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OLD OFF; NEW ON

Mayor White and New Board of Commissioners Will Hold First Meeting Tonight—Mayor Will Make Important Recommendations— Election Results—Final Meeting of Retiring Mayor and Commissioners.

Mayor A. E. White took the oath of office Tuesday before Clerk of the Court C. B. Skipper and he and the new board of town commissioners will hold their first meeting at the town hall this evening at 8 o'clock. Mr. White will have some important recommendations to make to the board at this meeting in regard to what it is hoped may be accomplished for the good of the town during the coming twelve months. He says that the doors of the town hall will be wide open and that every citizen of the town is invited to be present, even urged to be present if there are any matters to be considered in which you are interested.

In the election held Monday to confirm the nominations made in the primary held Tuesday of last week, 144 votes were cast and the following were declared duly elected: Mayor for one year—A. E. White; commissioners for two years—S. H. Hamilton, L. T. Townsend, Geo. L. Thompson; graded school trustees for two years—L. R. Varner, L. H. Caldwell, L. E. Whaley; board of audit and finance for one year—Frank Gough, W. S. Britt, H. M. McAllister. The commissioners whose terms expire next year are Messrs. C. B. Redmond, D. P. Walters, Jas. D. Proctor. The school trustees whose terms expire next year are C. B. Townsend (chairman), R. D. Caldwell, Q. T. Williams, Alf. H. McLeod. Retiring members of the board of commissioners are Messrs. M. W. Floyd, W. J. Prevatt and D. D. French, who have given the town good service, the first-named having served as commissioner for 7 years continuously. Neither of these offered for re-election. Mr. Varner is the only new member of the school board, succeeding Mr. W. S. Britt, who did not offer for re-election, and Mr. McAllister is the only new member of the board of audit and finance, succeeding its former chairman, ex-Judge T. A. McNeill.

Retiring Mayor A. P. Caldwell and the old board of commissioners held their final meeting Tuesday. Elsewhere in this issue will be found a report submitted at this meeting by Town Attorney R. E. Lee, as a member of the committee, Mayor Caldwell being the other member, which went to Goldsboro to investigate light and power contracts.

The street committee reported all streets of the town in good condition, all having been worked during the past year.

It was ordered that \$21.42 be paid the chairman of the board of audit and finance, who is custodian of the sinking fund, this being estimated as the amount due from the taxes of the year ending April 30, 1913.

The town clerk and treasurer was instructed to post statements showing all receipts and disbursements for the year 1912-13 and all outstanding obligations.

It was ordered that R. E. Lee be paid \$75 for extra services rendered the town while acting as town attorney and that he be credited \$5 on this account for automobile tax.

On motion of Jas. D. Proctor, seconded by C. B. Redmond, the board extended a vote of thanks to Mayor Caldwell for the uniform courtesy and fairness shown each member of the board during his administration.

The following bills were ordered paid: J. B. Bowen, registrar, \$10; W. Lennon, J. D. Norment, C. P. MacAllister, Alf. H. McLeod and E. A. Thompson, managers of town primary, \$1.50 each; R. R. Carlyle, J. I. Williamson and W. P. Barker, judges of election, \$1 each; Kingsdale Lumber Co., \$29.07; Frederick Digmificant Co., for disinfectants, \$169.96; Geo. D. Barnard & Co., \$161.50. Total \$381.03.

At a brief session of the newly-elected board of audit and finance yesterday afternoon Mr. Frank Gough was elected chairman and Mr. H. M. McAllister was elected secretary. It is expected that a meeting will be held this afternoon with the former chairman to formally take over matters from the old board.

Perfection is attained by slow degrees; she requires the hand of time.—Voltaire.

FAIRMONT NEWS LETTER.

Anti Saloon League Given Black Eye—High Tribute to Late Mrs. A. E. Floyd—Miss Lizzie Andrews Passes—Store Burned—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Fairmont, May 6—Fairmont baseball team won two notable victories last week, over Fair Bluff on Thursday and Marion Friday, both games here.

The closing exercises of the school last week were very enjoyable. This has been the most successful school year in its history, more of the pupils remaining to the end of the session. We were very sorry indeed not to have Professor Sentelle to address the school last Friday but Mr. Woodberry Lennon filled his place most admirably and pleased his audience very much. The presence of Miss Margaret McIver, former music teacher, was a great pleasure to her friends and help to the commencement.

