Saturday, the 27th inst. An interesting programme will be arranged for this occasion and it is expected that all the teachers of the county will attend.

CLARKTON NEWS BUDGET.

A New Residence—In Social Circles—Death of an Infant—Plaining Mill Changes Hands—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Clarkton, Jan. 16.—Mr. June Cromartie spent Friday in town on business.—Messrs. Sidney Meares and Gaston Hester attended the county Farmers' Union at Elizabethtown last Friday.

Mr. Alex. Register is having a residence put up in the northern part of town. When completed it will add much to the looks of the place.

Mr. D. F. Ward spent one day in Whiteville recently on business.—Mr. Eznophon Brown spent Saturday and Sunday in Wilmington.

Leap year must be doing the "Mt. Eliam" people good from the way "Happy Jack" talks like they are going to get married soon.

One of the most delightful sociables was given by Mr. Joe C. Burney and sister, Miss Ora May, last evening from 7 till 11 o'clock at the home of their mother, Mrs. F. C. Burney. The guests were met at the entrance by Mrs. J. W. Johnston and received by Miss Ora May Burney in the parlor, where all joined in a jolly conversation and many amusing games were played. The decorations for the occasion were very pretty, the color scheme being green and white. The guests were invited into the dining room, where ambrosia and cake were served. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather it was a most enjoyable evening.

Dora, the 7 months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. C. Balentine, died last Thursday night after a lingering illness. The funeral took place at the cemetery at the Clarkton Presbyterian church Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Clyde Davis and sister, Miss Blanche, of Elkton spent Thursday night in town, the guests of Mrs. J. A. Clark.

Mr. Wilkinson of New York has recently purchased the Clarkton Plaining Mill and the timber mills, etc., that belong to it, and will start to work.

BROAD RIDGE BREEZES.

A New Residence—An Infant Burned—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Lumberton, R. F. D. 4, Jan. 15.—It is somewhat cold on the Ridge now, and everything is covered with snow. Most of us are sitting by the fireside.

Mr. W. K. Culbreth of Pembroke was in these parts last week.

Mr. W. H. Bullard is erecting a nice residence near his old home. When completed this will be one of the nicest on the Ridge.

Mrs. Odel Rogers and a cousin of Page's Mill, S. C., are spending a few days with relatives here.—Mr. Arthur Bissell is spending some time at Pembroke.

We did not have preaching here Sunday on account of so much snow. Sunday school was also omitted.

Messrs. Grover, Rossie, Dudley and Beasley Britt spent yesterday on the Ridge, also Mr. G. F. Lawson of Mt. Eliam spent yesterday and today with friends here.

A crowd of young sports went rabbit hunting yesterday, catching five. I think they got more cold feet than rabbits.

Mrs. Emeline Britt and daughter, Miss Janie, have returned home after spending about three weeks with Mrs. Britt's sister here, Mrs. June Britt.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Titus Bissell had the misfortune of falling into the fire and being burned badly.

Prayer meeting is still being held on the ridge and everybody is cordially invited.

Important Meeting of Back Swamp Local Union Saturday.

An important meeting of Back Swamp local of the Farmers' Union will be held Saturday of this week at 2 o'clock p. m. President D. H. Britt is anxious to have every member of this local present at this meeting.

Can't look well, eat well or feel well with impure blood feeding your body. Keep the blood pure with Burdock Blood Purifiers. Eat simply, take exercise, keep clean and you will have long life.

TO IMPROVE FARMING.

A Bill Which Provides for General Agricultural Extension Work Throughout the Country.

Washington Dispatch, 16th.

Provision for general agricultural extension work, by which it is sought to revolutionize farming throughout the country, is made in a bill introduced in the House today by Representative Lever of South Carolina and in the Senate by Senator Smith of Georgia.

The bill contemplates the carrying on of this extension work through agricultural schools by instruction and demonstration not only in agriculture but in home economics and rural affairs generally through field demonstrations, publications and otherwise. By this means it is sought by first-hand presentation to popularize scientific agriculture. To carry on the work an initial appropriation of \$500,000 is asked in the bill for the first fiscal year, this amount to be increased each year for nine years by an additional sum of \$300,000 over the preceding year and the annual sum to be paid thereafter to the States assenting to the provision of the act is to be \$3,000,000.

