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ROBESON SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Interesting Facts Disclosed in Annual Report to State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Some interesting facts are contained in the annual report of Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of public instruction, to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction for the school year ending June 30, 1912.

Receipts for the year amounted to \$74,232.66, made up of special tax, \$27,390.84; contributed by the State, \$2,854.65; and the remainder of fines and forfeitures, insurance, examination fees and private donations, this last-mentioned item amounting to \$314.16.

Disbursements—Amounts paid teachers: white, \$37,527.60; colored, \$9,330.60; Indian, \$4,223.13; new buildings, repairs and sites, \$8,712.27; furniture, \$1,085.98; libraries, \$225.56; installment on loan fund, \$1,290.90; high school teachers' salaries, \$4,536.42. Total expenditures, \$75,366.62, making an excess over receipts shown of \$1,133.96, but in the hands of the sheriff at the time there was about \$2,500 that was turned in about July 2, the check not being received in time to incorporate it in this report.

Mileage and per diem of members of the board of education, \$153.80; salary of superintendent of public instruction, \$1,776; salary of stenographer for superintendent, \$673.50; office supplies, \$159.65.

The school property is valued as follows: White, \$73,218; colored, \$11,859; Indian, \$7,900. Total value of school property, \$92,977.

There are 155 rural school houses. Sixty-four of these are furnished with patent desks and 58 have libraries with a total of 4,887 volumes.

There are 56 special tax districts, 7 of these having been established during the year, and two graded schools, one at Lumberton and one at Maxton.

The school census shows the following number of children of school age in the county: White, 6,088—3,212 males and 2,876 females; colored, 5,887—2,372 males, 3,015 females; Indian, 2,183—1,103 males, 1,045 females.

Average daily attendance—White, 1,420 males, 1,585 females, or an average of 2,805; colored, 878 males, 1,128 females, or an average of 2,008; Indian, 302 males, 300 females, or an average of 602.

Average length of term in days—White, 135; colored, 81; Indian, 99. In local tax districts, white, 145; colored, 85; Indian, 106.

Number of teachers—White, 29 males, 79 females; colored, 25 males, 42 females; Indian, 20 males, 7 females.

It will be noted that while the white and colored female teachers outnumber the male teachers in each of those races, the male Indian teachers outnumber the female Indian teachers nearly three to one.

Robeson makes a good showing in special tax districts and at almost every meeting of the board of education other petitions are filed asking for more special tax elections.

Senator Simmons' Leadership of Senate Still Bearing Fruit.

Senator Simmons' successful leadership of the senate continues to bear fruit. Today he succeeded in getting a ten per cent increase for the rural delivery carriers of the country. The bill as amended goes to conference carrying an increase which will make the delivery carriers' salary \$1,200 per annum.

Senator Simmons was also successful in his fight for free American ships through the Panama canal. The bill as now amended provides that American ships engaged in coastwise trade shall not be charged tolls, and prohibits railroad-owned ships using the big ditch, and also places the canal under the supervision of the interstate commerce commission.

Through the efforts of the senior Senator the cotton bill passed the Senate today. This measure greatly lowers the duties on manufactured cotton.

ONE OF THE BEST.

Mr. Carl Jansen Enthusiastic About Robeson County, Which He Says is One of the Best in the South—May Visit Schools Here in November.

Mr. Carl Jansen, who so successfully gave special lectures here during the teacher's institute last week, in conversation with a Robesonian reporter spoke in most enthusiastic terms about Robeson county, its people and schools. Among other things Mr. Jansen said:

"You have one of the best counties in the State. I understand from reports that there has been a question of dividing the county. I do not want to create the impression that I wish to interfere in your home affairs, but to me and other outsiders it would look like a tragedy to divide it. 'In union there is strength.' Dividing your county means the oblivion of the great Robeson county forever and good-night to success.

"The new county would have to issue at least \$100,000 bonds and with interest in 20 years would mean burdens to posterity. It is better to put that \$100,000 on good roads in your whole county and good schools, raising the teacher's salaries, etc., which surely is the best thing to do. We must not live for today. It is for the rising generation we plan and therefore we must sacrifice our selfish ambition to the good of the common wealth of our country. A foolish step today may cause future generations to curse our memories. Give my best and highest regards to the people of Robeson county."

Mr. Jansen was physical director at the summer school at Chapel Hill this summer. He started in with 40 pupils and wound up with 200 or more, and he was engaged for next summer at double the salary paid him this summer. He has a large photograph of his class, some 200 women all dressed alike in white—a beautiful and inspiring sight—and several men, also in white.

Mr. Jansen is a Swede and is well-known throughout the country as a lecturer and entertainer. He came to this country about 12 years ago. He will probably come back to Robeson some time in November and spend two weeks lecturing in the schools of the county.