We are sorry to note that the recent blackmailing detective business in our town has given a black eye to the Anti-Saloon League of North Carolina. We have heard of several gentlemen who say they will never give another cent to it, as these men claim to have the endorsement of the league.

The death of Mrs. A. E. Floyd Saturday evening, May 3d, removed from our list one of the eldest ladies of the old school. Her pastor at her funeral called her "the ideal woman," which was indeed true. She was laid to rest among her own people near the church she loved so well and friends who sorrowed over their loss and her gain covered her lowly grave with the loveliest flowers of the spring.

Not the least and perhaps the greatest pleasure of the commencement was the sermon preached in the school auditorium Sunday morning by Rev. J. McI. Wicker of St. Pauls. We heard it complimented on all sides.

Mr. D. W. Galloway went to Southport last week to look after the finishing up of his summer home. This weather makes us all think of summer delights—fishing, swimming and the like.

Mr. Clem Thompson of Philadelphia is at home resting, his health having rather given away. His many friends wish for him a speedy recovery.

Quite a number of Lumberton friends attended the funeral of Mrs. Floyd Sunday afternoon. We didn't get all their names. Others were here from South Carolina, both friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith of Latta, were guests of Mr. A. S. Thompson and family Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Lizzie Andrews, who was everybody's friend and one of the most faithful women we have ever known, died Friday, May 2d, at the home of her brother N. T. Andrews, where she had been tenderly cared for during long months of illness and pain, and was buried at the Ionia cemetery Saturday afternoon, the services being conducted by her loved pastor, Rev. R. S. Latimer.

During a long quiet life of helping others Miss Lizzie went her way endeavoring everyone to her and all are grieving for her, even though we know she is at rest after long suffering.

Messrs. Flowers and Thompson had the misfortune of losing their store at Mt. Taber by fire last week, entailing a large loss.

MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES

Meeting of Camp Pope to be Held Saturday—Address by H. E. Stacy—Dinner for Veterans and Their Wives.

As has been stated in The Robesonian, the annual meeting of Camp Willis H. Pope will be held at the court house here Saturday morning. Officers and delegates to the annual reunion will be elected, after which there will be an address by Mr. H. E. Stacy of Lumberton. Following the address the Daughters of the Confederacy, Robeson Chapter, will serve dinner for the veterans and their wives. Graves of the Confederate dead will be decorated by the Daughters in the afternoon.

It is hoped that all the veterans who can possibly do so will attend and will also bring their wives. A warm welcome awaits all who can come.

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COUNTY SCHOOL MATTERS

Proctorville Citizens Win Fight for School—District Boundaries Changed—Petition for New District Will Be Heard at Next Meeting of Board of Education.

The county board of education was in regular monthly session Monday with Messrs. L. R. Hamer and T. L. Johnson present. In the absence of the chairman, Mr. Lucius McRae, Mr. Johnson was elected chairman pro tem.

A question which has been agitating the people of the Orrum and Proctorville sections for some time was settled at this meeting of the board by the order that if the citizens of Proctorville will provide a suitable school building and equipment—and this they agree to do—the children of the territory described below, which is a part of the Orrum high school district, shall be given the privilege of attending the school at Proctorville up to and including the seventh grade. The Proctorville school shall be entitled to as capable a teacher as similar grades in the Orrum high school and shall be paid the same salary as said teachers. Funds for support of the school shall be provided out of the county school fund and shall in no way affect the funds of the Orrum school district. This school shall be a part of and under the same supervision as the Orrum high school. The territory taken in by the Proctorville school is bounded as follows: Beginning at the mouth of Little Indian swamp and running north with Little Indian swamp canal to the Hugh Lamb place, thence west a straight line to Big Indian swamp; thence south with Big Indian swamp to the beginning, being the territory embraced between the two swamps, about half a mile wide and two miles long at the farthest points.

