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WITH ROBESON'S LEGISLATORS

Provisions of Proposed Road Law for Robeson — McLeod's Recorders' Court Bill — Trying to Take Parkton Township Away From Robeson — To Change Name of Indians of Robeson — Townships Will Be Allowed to Issue Road Bonds — Robeson Well Represented at Banquet.

Special to The Robesonian.
Raleigh, March 1.—A majority of readers of The Robesonian are more interested in the sort of road law Robeson will be given than in anything else the present Legislature may do. Here are the principal provisions of the bill agreed upon by Senator McLeod and Representatives McMillan and McNair and introduced in the house this week:

Proposed Road Law.

At the general election in 1914 and at each general election thereafter each township shall elect 3 road trustees. To serve until the election in 1914, the county commissioners on the first Monday in May this year shall appoint 3 trustees for each township upon the recommendation of the county's Senator and Representatives. The trustees shall be paid \$1.50 for each day of actual service, but no trustee shall receive pay for more than 12 days during the year. The trustees of each township shall elect one or more, not exceeding 3, supervisors, who shall receive \$2 per day. If more than one supervisor is elected the township must be divided into districts, one for each supervisor.

A property tax of 21-2-3 cents is provided, 6-2-3 cents of this to be set aside as a county road fund to be used by the county commissioners in maintaining the convict force and the remaining 15 cents to be used by the townships in actual road work.

The chain gang is placed under control of the county commissioners, to be used by them in ditching and building public roads where, in their opinion, they are most needed. (Under the present law the chain gang must be hired out to the townships.)

Any valid claims against any present road district shall be paid by the county treasurer and charged to the townships composing that district pro rata according to taxable property. If there is any money in the hands of the treasurer to the credit of any road district it is to be divided among the townships composing the property. Also pro rata according to taxable property, if there is any money in the hands of the treasurer to credit of general county fund it shall be divided among all the townships, or if any valid claims against road commissioners that should be paid out of the general county road fund and there are not funds to pay, the treasurer shall pay for them out of funds for road purposes and charge to each township.

Roads lying wholly within a township shall be under control of that township's trustees, but questions of laying out roads that extend into two or more townships shall be in the hands of the county commissioners.

This bill is patterned after the Robeson county road law of 1909, which was also the township unit, and incorporated in it are many features of the present law, passed by the Legislature of 1911.

A conference at which this road bill was discussed at length was held yesterday afternoon in Senator McLeod's rooms at the Yarrowburgh. Besides Senator McLeod the following well known citizens of the county were present: Messrs. A. J. McKinnon, J. W. Carter and R. L. McLeod of Maxton, Messrs. R. D. Caldwell and A. E. White and Dr. W. A. McPhaul of Lumberton and County Commissioner Jno. W. Ward, of Rowland. All the above-named gentlemen except Mr. White signed a petition to amend the bill outlined above as follows:

Provide for 4 days labor or \$1 per day in lieu thereof.

Allow any township to use its money in any other township if its road trustees so provide.

Law to take effect May 1 instead of April 1 as provided in the bill.

It was at Mr. White's suggestion that the amendment allowing a township to use its money in another township was proposed, but he did not sign the amendments as a whole because he does not favor the provision for free labor.

At the conference it was also recommended that the law which requires county commissioners to advertise for deposit of county funds be repealed, to take effect June 1 next.

Recorders' Courts.

In The Robesonian of Thursday of last week I outlined the bill providing for recorders' courts introduced by Representatives McMillan and McNair. The original draft of the bill, from which I copied, was changed and in the bill as introduced the section providing that the recorders should be paid a stated salary of \$50, to be paid out of the county funds in case fines and fees did not cover the salary, was changed and it was provided that the recorders should be paid alto-

gether out of the revenues accruing from their courts.

Senator McLeod now has a recorders' court bill, drawn at his request by Mr. R. C. Lawrence, which differs in some respects from the House bill. The main points of difference are: The McLeod bill does not give the recorders' courts civil jurisdiction; it provides for districts, the recorders to be elected by the people of the entire county at general elections instead of by the townships of Lumberton, Thompson No. 1, Maxton and Red Springs; and until the next general election Jno. A. Rowland is named as recorder and W. Lennon as prosecutor for the Lumberton district, the officers for the other 3 districts until general election to be named by the county commissioners.