Chief of Police of Hope Mills Shot.

Fayetteville Observer, 16th.

John D. Barber, chief of police of Hope Mills, was shot twice yesterday afternoon by a white man named J. D. Smith. The wounds are not considered dangerous.

Smith was drinking and had been raising a disturbance at his home. The neighbors sent for Policeman Barber, who immediately started to Smith's house. When within about 75 yards from the house Smith appeared, armed with a breach-loading shot gun, and ordered the officer to stop, raising his gun and firing twice at Barber, who was hit both times in the breast, face and arms.

Barber got his pistol into action as quickly as possible, emptying it, but without effect.

Smith after firing both barrels reloaded his gun and started for the officer, but as the latter had emptied his pistol and had no shells and was suffering from the wounds, he left the madman and went for assistance.

After the shooting Smith took to the woods, and has not yet been apprehended.

Robeson Republican Convention to be Held August 31.

Republicans of Robeson county are called to meet in convention in Lumberton on Saturday, August 31, to elect delegates to the State convention which will be held in Charlotte September 4. Precinct meetings will be held on the 24th for the purpose of electing delegates to this convention and also to elect precinct executive committees.

Billious? Feel heavy after dinner? Bitter taste? Complexion sallow? Liver perhaps needs waking up. Doan's Regulets for billious attacks. 25c. at all stores.

RAFT SWAMP RAFTS.

A Good Revival Meeting—Refreshing Rain—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Lumberton, R. F. D. 6, August 15—It has been about three weeks since we have had any rain and the crops, especially cotton, are beginning to suffer.

A revival meeting closed at Raft Swamp church last Saturday. Rev. W. R. Beach of Cary assisted the pastor, Rev. A. H. Porter, in the meeting. Bro. Beach preached some able sermons. Five were added to the church. Large crowds attended the services, a good many visitors from other churches. Prof. C. M. Beach and Mr. R. J. Hall of Delway being among the number. We are always glad to have Messrs. Beach and Hall with us.

Miss Mattie Hodgkin returned home Monday from a visit to Laurel Hill and Laurinburg.

Miss Ada Pittman of Back Swamp is the guest of Miss Flora Carlyle this week.

Mrs. H. W. Baucom and little daughter Elizabeth, returned Monday to their home at Carthage.

Miss Athesia Townsend's condition is unimproved, we are sorry to note.

Some of our farmers have pulled their fodder and the cotton is opening very fast.

We think you will hear the wedding bells again before long.

Miss Flora Carlyle entertained quite a number of her friends Wednesday evening.

Rev. Walter Biggs left Sunday afternoon to enter school again.

Since beginning my letter we have had a good refreshing rain, which is quite a help.

Mrs. W. C. Powell and daughter, Miss Quessie, of Orrum, visited relatives here the first of the week.

"Happy Jack," write real often. Your letters are admired by

The Widow Dooley.

ACROSS THE LINE

Church Services—A Marriage—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Lydia, S. C. (Lamar, R. 1), Aug. 14.—Rev. P. A. Hodges delivered an address at the Methodist church here last Sunday evening in the interest of Columbia College, of which he is financial agent.

Rev. J. S. Beasley of Lynchburg, S. C., visited at the home of Mr. J. C. Clements several days last week.

Miss Alice King of Lamar, S. C., is visiting Mrs. Lemmie Watford on route 1 for several weeks.

The Baptist Young People's Union of Mt. Elon Baptist church met on Sunday evening, August 11, and a very interesting programme was carried out. The speaker for the night was the pastor, Mr. Rogers, his subject being, "Benefit of Christian Service."

Mr. Josey Windham, one of Lamar's promising young men, was married last Wednesday to Miss Mary Shepherd, a charming young lady of near Timmons-ville, the ceremony taking place at Bishopville. Their many friends wish for them a pleasant sail over the sea of life.

Miss Lydie Davis has returned home after a month's stay at Charleston and Saluda.

Mr. L. W. Reddick returned home Friday night after spending several days at Boardman, Lumberton, St. Paul and other points in North Carolina.

News has been received here of the serious illness of Mrs. John J. Britt, who is undergoing treatment in McLeod's infirmary in Florence. Her many friends hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mr. M. D. Stokes went to Wilmington, N. C., Wednesday to purchase goods to open up his store here. Blue Bells.

Teachers Institutes Close—Best Ever Held in County.

The two teachers' institutes, one for white teachers and one for colored, which began here on the 5th inst, closed Friday. They were pronounced the best ever held in the county. A report of these institutes has been prepared but it is necessary to hold it over for Thursday's paper.

FAIRMONT NEWS LETTER.