A petition to change the boundaries between districts 9 and 10, Thompson township, was approved. The changes, so as to place the lands of Mrs. G. E. Bracey, C. T. Pate and Jno. Bridgers from district No. 10 to district No. 9, are as follows: Continuing where W. M. Bridgers and L. R. Hamer's lines come to Clark's branch, thence as Clark's branch to Jno. Bridgers' line, thence as Mrs. Anna J. McCall's line and Jno. Bridgers' line to Ashpole swamp.

A petition was presented asking for the creation of a new district out of parts of districts 1, 5 and 4, Britt's township, and Supt. J. R. Poole was requested to investigate and report at the next meeting of the board, when the matter will be heard. Petition asking for a change in the boundary lines between districts 6 and 8, Thompson's township, was continued indefinitely.

Geo. B. Lamb was appointed school committeeman for district No. 10, Thompson's to fill unexpired term of Jno. Bridgers, who does not live in the district.

A special appropriation of \$18 was made to district No. 4, Lumberton township, on account of per capita apportionment for children of Mr. E. H. Britt.

R. R. Barnes was allowed \$10 for rent of school house in district No. 1, (col.) Sterlings, amount to be charged to the district. Rebates were allowed as follows: D. H. Britt, No. 2, Thompson's, 53 cents; J. K. McRae, No. 1, Maxton, \$13.40; Norman Stewart, No. 2 Maxton, \$5.28; Mary J. McNeill, administrator, No. 4, St. Paul's, \$13.38; C. C. York, No. 1, Maxton, \$3.60.

Robeson Far in the Lead.

According to the report of the Bureau of the Census for the cotton crops of the years 1910, 1911 and 1912 for North Carolina, total number of bales ginned, counting round bales as half bales and excluding linters, Robeson county raised: in 1910, 62,944 bales; in 1911, 76,812; in 1912, 62,332. The total yield of the State last year was 906,246; in 1911, 1,126,276; in 1910, 753,087. Robeson is far in the lead of any other county in the State, the yield of its nearest competitor, Johnston, being last year 44,309.

Washington, May 7—After all fireworks preparatory to passage of the Underwood tariff bill in the House had been set off, a Republican parliamentary maneuver blocked progress by the Democratic majority and the House was forced to adjourn until tomorrow with the bill still pending.

SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS

Lumber Bridge, Philadelphus, Red Springs and St. Paul's Vote Bonds for School Buildings—Will Build Handsome Brick Structures.

In elections held Monday, St. Pauls, Lumber Bridge, Philadelphus and Red Springs each voted a bond issue in a sum not to exceed \$15,000 for the purpose of building a graded school building. It was stated in Monday's Robesonian that enough votes had been cast up to the time of going to press to make the carrying of the election for the bonds certain at St. Pauls and it has since been learned that the bond issues were voted by a large majority in each of these districts.

Trust a Robeson county school district to vote bonds for a longer school term or any other sort of school improvement when the matter is put squarely up to the voters.

Handsome brick school buildings will be erected at each of these places. Rowland and Parkton put up handsome brick buildings two or three years ago.

LIGHT AND POWER REPORT.

Former Town Attorney Lee Reports Results of Investigations at Goldsboro Into Sale of Light and Power Plant.

At the final meeting of the retiring mayor and old board of commissioners Tuesday, former Town Attorney R. E. Lee, who, with Mayor Caldwell, went to Goldsboro as a committee to investigate the sale and contracts of Goldsboro with the Carolina Electric & Power Co., submitted a report, which was in substance as follows:

"The city of Goldsboro sold its lighting plant—which was a second hand plant when the city bought it, and said by city officials not to be worth anything like what it cost the city when purchased, about \$40,000—for \$125,000, granting a franchise but the company contracting to furnish lights to the city for a term of only 10 years. Lights are no better than lights furnished Lumberton now. The old plant the city sold is being used by the company and in that respect Goldsboro has not improved any. Citizens generally are dissatisfied with conditions but on account of the protecting contracts with the company seemed to think that the city exercised keen financial ability in selling its junk for such a large sum. The city is now practically out of debt by reason of the cash realized from this sale and has retained and set aside the sum of \$90,000, which is out at interest, in order to offset any unfriendly turn conditions might take and in order to enable the city to erect a new and better plant of its own at the termination of existing contracts with Carolina Electric & Power Co. and defray lighting expenses. It costs the citizens more to get lights from the company than they were furnished for by the city.