Representative McNair has said that he will not agree to any recorders' court bill that does not provide for civil jurisdiction. An effort is being made to get together, but what the results will be no man may say. It looks rather like no agreement will be reached and that no recorders' court bill for Robeson will be passed this session—but I'm not making any prediction about it. I'm merely stating the way it looks at this writing.

It seems that some people read into my letter last week the intimation that Mr. H. E. Stacy, who was defeated by Senator McLeod in the primary last August, is here writing into bills he is drawing up for Representatives McMillan and McNair his own ideas of what legislation is needed and that Senator McLeod is objecting and will kill the bills. Of course I did not intend to leave any such impression. Mr. Stacy is merely drawing up bills for Dr. McMillan and Mr. McNair in the capacity of a paid attorney and the bills may or may not meet with his approval; he is responsible solely for the legal form of the bills and as a matter of fact he says he would draw some of them differently if he were embodying his own ideas. The relations between Mr. Stacy and Senator McLeod are entirely friendly. Mr. Stacy, by the way, has been made clerk to the Senate committee on counties, cities and towns, of which Senator McLeod is a member, and will defer going to Lumberton for the practice of law until the Legislature adjourns.

Senator Nimoeks of Cumberland has introduced a bill to take Parkton township away from Robeson and annex it to Cumberland, quite a number of citizens of Parkton having signed a petition for that to be done. This will come up before the committee on counties, cities and towns Monday. Robeson's Legislators express the confident hope of being able to keep Parkton a member of Robeson's select family.

The Indians of Robeson are asking to have their name changed to Cherokee Indians of Robeson. Several Indians were here to attend a committee meeting today.

Other bills of special interest to Robesonian readers that have been introduced are:

To amend the law allowing road districts in Robeson to issue bonds for road purposes so as to allow townships to issue road bonds; to pave streets and enlarge the corporate limits of Fairmont. The bill to incorporate the town of Proctorville has been held up for further consideration.

Robeson was well represented at the notable banquet at the auditorium last night and this morning—for it lasted into the wee sma' hours—in honor of Gov. Craig, Senator Simmons and Editor Daniels. The response of Mr. A. W. McLeod of Lumberton to the toast "Our Senior Senator" ranked as one of the best speeches made—and among the speakers were some of the foremost orators of the State. One not wise to what was on the cards would have sworn, from the crowd of Robesonians Raleigh-bound yesterday morning, that another new-county fight was on. Among the crowd were A. J. McKinnon, J. W. Carter and R. D. Croom of Maxton, R. D. Caldwell, A. W. McLeod, A. E. White, D. D. French, W. A. McPhaul and W. S. Wishart of Lumberton. Mr. Wishart decided to cut the banquet and returned home last night, and some decided they'd rather see Blanch Ring in "The Wall Street Girl" than to put their legs under at any banquet that ever happened—and some saw part of the show and attended the banquet too.

J. A. S.

Joe Branch School Commencement.

Please allow me space in your paper to announce to the public a cordial invitation to our school commencement at Joe Branch school, Indian, district No. 1, for March 8. The program, opening at 9:30 a. m. will consist of dialogues, speeches, concerts and instrumental music. Supt. Poole is cordially invited to be with us and the former principal, Prof. S. A. Hammond, has a special invitation. P. W. LOWRY, Principal.

"Dr. Thomas's Electric Oil is the best remedy for that often fatal disease—croup. It has been used with success in our family for eight years." Mrs. L. Whiteacre, Buffalo, N. Y.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

6-Months School Term Assured—Torrens Land-Title Bill Goes Through—Search and Seizure Bill Passes—Judicial Districts.

The judicial districts bill passed its final reading in the Senate Saturday. In the redistricting Robeson, with 21 weeks of court instead of 15, as at present; Cumberland with 14; Bladen with 4 and Hoke with 4 comprise the ninth district.