The movement which the proposed legislation would advance has the endorsement of Senators and Representatives irrespective of party affiliation as well as the unanimous endorsement of the agricultural colleges of the country.

U. S. SERVES NOTICE.

President of Cuba Warned That United States May Take Charge of Island.

Washington Dispatch, 16th.

The State Department has served notice on President Gomez that the United States will intervene in Cuba if further attempts are made by the veteran organization to nullify the law prohibiting the interference of the military in political affairs in Cuba.

The attitude of the United States is shown in the following note presented today to the Cuban government:

"The situation in Cuba as now reported causes grave concern to the government of the United States.

"That the laws intended to safeguard free republican government shall be enforced and not defied is obviously essential to the maintenance of the law, order and stability indispensable to the status of the republic of Cuba, in the continued well-being of which the United States has always evinced and cannot escape a vital interest.

"The President of the United States therefore looks to the President and government of Cuba to prevent the threatened situation which would compel the government of the United States, much against its desires to consider what measures it must take in pursuance of its obligations to Cuba."

Along Route 5.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Lumberton, R. F. D. 5, Jan. 14.—Snowing seems to be the order of the day now.

Sorry to report Mr. R. E. Collins on the sick list.

Miss Dacia Watson spent last Thursday night at Mr. C. Arnette's.

Sorry to report Mrs. Owen Wilkins on the sick list.

Mr. H. R. Smith of North Lumberton visited home folks Monday of last week.—Mr. A. M. West and family spent Saturday night and Sunday of last week with Mr. Luther Baxley.

Some of our farmers are preparing for another crop.

The roads are the worst ever. Mr. Walter Taylor went to town today on business.

Mr. D. F. Israel is having a new house built on his farm.

The wedding bells will soon ring.

Mr. C. C. West of East Lumberton spent yesterday with home folks.

When given as soon as the croupy cough appears Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will ward off an attack of croup and prevent all danger and cause of anxiety. Thousands of mothers use it successfully. Sold by all dealers.

TO RESTRAIN SHERIFF

FROM COLLECTING TAXES.

Suit Being Instituted Today to Restrain Sheriff From Collecting Taxes Upon Increase in Valuation in Lumberton—Also From Collecting More Than \$2 Poll—Important Suit.

It is understood that a suit is being instituted in the superior court today which is of great interest to the people of the town of Lumberton. It will be remembered that after the list takers for Lumberton had valued the town property for taxation and after the board of equalization of the county had adjourned without making any change in such values the board of commissioners of the county undertook to raise the valuation of real estate in the town of Lumberton to the amount of ten per cent and taxes have been charged against the citizens of the town upon such increased valuation. The suit which is being brought today is to restrain the sheriff from collecting taxes upon this increase in valuation. It will also seek to restrain the collection of more than \$2 for poll tax, the tax as levied by the commissioners being \$2.85.

The suit is one of importance as it not only affects taxes for this year but for three years in the future. Those who have already paid their taxes will not get any advantage from the suit. If the plaintiff wins then all who have not paid their taxes will get the benefit of it.

The firm of McIntyre, Lawrence and Proctor is representing the plaintiff and it is presumed that the county attorney will represent the sheriff and commissioners.

This information was not given The Robesonian until several hundred copies of the paper had been printed and the press was stopped in order to handle this piece of news of importance to the citizens of the Lumberton.

DISAPPEARS MYSTERIOUSLY.

Mr. N. T. Humphrey, Who Lives Near Tolarsville, Left Home January 6th and Has Not Been Seen or Heard From Since—His Family Greatly Distressed.

Mr. N. T. Humphrey left his home near Tolarsville about 7 o'clock a. m. on the 6th inst. and has not been seen or heard from since by any member of his family. One person is supposed to have seen Mr. Humphrey in Lumberton on the day he disappeared, but this is not certain, and there is absolutely no trace as to his whereabouts. Mr. Humphrey has a wife and two children who are very much distressed over his disappearance and if any one can give information as to his whereabouts it will be greatly appreciated if they will write Mr. Geo. F. Humphrey or Mr. Stinson Humphrey at St. Paul or phone No. 2205. Mr. N. T. Humphrey is a brother of Mr. H. B. Humphrey of Lumberton.

