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SATURDAY WILL DETERMINE THE WINNERS OF THOSE FIVE DOLLAR GOLD PIECES

These Additional Prizes are Well Worth Making a Try For—Don't Delay in Starting Work for Your Baby.

Six of the Dear Little Babies of This Race are Going to Be Brought Strongly Into the Limelight and are Going to be Given a Big Boost Toward Ultimate Victory and the Gold Which Will Mark the Close of This Competition—A Big Asset in Your Future Work.

The race for those special prizes offered by The Robesonian will come to an end Saturday night at ten o'clock. This means that there is only a few hours remaining to you in which to work for these gold pieces. Take your subscription book with you and on your way to the office if you meet any of your friends and acquaintances whom you have not as yet approached for their help in your campaign, stop them, make an explanation, solicit their subscription.

It is a splendid thing to win one of these special prizes for your darling, for it has the effect of bringing your little one to the front as a prospective winner of one of those grand prizes in the end. The baby winning a special prize at this time has a very distinct advantage over the other babies in the race, for it places it in the public eye to the practical exclusion of all others. The prominence which it gains in this way is a big asset in the work which will be done for it in the future, hence it is not at all remarkable that every one interested in this race is striving to carry off these preliminary honors for their own particular favorites. It is going to be anybody's race right to the tick of the clock.

Some people have the impression that we intended giving the gold pieces to the babies for whom the subscriptions totaling the greatest number of votes were turned in. The votes have nothing to do with it. It is the number of years that we count, and the ones turning in the highest numbers will be the ones to win the three gold pieces in each district. Of course with each year you get 9,000 votes to apply on the large prizes.

And another thing we wish to speak about. You must not pay any attention to the stories that are being circulated about so-and-so having so many more votes than anyone else. They are just pure fabrications of a rather too imaginative brain of someone who is desirous of frightening out some of the contestants so they will have all the more territory in which to get subscriptions for their own favorites. We assure you that right now the race is very close and while all the contestants are running well there is no one who has a very large lead. Make up your mind that you have just as good a chance as anyone and just laugh at anyone who tells you that they have so many more than anyone else. Take it from us that the ones who are doing the most talking are the ones who are not doing very much else. It is the quiet, industrious person who is working steadily and surely toward the coveted goal who will win in this race, not the one who is going around telling how many more votes they have than anyone else.

It all depends on yourselves. Has anyone a sweeter baby than you? Of course not. Is anyone prouder of his son or his daughter than you? Most certainly not. Is there a baby in Robeson or adjoining counties more deserving of the title of "Most Popular Baby" than yours? Decidedly not. Then it is up to you. You have as many friends as those you are opposing in this race, you should have as much ambition and be as energetic. The contest closes the 23rd of next March, which means that there will be only six weeks more in

which to win gold and glory for your little one. If you do not want your baby to be at the very bottom of the ladder you had better bestir yourself for the competition for the first honors is going to be unusually keen.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Criminal Term Convened Tuesday—Strickland Murder Trial Set for Monday—Case Against Tolar Murder Suspects Not Pressed—Disposition Made of Many Cases.

The two-weeks term of criminal court which was to have begun Monday did not convene until Tuesday morning on account of the sickness of Judge R. B. Peebles, as stated in Monday's Robesonian. Judge Peebles arrived Monday night from his home at Jackson and court convened at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, Judge Peebles presiding and Solicitor N. A. Sinclair being present to represent the State. The grand jury was duly impaneled with Mr. A. D. Barnes as foreman and Mr. Eli Phillips as officer. On account of his indisposition Judge Peebles made his charge short, but those who heard it say it was direct, clear and to the point. The following cases have been disposed of (assault with deadly weapon and carrying concealed weapon are abbreviated to a. d. w. and c. c. w., respectively):

Pleasant Tom, c. c. w.; plead guilty; \$20 and costs.

Ernest McKay, escape; plead guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Richard Roe, alias Cal Williams, retailing; prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs.

Alex. Laceywell, c. c. w.; plead guilty; \$100 and costs.

Brittian Locklear, a. d. w.; plead guilty; \$10 and costs.

Lizzie Franklin, alias Shady Jenkins, retailing; plead guilty; prayer for judgment continued; defendant goes to hospital and to pay costs at next term.

Evander Johnson, retailing; plead guilty; \$35 and costs.

Handy Graham, retailing; plead guilty; prayer for judgment continued under same bond.

Frank Neely, retailing; plead guilty; prayer for judgment continued.

Norman Regan, c. c. w.; plead guilty; prayer for judgment continued by consent on payment of costs.

