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HOPE MILLS HAPPENINGS.

Death of Mrs. Martha Biggs—Planting, Growing and Picking Cotton—Church Services—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Hope Mills, Apr. 29—Rt. Rev. Robert Strange, bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, will preach in Christ church, Hope Mills, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and evening at 7:30. There will be a celebration of the holy communion at the morning service and a class will be confirmed at the evening service.

Mrs. Martha Biggs, wife of the late Alexander Biggs, died on last Friday morning in the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Davis. Mrs. Biggs was in the sixtieth year of her age and for a number of years was a faithful member of the Methodist church at Cumberland. The funeral services were conducted from the residence by her pastor, Rev. F. S. Borton, and interment was made in the cemetery at Cumberland Methodist church. The deceased is survived by three sons and one daughter—J. S. Biggs of Rocky Mt., M. A. Biggs of Elkin, W. L. Biggs and Mrs. J. H. Davis of Hope Mills.

On last Thursday Mr. H. H. Pate, postmaster at Hope Mills, went over the rural route No. 1 from Hope Mills, and on his trip he saw three cotton fields which joined each other, and in one field cotton was being planted, in another the plant was coming up and in the third the white fleece was being picked out of the boll. How is that for growing cotton?

On last Sunday evening at 2 o'clock the annual sermon of the Odd Fellows of Hope Mills was preached in the Methodist church by Rev. Ennis Horne of Rockingham. The congregation was large and the sermon was helpful.

Mrs. Jannet Ray and her daughter Miss Sallie are visiting relatives in Goldston this week.

Mrs. N. C. Duncan, who is now in the Highsmith hospital for treatment, is improving, her many friends will be glad to note. Mrs. Duncan has been sick for several weeks and it is hoped her recovery may be speedy and she may soon return to her home in Hope Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Johnson are visiting relatives in Hope Mills this week. Mr. Johnson is of the United States Navy.

Among the Sick.

It was reported Tuesday afternoon that Mr. E. D. McNeill had suffered a stroke of paralysis, but that was error. Mr. McNeill has since been on the streets apparently none the worse for a slight indisposition Tuesday which gave rise to the report.

The condition of Mr. Durham Lewis, who lives with his son Mr. R. E. Lewis, five miles from town, and who suffered a stroke of paralysis some months ago, is considered very much improved. Mr. Lewis is the second oldest man on route 1 from Lumberton.

Misses Elizabeth and Mary Miller Snead, of Fairfax county, Va., and Mr. Jno. P. Snead, of Smyth, Va., arrived Tuesday morning in response to a message announcing the illness of their mother, Mrs. Sallie Snead, who is a guest here at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Varner. Mrs. Snead's condition this morning was thought to be somewhat improved.

Master Hinton McLeod, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alf H. McLeod, who has been sick for several days with fever, was thought to be somewhat better this morning.

Mr. Harry McGill, who about a month ago sustained injuries at the Dresden cotton mill on account of the falling of an elevator, went this morning to Wilmington, where he will undergo an X-ray examination. He was accompanied by Drs. N. A. Thompson and T. C. Johnson. Mr. McGill was on the elevator when it fell and it is thought that his right hip is dislocated.

The cableship McKay-Bennett arrived at Halifax, N. S., with 190 of the White Star liner Titanic's dead April 30. Fifty-seven of those reported before the ship's arrival as identified had of necessity been cast again into the sea.

PROCTORVILLE POINTS.

Crop Prospects Good—Business Items—Much Tobacco Planted—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Proctorville, Apr. 29—The farmers are principally through planting around here. Prospects for a good crop seem to be better this year than at this time last year. It is becoming rather dry for crops that are recently planted, and we fear it will cause a poor stand.

Rev. W. W. Willis filled his regular appointment at the First Baptist church here yesterday, and preached an able and instructive sermon, his theme being "Christ the World's Friend." Mr. Willis is an able speaker and was called Sunday to fill the pastorate here for the year, and those near by will do well to hear him every 4th Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m.