The incorporation of the Beaufort Terminal Railroad Company, with \$5,000,000 capital authorized for the purpose of developing Cape Lookout as a great seaport through railroad connection with Beaufort and the construction of adequate wharves, piers and other facilities, is the object of a bill introduced in the Senate Saturday by Senator Ward. E. C. Duncan, W. B. Rodman, and Morris S. Hawkins, are the incorporators. The bill was placed on the calendar and passed final reading, being sent to the House.

The revenue bill passed final reading in the House Saturday and now goes to the Senate.

Bills have been passed to change the name of special tax district No. 1 in Lumber Bridge township; to create Lumber Bridge graded school district and authorize trustees of said district to issue bonds and levy additional tax.

A compromise settlement has been reached in the row over the Columbus county court house. It has been decided to leave the question of a new court house to the county commissioners.

Six-months' school term is now assured, the bill having passed both houses.

A Torrens land-title bill went through the Senate Thursday and will become law. Adoption of the system is left optional and the machinery is placed in the Superior Courts instead of in a State Torrens system court.

The Senate passed the search and seizure act Friday on final reading.

Off to Attend the Inauguration.

The following left here last evening over the Virginia & Carolina Southern Railroad to attend tomorrow the inauguration of Woodrow Wilson and Thos. R. Marshall as President and Vice President of the United States: Messrs. Frank Gough, Julius Goodwin, J. P. Townsend, F. P. Gray, J. L. Stevens, A. T. McLean, J. Dixon McLean, W. P. Ryan, W. G. Pitman, John French, R. R. Carlyle; Drs. T. C. Johnson and John Knox; Mr. and Mrs. White, Misses Vashti White and Epsie Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. G. Y. Jones, Mr. Hal V. Brown of Fairmont, and Mr. E. L. Wooten of Rowland. Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Lete of Williamsport, Pa., who had been spending some time in town guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Jackson, also joined the party. Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Lawrence and Judge G. S. Ferguson of Waynesville left here for Washington yesterday morning. Judge Ferguson coming here from Whiteville, where he held court last week.

Mr. and Mrs. White, Misses Vashti White and Epsie Fuller and Mr. Gough will go to New York after the inauguration, Messrs. White and Gough to purchase goods for their department store.

Webb Bill Becomes Law Despite Taft's Veto.

Washington Dispatch, 1st.
By a vote of 244 to 95 the House today repassed over President Taft's veto the Webb bill prohibiting shipments of intoxicating liquors into "dry" States.

The Senate passed it over the veto last night and the bill now becomes law.

Only one other time in the last 14 years has Congress over-rudden a President's veto. That was when the Rainey river dam bill was passed over President Roosevelt's disapproval.

President Taft based his veto almost entirely upon the ground that the bill was unconstitutional, in that it virtually delegated to the States control of interstate traffic in liquor when, he held, that control was vested solely in Congress. Attorney General Wickersham had given an opinion also holding the bill unconstitutional and that the President forwarded to the Senate yesterday with his veto message.

Death of Mr. R. T. Pulley of Fairmont.

Mr. R. T. Pulley, master mechanic at the Beaufort County Lumber plant at Fairmont, died suddenly Saturday night about 12 o'clock at his home at Fairmont. Mr. Pulley on retiring Saturday night was apparently as well as usual. Mrs. Pulley was aroused about midnight by a struggling noise made by her husband and discovering that there was something wrong with him she ran out of the house and across the street for help and when she returned he was dead. He is survived by his wife and several children. The remains were taken this morning to Enfield near Rocky Mount where the funeral and interment will take place this afternoon. Mr. Pulley was 46 years old.

FAIRMONT NEWS LETTER

A Beautiful Home Wedding—New Residence—Other Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.
Fairmont, Feb. 28.—Miss Glennie Bell Taylor visited Marion, S. C., and Maxton in the interest of the Messenger contest this week.

Mrs. S. G. Floyd of Burgaw, who had been with home folks for several weeks, left for home on Thursday accompanied by her sister, Miss May Floyd, who will spend some time in Burgaw.