Mr. Lee adds that he has memoranda of the contracts and all other matters concerning the sale and purchase of the plant from Goldsboro and that he stands ready to furnish information to the town officials or any other citizens of the town at all times. He adds further that Mr. Caldwell interviewed the citizens of Goldsboro more particularly than he did, as he spent his time reading over and copying contracts referred to in his report.

Jurors for June Term of Court—Can't Get Special Term.

At the meeting of the county commissioners Monday the following were drawn to serve as jurors at the one-week term of Robeson Superior Court for the trial of civil cases which will begin Monday, June 16: A. G. Watson, D. C. S. Shaw, D. R. John, J. C. Barnes, A. Weinstein, D. McMillan, J. W. Bass, R. L. McCormick, S. M. Martin, J. M. Thompson, J. F. Roberts, Eli Parham, A. P. Pitman, F. C. Britt, W. B. Stubbs, G. F. Shooter, Jno. McArthur, J. W. Barker.

Te commissioners instructed County Attorney E. J. Britt to make request of Governor Craig to order a special term of court of one week to precede this term, beginning June 9, as Judge Ferguson had no court that week, but before a request could be made a special term was ordered for Bladen county to begin at that time, Judge Ferguson to preside, so it will not be possible to get this extra week of court.

ROAD TRUSTEES APPOINTED.

Three for Each Township—To Serve Under New Law Which Goes Into Effect June 1—Appointees Will Serve Until General Election in 1914.

At their meeting Monday the county commissioners appointed road trustees to serve under the new law which goes into effect June 1st. Section 1 of the new road law provides: That at the general election to be held in the year 1914, and at each general election to be held thereafter for the election of county officers, there shall be elected by the qualified voters of each township of Robeson county a board of trustees for each township in the county. * * * The board of commissioners of Robeson county shall, on the first Monday in May, 1913, elect, upon the recommendation of the members of the General Assembly from Robeson county, a board of road trustees from each township in the county, who shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified as provided for in this act.

The act provides that these trustees in each township shall appoint some competent person supervisor of roads. Supervisors shall receive as compensation not exceeding \$2 per day and road trustees shall receive not more than \$150 per day for days of actual service and not more than 12 days in each year.

In Red Springs township no appointments were made. J. L. McMillan, Jno. M. Brown and B. W. Townsend were recommended, but there was objection to these nominations and no action was taken by the board. It is supposed that this matter will be settled at a meeting of commissioners to be held the latter part of this month at the call of the chairman. It will be observed, too, that in Burnt Swamp, Rowland and Lumberton townships only two trustees were appointed. The third members of these boards had not been selected but were left to State Senator Geo. B. McLeod to appoint.

Following are the trustees appointed at the meeting of the commissioners Monday:

Alfordville—W. F. Bullock, Fred McDonald, Geo. Willard.
Back Swamp—E. D. Pitman, J. T. Singletary, Walter Townsend.
Britt's—Frank Lamb, Wade Lamb, Eli Britt.
Burnt Swamp—A. C. McLeod, J. B. Humphrey.
Fairmont—Dr. J. P. Brown, I. M. Thompson, G. H. Floyd.
Howellville—N. A. Kinlaw, J. I. Townsend, Spurgeon Jones.
Lumber Bridge—H. M. John, D. Z. McGougan, J. L. Shaw.
Lumberton—C. M. Barker, Joseph Prevatt, Sr.
Maxton—R. McLeod, W. H. McCormick, Jas. McBryde.
Orrum—W. A. Leggett, Frank J. Nye, Jno. K. Atkinson.
Parkton—E. K. Campbell, D. P. H. Fisher, Dave McArthur.
Pembroke—Archie Buie, J. L. Thaggard, Hugh Monroe.
Rennert—J. T. Denny, A. C. McGougan, D. F. Webster.
Rowland—G. L. Robertson, Frank Williams.
Raft Swamp—Nick Stubbs, F. A. Bond, Geo. L. Townsend.
Saddle Tree—M. G. Prevatt, R. G. Rozier, Richard Humphrey.
Smith's—Jack Purcell, Wm. Tiddy, J. F. Campbell.
St. Paul's—J. A. Johnson, Dr. T. L. Northrop, M. A. Smith.
Sterling—R. R. Barnes, T. J. Noblin, Owen Ward.
Thompson's—J. L. Townsend, Dr. Geo. Pate, R. H. Poole.
White House—D. M. Rogers, Oscar Page, B. M. Hayes.
Wishart's—Rowland Mercer, W. Q. Warwick, Ed. Tyson.