Mr. W. R. Surles, of this place, who is a distinguished traveling salesman for W. B. Cooper Co. of Wilmington, attended the Wholesale Grocery Association convention at Birmingham, Ala., last week and reports a splendid trip, but returned home Saturday on the sick list.

Mr. H. Barnes is in the mercantile business at Carenton during the berry season.

Mr. I. P. Graham returned last week from King's Business College at Raleigh, where he graduated in the commercial course recently.

Mr. J. E. Spivey and son Clyde, of Orrum, left Saturday for Fort Myers, Fla., where they will be engaged in the lumber business throughout the summer season.

Mr. Ira Spivey, who is agent for the A. C. L. Ry. Co. at Myrtle Beach, S. C., was in this section Saturday night and Sunday visiting friends and relatives.

Messrs. B. F. Collins and John McNeill, of Lumberton, were in town Sunday.—Mr. J. H. Graham, of near here, went to Fayetteville last week, where he will remain a few days visiting his sons Messrs. W. A. and Thaddeus Graham.—Quite a number of our young folk took in the commencement exercises at Fairmont last week and report a delightful time.—Misses Meekie Graham and Lillie Humphrey are spending a few days with friends and relatives near Fayetteville.—Friends of Mr. Geo. C. Atkinson, who has been quite sick lately, will be glad to learn that he is well on the road to recovery.

If we go by the amount of tobacco that has been planted the last few days, we would say that the prices of cigars should decline, for there has been more planted in this country than has ever been one year before. We hope the farmers will not witness such a fall-out on prices as they did on cotton last year.

"Jumbo."

An Ostrich Stunt—Somebody Cuts Judgment From Court Docket, but Judgment Stands.

Tuesday afternoon Clerk of the Court C. B. Skipper found that somebody during his absence at dinner cut out of the judgment docket record of a final judgment in Dr. N. A. Thompson vs. W. H. Inman, the judgment being in favor of the plaintiff in the sum of \$143, with interest from February last. If guilty person thought to destroy all record of the case he did a poor job, for the record stands elsewhere. It was a very foolish thing to do and reminds one of the silly ostrich, which sticks its head in the sand and, with all the rest of its body sticking up like a hill, imagines that it is completely hidden.

Long Branch Locals.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Lumberton, R. F. D. 4, Apr. 29—Mr. J. D. Johnson of St. Paul spent Saturday and Sunday with his sister Mrs. Thurman Rice—Mr. Geo. E. Thompson left yesterday morning for Fayetteville, where he will undergo an operation for appendicitis, accompanied by Mrs. Thompson. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

A mad dog passed through here Friday and bit several dogs. Sorry to report Miss Thetus Lamb sick with measles.

School closed Friday after a most successful term.

Brown Eyes.

TOWN PRIMARY.

Caldwell Nominated for Mayor by Two Votes—The Vote—Election Monday.

The town primary held Tuesday resulted as follows:

For mayor—A. P. Caldwell; commissioners—J. D. Proctor, D. P. Walters, C. B. Redmond; school trustees—R. D. Caldwell, Alf. H. McLeod, Q. T. Williams, C. B. Townsend; board of audit and finance—T. A. McNeill, Sr., Frank Gough, W. S. Britt.

Nomination is equivalent to election, but election to confirm these nominations will be held Monday, May 6. The primary was not exactly a grand sweet song, but very little interest was taken in it generally, though friends of the candidates for mayor did some hard work. The vote for the various candidates stood as follows:

For mayor—Caldwell 169, Thompson 167; for commissioners—Proctor 172, Walters 203, J. T. Biggs 112, H. C. Freeman 118, Redmond 130, S. H. Hamilton 124, J. H. Floyd 74; audit and finance board—Gough 269, McNeill 217, Britt 152, E. L. Holloway 81, L. C. Townsend 145.