Miss McIver leaves this week for her home at Carthage, owing to the illness of her sister. She hopes to return and finish out the session of her music class.

The George Washington entertainment by the school last week proved very enjoyable indeed and those who were kept away missed a pleasure. Your correspondent, being unable to be there cannot give a report. A nice sum for the school library was the result.

Miss Dina Belle Floyd is ahead in The Messenger contest and is working faithfully to keep her place, being run a close race by Misses Fannie Bell Taylor and Gussie Mitchell.

We are glad to learn that Mr. M. H. Mitchell is doing nicely and hopes to return from the hospital in another week.

Mr. N. T. Andrews nice new home in North Fairmont is growing rapidly and is quite an addition to that part of town.

Mrs. A. C. Thompson spent part of last week in Columbus county with her sister Mrs. Fannie Regan, who is not expected to live.

Mr. Sam Dunie is in Baltimore for goods for both his stores, here and at Tabor and will witness the inauguration at Washington, D. C.

Hal V. Brown leaves Sunday afternoon for Lumberton, where he will join the party conducted by G. Y. Jones of the V. & C. S. to Washington. It is the trip of his life and he is very much elated while we are wondering if he'll get back alive.

Mr. T. B. Adams who has been quite sick is able to be out again. We are glad to report.

Avra and Hilda, little daughters of J. E. Thompson, were called to Purvis the first of the week by the death of their grandmother, Mrs. Adams, who was one of the best women of the community, a devoted mother, friend and christian. Our loss is her gain.

A spring wedding amid the perfume of flowers and the presence of a host of relatives and friends was the lovely home wedding of Miss Anne Bullock and Mr. Jackson Barber celebrated at the residence of Mr. Allen Bullock, father of the bride, last Wednesday afternoon. At the strain of the wedding march played by Miss McIver, the happy couple, preceded by Mrs. J. D. McLean as mistress of the ceremonies, entered the room and were confronted by Rev. D. P. Bridges, beloved pastor of the bride, who performed the ceremony which made two hearts beat as one. The parlor was beautifully decorated in green and white, the flowers being hyacinths and narcissus giving it indeed a spring like appearance. The bride was dressed in dew drop lace over white satin, while her going away suit was brown cloth. Mr. Barber is one of the Beaufort Lumber Company's most trusted men, while Miss Annie has been reared here so a large number of friends were interested and showed their interest by the numerous handsome and useful presents which the young couple received. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. J. D. McLean carried them to Lumberton in his motor where they boarded the northbound train. Their first stop will be with Mr. Barber's home people in Suffolk, Va., thence to Baltimore and Washington. They will return in two weeks and go to house-keeping at once in their own home. Among the out-of-town guests were: Mrs. Thad Bullock and family of Lumberton, Miss Pauline Jones of Mullins and Mr. Currie of Pages Mill, S. C.

Philadelphia High School Building Destroyed by Fire.

Philadelphia high school building, about 3 miles from Red Springs, on road between Red Springs and Lumberton, was destroyed by fire of unknown origin Saturday afternoon about 5 o'clock. When the fire was discovered the building was almost ready to fall in and nothing was saved. There was \$1200 insurance on the building and \$100 on furniture. This is one of the best-known schools in the county, celebrated for its thorough work. There are six teachers, with Prof. T. H. Teague principal, and about 150 pupils. County Superintendent J. R. Poole has gone to Philadelphia today to see if some arrangements can be made to continue the school.

Pneumonia Follows a Cold.

but never follows the use of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. It stops the cough, heals the sore and inflamed air passages, and strengthens the lungs. The genuine is in a yellow package with beehive carton. Refuse substitutes. For sale by all dealers.

COUNTY CORN CLUB

Bad Weather Causes Slim Attendance at Meeting Saturday—Membership Now 55—Election of Officers Deferred to Later Meeting—Prizes Will Be Announced Through Papers.

Reported for The Robesonian.