Looking to Cleaning Up Sidewalks.

A petition is being circulated among the merchants of the town praying the town board to pass an ordinance prohibiting the obstruction of Elm street or any sidewalk thereon with any kind of goods, wares, merchandise or article offered for sale. The petition is being circulated by Mr. Dennis Biggs. A great many of the merchants have already signed it and it is expected that practically all of them will sign it. The petition will be presented at the next meeting of the town board.

That state is best ordered where the wicked have no command and the good have.—Pittachus.

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—Good middling cotton today 11c.
—Mr. H. E. Stacy of Lumberton will deliver the literary address at the close of Maxton graded school Friday, 23rd inst.

—A neat little spring house has been built recently around the pump at Meadow Brook cemetery, adding considerably to the attractiveness of this new cemetery.

—"A Daughter of the Confederacy," a stirring Civil War drama in three parts, will be shown at the Pastime theatre tomorrow and Saturday. Admission prices will be 10 and 20 cents.

—At the town election held in Rowland Tuesday Mr. J. M. R. Bracy was elected mayor and Messrs. B. A. Edens, G. K. McNeill, E. M. Hines and J. Mack Bracy were elected commissioners.

—Rev. C. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, is spending today at Lumber Bridge on business connected with the church at that place, which is without a pastor. He will return home tomorrow.

—In an election held at Maxton Tuesday Major G. B. Sellars was elected recorder for the Maxton district. The other candidates were J. E. Carpenter, J. S. McRae, Geo. C. Fisher and J. L. McLean. The act creating recorders' courts for Robeson county goes into effect June 1.

—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. McLeod of Lumberton spent last night in the city. They came up to attend the graduating recital given by their daughter, Miss Irene McLeod at Elizabeth College last night.—Charlotte Observer, 7th. Mr. and Mrs. McLeod returned home this morning.

—The commencement of Thompson institute, the colored Baptist high school for the training of negro teachers on the western edge of town, will be held Thursday and Friday of next week, 15th and 16th, beginning Sunday with a sermon. W. H. Knuckles is principal of the school.

—Mr. L. B. Blackburn went yesterday to Marion, S. C., in response to a wire advising that his father, Mr. J. B. Blackburn, was dying. Mr. Blackburn, Sr., had been suffering for the past two months with Bright's disease. Nothing has been heard from Mr. L. B. Blackburn since he left here yesterday afternoon.

—Mr. J. L. Stephens left yesterday afternoon for Durham, where he will attend a meeting of the funeral directors and embalmers association of the State. This is the annual meeting of the association and it lasts for three days, beginning yesterday and closing tomorrow. Mr. Stephens expects to return Saturday.

—Prof. J. McCombie Murray, who has just resigned his position at Carolina College, Maxton, and will soon move to Richmond, will give a concert at the local opera house Monday evening of next week. He will be assisted by some talent from Maxton and some local talent, Miss Leslie Proctor and the well-known Truman quartet, composed of Messrs. W. Lennon, A. T. Parmele, R. R. Carlyle and J. Pope Stephens. Tickets will go on sale at McMillan's Saturday.

Elect Infant Clause Retained.

Louisville, Ky., Dispatch 6th. For the second time the proposed amendment to the constitution of the State, in connection with the much discussed elect infant clause, has failed to receive the necessary three-fourths vote of the Presbyteries of the Southern Presbyterian Church.

Although defeated on a former occasion, the general Assembly last year again submitted to the Presbyteries the matter of changing the language of the confession of faith.

It has been charged that the language of the confession as it now reads, "elect infants dying in infancy etc.," can be construed as declaring that some infants are elect, and some are not elect. Those favoring the change argue that the church believes all children dying in infancy are saved and that the confession of faith should be revised so as clearly to convey this idea.

We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing, while others judge us by what we have already done.—Longfellow.