J. H. McMillan, larceny; waived bill of forcible trespass and plea of guilty accepted by solicitor; 6 months on roads.

Haynes Branch and A. S. Pitman, appeal; plead guilty of simple assault; Branch \$15 and Pitman \$10, each to pay half of costs.

Henry Arthur, larceny; plead guilty of forcible trespass; judgment suspended by consent during good behavior.

Henry Arthur, larceny; plead guilty; 2 years on roads.

Geo. McMillan, forgery; guilty.

Robert Sanders, larceny; plead guilty of forcible trespass; 6 months on roads.

Carson Strickland, murder, set for Monday next week; special venire of 100 men drawn. Defendant, who is about 35 or 40 years old, is charged with killing his brother-in-law, Jack Morris, in a drunken row near Marietta on the night of November 3d last.

Nol Pros., with leave or otherwise, has been entered in the following cases: Lloyd and Angus Hunt, appeal; Hezzie Britt et al, fornication and adultery; Flute Sellers, assault and c. c. w.; Henry Stackhouse, retailing; Arnold Purcell, retailing; Tede Lyon and Jas. Suggs, murder. The two last-named have been held on the charge of being implicated in the murder of Mr. Gray Tolar at his home at McDonald on the night of September 2 last.

Burns Evans, Albert Herring, nuisance; Evans plead guilty of forcible trespass; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Ed. Mechaux, retailing, 2 counts; prayer for judgment continued by consent during good behavior upon payment of cost. Geo. Swan, a. d. w.; guilty; 6 months on roads.

Curley Bethea, c. c. w.; plead guilty; \$20 and costs.

Mitchell Eldridge, c. c. w.; plead guilty; \$20 and costs.

Jno. Evans, retailing, 2 counts; plead guilty; judgment suspended by consent during good behavior on payment of costs; Jordan Jacobs retailing, same.

Calvin Johnson, a. d. w.; plead guilty; 4 months on roads.

Worthy Buie, retailing; guilty; 6 months on roads.

Roscoe McKay, larceny; guilty. Luke Lilly, retailing; plead guilty; 4 months on roads.

The following cases have been continued: Lindo Covington, a. d. w. and disposing of mortgaged property; Lewis Walker, larceny; Gordon Oxendine, larceny; Wm. Scott, housebreaking; Julius Davis, Antley McKrae, Will Jackson, retailing; E. Lee retailing; Bentley Oxendine, disturbing religious congregation and nuisance.

The following out-of-town attorneys have been attending court: Hon. G. B. Patterson and Messrs. B. F. and S. B. McLean and J. A. Shaw of Maxton, E. L. Wooten of Rowland, A. P. Spell of Red Springs, V. H. Taylor of Fairmont, Bennett of Fayetteville.

COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER

County Physician to be Employed for Entire Time—Will be Elected on 19th Inst.—Meeting of Robeson Medical Society.

The county commissioners and county board of health decided Monday to employ a county health officer for his entire time. Mr. J. W. Carter, chairman of the board of commissioners and also chairman of the health board, will advertise for a man to undertake this work, and the board of health will meet two weeks from Monday, on the 19th inst., to elect a physician for this position. The Robeson Medical Society, at the suggestion and upon the recommendation of which this step was decided upon, will meet with the health board on the 19th and some physician endorsed by this society will be selected. It is probable that the position will pay about \$1,800. Dr. W. A. McPhaul, who was elected county physician for two years last May, under the old system under which the county physician receives only a salary of \$9 per month and of course cannot devote his time to the work, has for some time advocated the employment of a man for his entire time, and he stated at the meeting Monday that he would resign and would not be an applicant for the position under the new plan.

This action was taken, as stated, upon the recommendation of the Robeson Medical Society, which held its bi-monthly meeting in Lumberton Monday, in the reading room of the Industrial and Commercial Club. The meeting was well attended, about 17 physicians of the county being present. Dr. A. B. Croom of Maxton, president of the society, read a paper on "The necessity of having a county health officer for his entire time," and Dr. W. A. McPhaul, county physician, read a paper showing what has been accomplished in Guilford county, the first county in the South to appoint a county superintendent of health for his entire time. The members of the society unanimously agreed that the county should employ a health officer under this plan and the county commissioners and county health board were asked to meet with the society in the afternoon to discuss this matter, with the result given above.

The next regular meeting of the society will be held in Maxton in April.

TOWN AFFAIRS.

Elm Street Paving Considered—Board of Audit and Finance Will Probably Render Favorable Decision Within Few Days—Attempt to Amend Sanitary Ordinance Fails—Water and Light Department Report.

The mayor and town commissioners held their regular monthly meeting Tuesday night in the office of the mayor.