It was very unfortunate that weather conditions prevented a large number of boys from attending the county meeting Saturday. However, there were several boys from three distinct sections that came and we had a very enthusiastic meeting. The rules were given by Mr. Robertson, best methods of preparation and seeding were thoroughly discussed. One of the boys who had been in the club for two years told of his effort and the result and is determined to have a better report at the end of this season than any previous year. This is the proper spirit.

Although the attendance was small we feel sure that it was due entirely to weather conditions. The election of officers of the county club was deferred until another meeting. Also the prizes were not announced, but will be announced at an early date through the county papers. There will be several excellent prizes. There are at present 55 boys enrolled and 18 new members from Saturday's conference with the teachers.

Those in charge wish to thank the teachers for their hearty co-operation and ask that they and the citizens of the county lend encouragement to these farmers of tomorrow.

Charged With Trying to Pass Forged Check.

J. W. McEachern, a young negro about 18 years old, was arrested Saturday afternoon by Policeman Lloyd Roach on a charge of trying to pass a forged check for \$4 on D. F. McNeill. The negro went into Mr. M. W. Floyd's store and asked Mr. Floyd to cash the check. Mr. Floyd discovered that something was wrong, so he asked the negro to wait a minute and let him call up Mr. McNeill before cashing the check; but the negro had no idea of doing anything like that and while Mr. Floyd was going to the phone the negro went out the door, leaving the check with Mr. Floyd. Mr. Floyd went out the door after the negro, but the coon was traveling too fast for him. The negro ran up Elm street to Fourth, thence across to the rear of the Bank of Lumberton building and dodged into Mr. K. M. Biggs' store, where Mr. Roach caught him. McEachern says that the check was given him by Will Crumedy, another negro, who, it seems, cannot be located. The check was made payable to Crumedy. McEachern is in jail and will be given a hearing tomorrow before Mayor Caldwell.

Working On Insurance Company's Proposition.

Quite a number of citizens met Thursday evening in the court house in the interest of the removal of the home office of the LaFayette Mutual Life Insurance Co. from Fayetteville to Lumberton. As has been mentioned in The Robesonian, this company has agreed to move its offices to Lumberton on condition that the citizens of Lumberton raise \$100,000 insurance for the company. At the meeting Thursday evening about \$40,000 of the insurance was pledged and Mr. E. E. Page, secretary-treasurer of the company says that he has no doubt but that the \$100,000 will be raised all right, though it is going to take quite a bit of work. Practically all of the local insurance agents have joined hands with Mr. Page in an effort to get this \$100,000 insurance at once.

Among the Sick.

The condition of Mr. I. L. Pope, who for some time has been very sick at his home, Third and Walnut streets, is unimproved, in fact his condition this morning was not thought to be so favorable as it had been. Dr. J. D. Bullock of Wilmington was up to see Mr. Pope yesterday.

Mrs. E. L. Holloway for several days has been sick at her home on Chestnut street, but her condition today is very much improved.

Mrs. J. Span Thompson, of route 4 from Lumberton, is very ill in town at the home of her son, Mr. R. E. Thompson. Mrs. Thompson has been in ill health for some time and returned the first of last week from Fayetteville where she spent some time under treatment at Highsmith's hospital.

Death of Mrs. Amelia Allen of Tar Heel.

Miss Lucy B. Allen went Saturday to Tar Heel on account of the death of her mother, Mrs. Amelia Allen, who died Friday night about 12 o'clock. Mrs. Allen had been in ill health for some time. The funeral took place yesterday and interment was made in the family cemetery at the old home place, near Tar Heel.

Robeson County Murderer Escapes From State Farm.

Geo. Swan, colored, who shot and killed Mr. C. C. Gibson at Red Springs last fall and was sentenced to 25 years in the State penitentiary, escaped Thursday from the State farm at Tillery. A reward of \$50 has been offered for his capture and it is probable that this reward will be increased.

For any itching skin trouble, piles, eczema, salt rheum, hives, itch, scald head, herpes, scabies. Doan's ointment is highly recommended. 50c a box at all stores.

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

WATCH—Watch the label on your paper. If renewals are not in by date on label paper will be stopped.