Farmers' Institutes.

As mentioned in a recent issue of The Robesonian, farmers and women's institutes will be held in Lumberton next Monday, the 22d, and in St. Paul next Wednesday, the 24th. Institutes were advertised to be held in Parkton yesterday and in Maxton today.

—Manager Wishart has been having for the past few nights at the Pasttime theatre some of the best moving pictures made. Those who missed the pictures shown last night and Tuesday night missed something especially good.

—Mrs. R. C. Lawrence and little daughter, Mary, are expected home tonight or tomorrow from Richmond, Va., where they have been for the past few weeks while Mary was undergoing treatment by specialists for ill effects of diphtheria. The many friends of this lovable little lady and her parents will be glad to learn that her condition has very much improved.

LOCAL BRIEFS

—Mr. Joe N. Regan and family, of route 1 from Lumberton, have moved to Raeford.

—The three banks of the town will be closed tomorrow, the anniversary of the birth of Gen. Robt. E. Lee.

—Mr. A. T. McLean returned this morning from Maxton, where he had been for several days with his brother Mr. Hector McLean, who continues very ill with typhoid fever. Mr. McLean's condition is not thought to be any better.

—A green negro who had never seen ball-bearings was helping put up a ball-bearing buggy at Mr. C. M. Fuller's stables the other day and was startled when he saw the balls. "Great guns," he said, "dat thing is loaded with buckshot."

—Mr. M. C. Britt and family have moved from a farm belonging to Mr. J. A. McAllister, on rural route No. 4 from Lumberton, to a farm belonging to Mr. Geo. G. French, on route No. 1. Mr. Britt was among the visitors in town Tuesday.

—At a meeting of the directors of the St. Paul Cotton Mill held Monday at St. Paul a 4 per cent dividend was ordered paid. This is the largest dividend, by 2 per cent, ever paid by the mill. For the last three months the mill has had unusually fine business.

—Mr. Saloom Saleeby, whose arrival and business intentions were mentioned in a recent issue of The Robesonian, is now in shape for business in one of the Carlyle new stores on Chestnut street. He has a grocery and candy store.

—At the Pasttime theatre from 7:15 to 8:15 this evening the opera house orchestra will render several musical selections which will be a treat for all who attend. Beginning this evening Prof. Whiteley will play with the orchestra, using the cornet. Prices will be as usual.

—Rev. Father Gallagher of Wilmington will conduct his regular third-Sunday services here Sunday in the opera house. Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 o'clock a. m. and at 3:30 in the afternoon Father Gallagher will lecture on "The Real Presence, or the Lord's Supper from the Catholic Standpoint."

—Mr. W. M. Monroe, of Tar Heel, was a Lumberton visitor this morning. Though Tar Heel is on the Virginia & Carolina Southern Railroad it still gets its mail over a star route from Lumberton, but the snow and ice have blocked off the star route man for the past week and they have had no mail at Tar Heel since last Friday.

—As mentioned in The Robesonian some four or five weeks ago, the pump at the corner of Ninth and Elm streets needs fixing and should have the attention of the town authorities, for there is not a more public watering place in town. The pump needs a new plunger. Also the pump at the corner of Walnut and Fourth streets needs attention.

—Fayetteville Observer, 17th: Mr. John Allen McLean of Maxton was this week sworn in by Judge Peebles as a practicing lawyer in the courts of North Carolina. He is associated with Mr. John G. Shaw, as the firm of Shaw & McLean. We welcome Mr. McLean to Fayetteville, and wish him much usefulness and success in the practice of his chosen profession.

—A company of ten people presented a Western play at the opera house last night and will hold the boards again, tonight. This company has been having tough luck on the road and one J. A. Porthress, a moving picture show man, took it in hand and brought it here, but this morning Mr. Porthress was arrested by Chief of Police Redfern on a warrant handed him by Deputy Sheriff Turnage of Dunn, on the charge of embezzlement, and was taken to Dunn this morning by Deputy Turnage. The show will be put on all the same, though, and Mr. Porthress says he will be back in Lumberton tonight.