Sunday School Circuit Convention—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Fairmont, Aug. 19—Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Brown and son Master Hal and Mr. Carl Thompson will go tomorrow to Charlotte, where a new Studebaker automobile purchased from Mr. Jno. F. McNair of Laurinburg will be delivered to Dr. Brown and in which they will journey from Charlotte to and through the mountains of the western part of the State. They will visit Asheville, Waynesville and other famous resorts in that part of the State. Mrs. Brown has promised to write The Robesonian while on this trip. They will be away about two weeks.

Last week was a record-breaker on the Fairmont tobacco market, both as to sales and prices.

The Methodist Sunday school here attended Saturday 60 strong the Sunday school conference of the Robeson circuit held at Marietta. A very large crowd was present, 600 or 700 people. Mr. Bradham, Sunday school secretary of the North Carolina Conference, made a fine address. All the Sunday schools of the circuit were well represented.

Messrs. J. D. McLean, F. L. Blue and F. C. Jones and Dr. J. P. Brown went to Jackson Springs yesterday in an automobile, leaving here at 6 a. m. and returning at 8 o'clock last evening. They had time enough to spend 4 hours at the springs.

McKINNON CLAN REUNION

Fifth Annual Affair Held Near Maxton.

Maxton Special, 15th, to Charlotte Observer.

The McKinnon Clan held their fifth annual reunion yesterday in the grove at the home of their chief, A. M. McKinnon, just north of Maxton. There were present of the clan 150 members, besides a hundred or more invited guests and a genuine good time and good dinner enjoyed by all who attended.

Speeches were made by Rev. S. E. Mercer, Capt. W. H. McLaurin of Scotland, Capt. J. C. Everett and S. B. McLean of Maxton and Prof. J. McCombie Murray entertained with Scotch songs and recitations.

The counties of Robeson, Scotland, Richmond, Anson, Sampson, North Carolina, and Dillon and Marion, South Carolina, are represented in the clan. Only the first four mentioned were represented in the meeting yesterday.

John McCormick was elected vice chief, and S. H. McKinnon secretary of the organization. A telegram of congratulations from the oldest living member was received, this being A. C. McKinnon of Eufaula, Ala. Much pleasure was expressed by members of the clan, as well as the friends present, at the recovery of their loved chief, who, since the last gathering has gone through a long and critical illness.

Senate Sustains President's Vetoes of Wool and Metal Tariff Revision Bills.

Washington Dispatch, 16th.

The Senate today voted to sustain the vetoes of the President on the wool and metal tariff revision bills. On the metal bill the motion to over-ride the President did not even obtain a majority. On neither measure did the vote approach the necessary two-thirds.

Senator Simmons called up the metal bill, which was first disposed of. Without debate a roll call vote was taken and thirty-two Senators voted in favor of over-riding the veto. Thirty-eight voted against passage. No Republicans voted to pass the bill.

Profitable Farming in Horry County, S. C.

A dispatch of the 8th from Conway tells of a remarkable instance of profitable farming in Horry county, S. C. Mr. J. E. Bryan, who has charge of a farm for the Burroughs & Collins Co. near Myrtle Beach, produced 5,200 barrels of Irish potatoes and will harvest 6,720 bushels of corn on 112 acres, making a clean profit of \$14,224.

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FRATRICIDE AT PEMBROKE.

Negro Charged with Killing His Brother in Card-Game Quarrel—Other Offenders.

Vander Drake, colored, was lodged in jail here Saturday night to await trial on the charge of killing his brother, Dempsy Drake, at Pembroke about noon Saturday and Less Barnes and Jno. Sheridan, also colored, are also in jail in default of bonds in the sum of \$500 as material witnesses. These four negroes were gambling and it seems that a quarrel led to the shooting of his brother by Vander. An inquest was held Saturday afternoon by Justice N. McInnis and Mr. J. A. McCormick, acting as coroners. Leftin Nance, colored, one of the blind tigers tried at the last term of court who has failed to renew bond, was committed to jail this morning by Deputy T. C. Barnes.

Walter Locklear, Indian was tried Saturday before Justice J. H. McNeill on the charge of assault with deadly weapon and was bound to court in \$200 bond, which he at first did not give and was taken to jail, but later he gave the bond and was released. He is charged with having cut Luther Hunt, not seriously, near Moss Neck, about a month ago.

Yadkin River Power Co. Begins Work on Sub-Station Here—Power by October 1.

A force of hands was started to work here this morning on a sub-station to be erected for the Yadkin Power Co. south of the Seaboard railroad, near the Carolina Lumber Co's plant. The station is being erected on a piece of property recently purchased from Mr. A. W. McLean. Several hands are at work today and several more are expected to join the force tomorrow. It is understood that the wires have been raised to Maxton and that practically all of the right of way from Maxton has been cut out. As has been stated in The Robesonian, the Yadkin Power Co. has contracted with the Lumberton and Dresden cotton mills to furnish power and it is expected that the company will have its wires erected by October 1st.