The old board of audit and finance was re-elected, also the members of the school board whose terms expire. There was no opposition to the school board, hence the vote for the candidates is not given.

The primary was a quiet and orderly and tame affair as compared with the primary a year ago. There was a large stay-away vote.

RED SPRINGS BUDGET.

Mr. A. D. McLeod's Condition Improved—May Day on the 7th—Social and Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Red Springs, April 30—Miss Bess Jones visited relatives in Dublin several days of last week.—Dr. C. G. Vardell expects to leave this week for Princeton, N. J., where he will attend the centennial anniversary of Princeton University. While there he will also attend a reunion of his class.—Dr. Roscoe McMillan spent Tuesday in Fayetteville on professional business.—Miss Anna de Vane, who spent the winter months in Florida, is at home again.—Mrs. George Bullock and Miss Mary McEachern have returned from a week's stay in Atlanta, where they went to attend the week of grand opera.

Miss Beatrice Farquhar entertained a few friends at an at home Friday afternoon at the residence of her sister Mrs. Bartram Robeson. The young ladies enjoyed Miss Farquhar's hospitality to the fullest extent, and all went away saying she was an ideal hostess.

The college girls are preparing extensively for the May day exercises which will be held on the campus next Tuesday, May 7. The crowning of the queen, the May pole dance and drills are always so pretty and attractive, the different costumes of the beautiful maidens making indeed an alluring picture. In the evening there will be an old fiddler's convention in the college auditorium. Fiddlers of the old type will come from far and near to engage in the contest. So come one, come all and have a pleasant evening.

We are glad to report Mr. A. D. McLeod's condition is much improved and his physicians now hope for him a speedy recovery to health and strength. Mr. Hinton McLeod has returned to his school in Concord, after a stay of two weeks at his father's bedside.

County Meeting of Farmers' Union at Back Swamp May 16.

The county meeting of the Robeson division of the Farmers' Union will be held at Back Swamp Thursday, May 16. The meeting will convene at 10 o'clock a. m. It is understood that dinner will be served on the grounds, and a good time in general is expected. There is some very important business to come before the meeting, and a full delegation from each local is expected. Remember, one stitch in time saves nine, and be on hand.

Grover Britt, Sec. & Treas. Robeson Union.

MR. DURHAM ON SANITARY CONDITIONS.

Merchants Who Expose Food to Flies Cause Sickness and Death—Filthy Meat Markets—Street Fruit Stands Dangerous—Intelligent People Should Not Put up With Such Conditions.

It was stated in Monday's Robesonian that the preachers of Lumberton observed Sunday as sanitary Sunday, as requested by the State Board of Health, devoting the morning hour to sermons along sanitary lines, and that the remarks of Rev. C. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, who spoke more particularly of local conditions than the others, would be reported in today's paper. It is to be regretted that every person in Lumberton could not hear Mr. Durham's remarks. They were to the point exactly and calculated to do great good. Space requirements demand that his talk be reported as briefly as possible. Mr. Durham said in part:

Every hour in the United States 175 persons die, 4,200 die each day, 1,500,000 die each year, and 600,000 of these deaths are the result of preventable diseases. Since the Titanic disaster two weeks ago 55,000 people have died in the United States, one-third of whom could have been saved. The whole world was shocked by that disaster and Congress is properly investigating it with a view to preventing other disasters of the kind, yet nothing is thought of the 16,000 or 18,000 deaths in the 2 weeks since then that could have been prevented. Much has already been accomplished by preventive measures and within the next ten years we will pay doctors to tell us how to keep well rather than cure us after we get sick. Antitoxin has saved the lives of 100,000 people whom diphtheria would have carried off; vaccination has saved millions of people from smallpox. 1871 to 1874 there was an epidemic of smallpox in Austria and Prussia which resulted in 102,000 deaths in Austria, 172,000 deaths in Prussia. Prussia adopted compulsory vaccination; Austria did not. Result: in the next 20 years 8,000 people died of the disease in Prussia, 289,000 in Austria. During the war between Germany and France in the seventies Germany compelled vaccination, France did not: 25,000 French soldiers died of smallpox, against only 350 German soldiers.