By request the town board of audit and finance and Mr. A. W. McLean met with the board for the purpose of considering an act passed by the Legislature of 1911, authorizing the board of audit and finance to loan to the town of Lumberton, taking the town's note for same, out of the sinking fund of the town, a sum not to exceed \$10,000, for the purpose of paving Elm street from Sixth to the right-of-way of the S. A. L. Ry., also for the purchase of a new fire pump, together with equipment; the abutting property-owners to pay two-thirds of the cost of said work, the town to pay one-third, together with the cost of street crossings, etc. Mr. McLean stated that there would be about 6,000 square yards of this work to be done, and at a cost of \$1.60 per sq. yd. it would cost approximately \$9,600, and that the town's part of said work would be about \$4,500. Mr. McLean also stated that at the present rate of taxation, together with the increase in property valuation, there would be more than a sufficient sum to retire the outstanding bonds of the town as they mature. He also cited several decisions of the Supreme Court, where it had held an act of this kind to be constitutional, together with the opinion of several other prominent authorities, bearing on this subject. He said that in his opinion the board of audit and finance could not make a better investment than this, aside from the fact that the town was receiving the benefits from such investments; that the town's note would be the best security they could get, and that it would tend to strengthen their securities, rather than to weaken them.

Mayor White produced statements showing that all the property owners along the line of proposed paving, with the exception of perhaps one or two, had signed an agreement to have said work done, according to the plans as above submitted. The board of audit and finance, of which Judge T. A. McNeill is chairman, Messrs. Frank Gough and W. S. Britt being the other members, declined to give an answer immediately but stated that the matter would be decided at a meeting to be held last night. No decision has yet been reached, however, though it is probable that a favorable decision will be made within the next day or two.

The report of Supt. Pitman, of the water and light department, for the months of December and January shows that the running expenses for December were \$867.07, and the receipts, which include light rents to be collected for December, water for the quarter, together with water and lights to be charged to the town, to be \$1,704.24. For January the running expenses were \$724.69, and receipts, including lights to be charged to the town for street lighting, were \$826.91. This last report does not include any water charged to the town, which would make receipts show larger.

Mr. J. Dixon McLean appeared before the board, representing Mr. Rowland Deese, asking that the board take steps toward abating a nuisance near Mr. Deese's residence in the form of an unsanitary cow lot. The sanitary officer and the town health officer were instructed to investigate same.

Dr. W. O. Edmund made complaint about plumbing installed by A. Schwartzberg being unsatisfactory. The matter was referred to Supt. W. G. Pittman, with power to act.

An amendment was offered to

Blamed a Good Worker.

"I blamed my heart for severe distress in my left side for two years," writes W. Evans, Danville, Va., "but I know now it was indigestion, as Dr. King's New Life Pills completely cured me." Best for stomach, liver and kidney troubles, constipation, headache or debility. 25c at all druggists.

the sanitary ordinance by Mr. M. W. Floyd providing that the distance for having a sanitary privy be reduced from 100 feet from one's own residence to 75 feet, but it was voted down, Mr. W. J. Prevatt, who seconded the motion, and Mr. Floyd voting for, Messrs. H. B. Jennings and J. D. McMillan voting against, and Mayor White casting the deciding vote.

The bills ordered paid at this meeting will be published in Monday's Robesonian.

Mr. J. A. Boone, Jr. Takes a Partner in Dairy Business and Will Increase Capacity.

Mr. J. A. Boone, Jr., proprietor of the Woodlawn dairy, about 2 miles north of town on the Carthage road, has taken as a partner in the business Mr. J. N. Dunivin, an experienced dairyman who has had charge of a large dairy at Asheville. Messrs. Boone and Dunivin will increase the capacity of the dairy at once—they are advertising for 20 Jersey cows—and expect soon to be in position to supply the large demand, which Mr. Boone has heretofore been unable to supply altogether, for sweetmilk, buttermilk and butter. Mr. and Mrs. Dunivin arrived Saturday night. Mr. Dunivin is originally from Harrisonburg, Va., but comes to Lumberton from Asheville, where he has had charge of a large dairy which supplies milk for a sanatorium. He is an expert in handling sanitary milk. Messrs. Boone and Dunivin will also do a small trucking business.

Fire and "The Devil."

While "The Devil" was holding the boards at the opera house Monday night Mr. J. P. Russell, who lives next door to the opera house, discovered fire on the first floor. Mr. Russell and Night Policeman Stone put the fire, which did not amount to much and did little damage, out without giving the alarm. It's an uncanny thing that the only time there has ever been a fire in the opera house was the only time "The Devil" ever appeared there. They say it was not much of a devil, though, and by the same token it was not much of a fire. If it had been a corking good devil there is no telling what sort of a fire there would have been.