—Middling cotton today, 11 1/4 cents.

—The K. I. Club of Bethesda school will give a concert at the school house Friday night, March 7, consisting of recitations, dialogues, pantomime and tableaux. Proceeds to go for paint fund. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

—Mr. Furnam Barnes, of Buie, is a new clerk in the Lumberton postoffice. On account of increase in business a new clerk was necessary, and Mr. Barnes gets the job. Mr. Barnes has been teaching school near Fairmont and he resigned his position as teacher to accept this job. He began work Saturday.

—Mr. E. G. Sipher, who for some time has been suffering with some trouble with one of his eyes, went Saturday to Wilmington for treatment. He is taking treatment under Dr. J. G. Murphey, and will probably return tomorrow or Wednesday. Mr. J. E. Gilmore went to Wilmington with Mr. Sipher. Mr. Gilmore returned yesterday.

—Mr. James L. Williamson will erect a nice 5-room cottage on Chestnut street. Material has been placed on the ground and work was started this morning on the building. This new residence is on the west side of Chestnut street and directly in front of the recently completed home of Mr. E. L. Holloway. The lot on which this house is being erected was purchased last week from Mr. W. O. Thompson.

—At the Pastime theatre tonight will be seen "Billie," an Edison picture, and "The Pink Pajama Girl," an excellent Vitagraph. On Friday night of this week Tannhauser's "Star of Bethlehem" will be run in addition to the regular service. This picture is three reels long and is one of the best Bible pictures that has ever been produced. Everybody should see this great feature film, especially all familiar with the Bible.

—Some unknown negro caused some excitement Friday night about 12 o'clock at the home of Mr. M. F. Caldwell, Caldwell street. Mrs. Caldwell and Mrs. C. V. Brown had been in the dining room and just as they were getting ready to leave the room Mrs. Caldwell happened to look out the window and saw a negro standing just outside looking in. Mrs. Caldwell called to Mr. and Mrs. Brown, who had just stepped out of the room, and the negro ran. Mrs. Caldwell says that it was a light colored negro and he wore a cap. Chief of Police H. H. Redfern was called and in a very few minutes he was on the scene and the negro's tracks were there plain enough, but the negro was very much absent.

Notices of New Arrivals.

Mules, buggies, carriages, wagons, harness—C. M. Fuller, C. M. Fuller & Son.

Final winter sale—White & Gough.

Garden and flower seed—M. W. Floyd.

Fitting eyes with proper glasses—Dr. W. W. Parker.

Second-hand soda fountain for sale—Rowland Drug Co.

50-acre farm for sale.

"Nancy Hall and Better"—Wakefield Farms, Charlotte.

Report of County Teachers Meeting Thursday.

A report in detail of the meeting of the Robeson Teachers' Association held here Saturday has been written for The Robesonian but it is necessary to hold it over for Thursday's paper. The meeting was attended by forty teachers and was quite a successful one.

Let Them Have New Suits.

The State Journal.

Probably nine out of every ten towns in North Carolina are groping along with inefficient administrations, due not to the personal failure of their officers nor to anything which may justly be blamed for it. The truth is that the town needs a new suit of clothes. Some of them know it and some do not, and even those who do know it don't know just what kind of a suit they need. More than two hundred and twenty-five towns throughout the United States have found that the commission form is what they needed and that it fits them to a T. The size of these towns range all the way from Aransas Pass in Texas, with a population of 1,061 to New Orleans with four hundred thousand, and are situated in thirty-one States. The modern town with its many public utilities, demanding expert and careful management, is a co-operative business enterprise, and the old aldermanic government, with its diffused responsibility, jangling jealousies, and lack of cohesive purpose, is dead. It is the suit that fitted us when we were half-grown boys with nothing more in administration than to keep the cows off the sidewalks, but we have outgrown it. The sooner the towns wake up to the fact the better.

Dr. King's New Discovery.

Soothes irritated throat and lungs, stops chronic hacking cough, relieves tickling throat, tastes nice. Take no other; once used, always used. Buy it at all druggists.