Typhoid, another preventable disease, claims 35,000 victims annually, while 350,000 people are bedridden each year in the United States 6 weeks from this disease. This disease is the best index of the sanitary intelligence of a community. It is largely disseminated by the fly and it is our duty to keep the flies out of our homes. Let Lumberton destroy the fly and clean up all places where they germinate.

Tuberculosis claims 180,000 victims annually in the United States, 6,000 in North Carolina, while 500,000 are bedridden from this disease today.

After giving these interesting statistics Mr. Durham directed attention to some local conditions that should be improved.

Go into some of the grocery stores of Lumberton and you will find their back doors open, and back of the stores is more or less filthy. You will often find the sugar barrel open, butter, lard, cheese, uncovered, and flies from the filthy back alleys swarming over these things. These merchants are good citizens and would not cause a case of typhoid fever in a home if they knew it, but by allowing such conditions they may cause cases of typhoid fever in the homes of any of their customers. It is their duty to keep food covered up and to clean up.

Meat markets—doors open, flies swarming, meat exposed to flies and dust from street. The danger is not all removed in boiling the meat. A certain amount of putrefaction sets in from the flies and filth and the meat is poisoned. The day is coming when we are going to protect ourselves from such conditions. As intelligent people, let's stop it. Solomon said, "The prudent man foreseeth the evil and hideth himself; the simple pass on and are punished."

Fruit stands—flies have free access to the fruit you buy from the stands on the street. People pass by these stands with all sorts of diseases, and flies and dust settle on the fruit and vegetables. Your child may put in its mouth a luscious grape which has been exposed to flies and may contract typhoid. The thing to do, as wise folk, is not to eat any fruit not protected from flies.

In conclusion, Mr. Durham strongly advised that during another session at the graded school not a public drinking cup be allowed. He urged that the school trustees make a rule to that effect and enforce it. Many diseases are transmitted by the use of public drinking cups.

GRADED SCHOOL CLOSING.

Commencement Exercises Monday and Tuesday—A Capacity Crowd This Year.

The graded school will close next week with commencement exercises Monday and Tuesday. It was intended to have a sermon Sunday, but the preacher selected could not come and that part of the programme had to be cut out.

Monday will be rally day. All pupils who have attended during the year are requested to be present at the exercises Monday morning at 9 o'clock. After the chapel exercises there will be field-day exercises on the campus, consisting of contests in tennis, basketball, races, jumping, throwing, etc. The public is invited to these exercises.

Monday evening beginning at 8:15 o'clock, there will be exercises by the primary grades consisting of songs, recitations, drills, etc. Admission 10 and 15 cents.

Tuesday morning, beginning at 10:30 o'clock, there will be exercises by the graduating class, after which will be the literary address by Rev. Plato T. Durham, presiding elder of the Winston-Salem district of the Western North Carolina Conference.

Tuesday evening at 8:15 the pupils of the higher grades will render a musical operetta entitled "Pauline, or An Eventful Day", at the opera house. Admission 15 and 25 cents, proceeds to go to stage and library funds.

The total enrolment during the year just closing was 419—a capacity crowd. The graduating class consists of nine, as follows: Lois Boone, Ruth Britt, Margaret Britt, Gertrude McConaughy, Ida Mae Sessoms, Louise Townsend, Georgia Whitfield, Mildred Williams, Chappell Wilson. Supt. R. E. Sentelle and all the members of the faculty will teach next year with the exception of Miss Mamie Avent, who has resigned to accept work elsewhere.

MAY 10 CELEBRATION.

Preparations Being Made to Entertain Confederate Veterans in Lumberton May 10—W. P. Stacy of Wilmington Speaker.