—Good cotton is bringing 10¢ cents on the local market today.

—Mrs. J. B. Bowen has accepted a temporary position in the law office of Mr. E. J. Britt as stenographer.

—Those who witnessed "From the Bottom of the Sea" at the Pastime theatre last night were delighted, many declaring the pictures the best ever seen here. Tonight "Executive Clemency," an Imp picture and "Master of the Vineyards" will be shown. Tomorrow night the great feature picture, "Hands Across the Sea," in two reels, will be put on. These will be worth while.

—Miss Lillian Clark, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Clark, and Mr. Lyman Melton, both of St. Paul, were married last evening at 8 o'clock in the Baptist church at St. Paul. Mr. and Mrs. Melton left immediately after the ceremony for Florida, where they will spend their honeymoon. Miss Lizzie Stephens of Lumberton went to St. Paul yesterday to attend the wedding and will be a guest at the home of the bride's parents until Sunday.

—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Robeson Building & Loan Association was held this morning in the Bank of Lumberton building. The old board of directors was re-elected and at a subsequent meeting of the directors the old officers—S. McIntyre, president; A. E. White, vice president; A. W. Peace, secretary-treasurer—were re-elected. The president's report showed that quite a satisfactory amount of business has been done during the past year. A review of this report will be published in Monday's Robesonian.

A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Liniment and bound on the affected parts is superior to any plaster. When troubled with lame back or pains in the side or chest give it a trial and you are certain to be more than pleased with the prompt relief which it affords. Sold by all dealers.

LOCAL BRIEFS

—The Seaboard passenger station is being treated to a new coat of paint.

—The Daughters of the Confederacy will give a silver tea on the evening of the 16th inst. at the home of Mrs. S. McIntyre.

—In yesterday's Fayetteville Observer it was stated that Mr. M. T. McArthur's residence at Hope Mills was destroyed by fire Tuesday night.

—Mr. W. D. Kinlaw, of Howellsville, was in town yesterday and reports that he killed the other day a 16-months-old pig that weighed 465 pounds.

—There has been no change in the railroad situation at the Lumberton cotton mill since Monday's paper, except that the number of guards over the property has been reduced.

—A charter has been granted the Parkton Pharmacy of Parkton, authorized capital \$10,000, with \$2,000 paid in by H. C. Jones, T. W. Thompson, D. S. Currie and E. B. Daniel.

—Mr. A. W. McLean has had the partially burned building and other debris from the recent fire at the corner of Elm and Second street cleared away, which has added much to the appearance of things in that part of town.

—Mr. G. W. Sibbett, from Carthage, has located in Lumberton to manufacture a washing powder of his invention—Snow-Flake washing powder, manufactured by the Snow-Flake Soap & Powder Co.

—"The Devil," the attraction at the opera house Monday evening, was—er—well, they say it would be a shame to tell on it. The audience was slim in the beginning and slimmer when the curtain was rung down on the last act.

—At a meeting of the board of stewards of Chestnut Street Methodist church last night it was decided to purchase an individual communion set of 140 pieces. Chairman A. E. White, Mr. J. A. Sharpe and Rev. J. H. Bradley, pastor of the church, were appointed a committee to make the purchase at once.

—The proprietors of the Dixie cafe have opened a quick-lunch counter and cafe in one of the rooms of Mr. A. W. McLean's new brick building near the Seaboard passenger station. As has been stated, the Southern Express Co.'s office has also been moved to this building, and it is now much more conveniently situated.

—Mrs. Nannie Williams, field worker for the North Carolina Children's Home Society of Greensboro, spent yesterday in Lumberton on one of her regular visits. This society is doing most praiseworthy work and Mrs. Williams always finds ready contributors here. The society has placed several children in homes in this county.

—Mr. and Mrs. Alf. H. McLeod entertained at a delightful three-course dinner Tuesday evening at their home on Elm street. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. McKenzie. This happened also to be the 44th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie.

—It is understood that no business of special importance was transacted at the meeting of the county board of education Monday. Supt. J. R. Poole left town Tuesday morning to visit the schools of the county that are doing 6th and 7th grade work and did not return in time for The Robesonian to get a report of this meeting for today's paper. It will be published Monday.

—It was stated some time ago that the Lumberton Coca-Cola Bottling Co. had been organized and would occupy one of the rooms of Mr. A. W. McLean's new brick building near the Seaboard depot. It is moving in this week and hopes to be in operation next week. Mr. C. D. Hutaff is secretary and treasurer and principal owner and will be in charge. Mr. Hutaff and his brothers, who are interested with him here, have similar plants in Fayetteville, Wilmington and several other places.