Mr. W. P. McAllister Will Not be a Candidate for Road Commissioner.

Mr. W. P. McAllister authorizes The Robesonian to state that he will not be a candidate for road commissioner of district No. 1 in the primary on the 24th. In the primary of the 10th, Mr. McAllister polled 624 as against 687 polled by his two opponents—404 for Mr. Ira Townsend and 283 for Mr. D. B. McNeill—so he narrowly missed the nomination in the first primary, but he has decided to withdraw from the race in favor of Mr. Townsend, who is the only other candidate for this office in the second primary. Mr. McAllister has been secretary to the board of road commissioners since the present law went into effect last year.

State Convention of Progressive Party Called.

Greensboro Special, 17th, to Charlotte Observer.

The State executive committee of the Roosevelt Progressive party after a prolonged session here this afternoon called a State convention to meet in Greensboro Tuesday, September 3, to organize the new party, select electors, and State offices and transact such other business as might be deemed necessary to perfect the organization and complete the ticket. James N. Williamson of Burlington presided as State chairman and W. S. Pearson of Charlotte as State secretary.

Iredell Meares of New Hanover, W. S. Bailey of Nash and R. J. Petree of Stokes were appointed to draft a platform and plan of organization to be submitted to the Greensboro convention for the new party.

Robert W. Herter, Lawrenceville, Mo., who had been bothered with kidney trouble for two years, says: "I tried three different kinds of kidney pills but with no relief. My neighbor told me to use Foley Kidney Pills. I took three bottles of them, and got a permanent cure. I recommend them to everybody." For sale by all dealers.

LOCAL BRIEFS

—Mr. A. T. Parmele, county auditor, who had been sick for several days at his home on Elm street, is able to be in his office today.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Miss Leila Bryant and Duncan Douglas Bullock; Snow Jenkins and M. C. Letson.

—Miss Maria Nash will entertain the "Lucky Thirteen" club tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Nash, Fifth street.

—Mr. A. Weinstein left yesterday for Baltimore and New York to purchase goods for his big department store. He expects to be away two or three weeks.

—Mr. Ernest Porter, of Concord, has accepted a position as pharmacist in the Pope Drug Co.'s store. He succeeds Mr. Jas. Kerr, who recently resigned to accept a position in Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Porter arrived Friday evening and began work Saturday.

—Mr. I. L. Caldwell of Lumberton and Mr. Arthur Newkirk of Wilmington, have opened up an automobile repair shop in the building on the corner of Fourth and Chestnut streets, which Mr. W. W. Carlyle formerly used for a garage. Mr. Newkirk is an expert mechanic and they expect to have an up-to-date shop.

—Rev. William D. Combs, pastor of the Tabernacle church in Durham, will spend a short time with the Tabernacle church here, doing pastoral work, helping the church until they can secure a pastor. He will reach here Wednesday afternoon, and there will be preaching every Sunday morning and night now regularly. His wife will accompany him.

—Mr. Amos King, conductor on the Raleigh & Charleston passenger train, has been given a vacation of a month or so. He got off Friday and Mr. E. G. Rogers of Marion, S. C., holds the job during Mr. King's absence. Capt. King says that he expects with his family to spend the time at Asheville and Wrightsville Beach.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Stephens are moving today into their handsome new home on Chestnut street. They are moving from the house on North Elm street which Mr. Stephens sold some months ago to Mr. J. A. Thompson of Back Swamp. It is expected that Mr. Thompson with his family will move to town about the first of next month and occupy the house vacated.

—Prof. Arthur Whitely, director of the Lumberton brass band, left Saturday for his home at Vineland on a month's vacation. Prof. Whitely organized the band the first of January and excellent progress was made until summer struck the boys and some of them became indifferent, hence the rest. Prof. Whitely is expected to return the last of September and get the boys ready for a concert.

—Miss Mamie Avent of Wake county, who was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. White while attending the teachers' institute here, went yesterday to Pembroke, where this morning she began teaching school. Miss Avent resigned last spring the position she had held since it was organized in the graded school here in order to accept this school.

Repeatedly reprieved in the past in an effort to implicate others believed to be principals in the murder of John Dixon and his wife in Cleveland county last winter, John Ross received another reprieve Thursday from Governor Kitchin that staves off the day for electrocution from August 16 to September 20.

Dr. C. H. Ellsworth, Dentist, 16 Baldwin St., Rochester, N. Y., says Foley Kidney Pills gave him immediate relief and strengthened him wonderfully. "I have been bothered with weak kidneys and bladder trouble and suffered much pain. Foley Kidney Pills gave me immediate relief and strengthened me wonderfully. I am pleased to recommend their use." For sale by all dealers.