Preparations are being made for the usual 10th of May celebration here in honor of the Confederate veterans. The occasion will be under the auspices of the local chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Mr. W. P. Stacy of Wilmington will be the speaker for the day. There will be special music and a public dinner for the veterans. The local chapter of the Daughters has turned the management of the occasion over to Mr. M. G. McKenzie and he is especially anxious that all the veterans of the county be present. He says that he wants this to be the largest 10th of May day for the old soldiers that Lumberton has ever witnessed.

—Rev. C. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, Messrs. E. J. Britt, R. McA. Nixon and C. M. Barker returned this morning from Salemburg, where yesterday they attended the marriage of Mr. J. Abner Barker, formerly of Lumberton but now of Roseboro, to Miss Florence Butler of Salemburg. The marriage took place yesterday afternoon at 6 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents and Mr. Durham performed the ceremony.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

—Cotton today, middling, 10½ cents; good middling, 11 1-8.

—Born to Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Green, Fifth street, yesterday morning, a boy.

—A music recital will be given tomorrow evening, beginning at 8 o'clock, in the graded school auditorium by pupils of Miss Mary Weddell.

—Mr. R. E. Lee, who for several years occupied rooms in the McLeod building over the First National Bank for the practice of law, moved Tuesday to rooms in the old Columbia hotel building. The rooms are over the Dixie cafe.

—County Superintendent J. R. Poole will go tomorrow morning to Laurinburg, where he will conduct a spelling contest at the Scotland county commencement. In the contest will be representatives of all the schools in the county.

—Mr. J. T. Barker went to Wilmington this morning and will return this evening with his daughter Miss Alice, who has been undergoing treatment there for the past six weeks for throat trouble, which, it is hoped, has been entirely relieved.

—Rev. J. W. Bradley, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, will have for his subject at the 11 o'clock service Sunday morning "The Engineering of Eternity." At the conclusion of the sermon a church conference of importance to every member will be held.

—Mr. Regan McIntyre, who for some time had held a position as clerk at the Waverly hotel, has resigned to accept a position as clerk with the Evans Pharmacy at Dillon, S. C. He left yesterday for Dillon. Mr. McIntyre is succeeded at the hotel by Mr. Douglas McLean.

—Mr. Fred J. Thomas, who with his family, had been at Shelby for the last three months for his health, returned this morning to resume his work as express agent, which work has been looked after in his absence by Mr. Albert Boylin. Miss Annie Burton Stainback, who had been at Shelby also, returned with Mr. Thomas. Mrs. Thomas and children will probably spend the summer at Shelby.

—Mr. Troy M'White has been appointed clerk at the postoffice to succeed Mr. B. F. Stephens, who resigned some time ago. Five applicants stood the examination advertised to be held last Saturday and papers have been sent to the Department at Washington, but the vacancy was filled from the eligible list, from which Mr. M'White had been dropped on account of being out of town when first notified of the vacancy to which he was eligible but to which he was restored when the matter was explained to the Department at Washington.

Nine Farmers and Three Merchants Compose Allen Jury.

Wytcheville, Va., dispatch, 1st.

A jury was sworn tonight to try Floyd Allen, indicted for five murders in the Carroll court house on March 14th last. For four hours, counsel interrogated a string of veniremen and it was long after dusk when a 16th talesman was found satisfactory as to cause. The defense then exercised its four peremptory challenges allotted and court adjourned.

Nine farmers and three merchants compose the jury. The defense moved to require the commonwealth to consolidate the five indictments against Floyd Allen to obviate the possibility of five separate trials, but Judge Staples overruled the motion. The charge to the jury and the opening statements in the case by counsel will be made tomorrow.

Indian Normal School Commencement May 17.

The commencement of the Indian Normal school at Pembroke will be held May 17. Under the excellent management of Prof. H. L. Edens, principal, this school has been doing excellent work and the commencement exercises are always a great credit to teachers and pupils.