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NEW FATHERS TAKE HOLD

New Administration Tackles Town's Business With Energy—A Plunge Right Into the Middle of a Pile of Work — Important Recommendations Made by Mayor and Adopted by Board — Street Paving, Union Depot and Thorough Sanitary Work Among Improvements on the Way—Raising Salary of Chief of Police Only Matter on Which Board Split—Tax Rate May Be Lowered—Policemen Must Wear Uniforms—Important Work Starts.

At the first meeting, held Friday night, of the newly elected mayor and town commissioners, Mayor A. E. White made some important recommendations, officers were elected, working committees were appointed to look after the various departments of the town's work; and steps were set in motion, in accordance with the mayor's recommendations, to pave Chestnut street from First to Fifth and cross streets in the business part of town; to give the public the convenience of a union depot; to tackle the sanitary needs of the town vigorously and to make this a cleaner and more healthful place in which to live; to ascertain the exact status with regard to the various bond issues of the town, what the exact levy must be and if it is not possible to reduce the tax rate; require police officers to wear uniforms and to accomplish several other important and much-needed work.

All the members of the board were present except Mr. L. L. Townsend, who is in Hot Springs, Ark.

It was after 11 o'clock when the board adjourned to meet at the call of the mayor and it was a full evening of close, conscientious, business-like attention to the affairs of the town. If that meeting is an earnest of what the present mayor and commissioners intend doing during the coming 12 months the town has put in office a bunch of live wires, an energetic, progressive set of men who are determined to give the town their best service and to bring things to pass.

It was intended to hold this meeting Thursday night but on account of the absence from town of Mr. Jas. D. Proctor, a member of the board, the board merely met for a short while Thursday evening and adjourned to Friday evening.

In calling the meeting to order Mayor White addressed the commissioners as follows:

"The voters of the town of Lumberton have placed the reins of municipal government in our hands for the ensuing year, and have a right to expect and require at our hands a progressive and business-like administration of their affairs. It will be an easy matter for us to fail, as failure is common to humanity, and it will require earnest and persistent endeavor on our part to succeed. I therefore appeal to each of you to co-operate with me in solving in a satisfactory manner the many problems that will come up for our consideration, and respectfully submit to you the following recommendations:

"(1) That you take immediate steps to put the entire town in a thoroughly sanitary condition, and to this end I would suggest that a competent man be employed for such a time as may be necessary to see that all back lots and alleys are properly cleaned and all surface closets screened. This I regard as highly important, as it may mean the saving of many lives. It can be done at very small cost, and should be one of the first things to receive your attention.

"(2) That you require your police officers, while on duty, to wear suitable uniforms.

"(3) That you require the Southern Bell Telephone Company and the Western Union Telegraph Company to properly paint all poles owned by them within the corporate limits of our town.

"(4) That you instruct the town attorney to draw a petition asking the Corporation Commission to require the Virginia & Carolina Southern Railroad Company and the Seaboard Air Line Railway to establish and maintain a union station in the town of Lumberton.

"(5) That you inaugurate a better system of drainage in all parts of the town where necessary, and especially in that part known as 'East Lumberton.' In this connection I would suggest that Meadow-Brook cemetery be thoroughly drained,

and that you require the Seaboard Air Line Railway and the Raleigh & Charleston Railroad Company to thoroughly drain and otherwise put in a sanitary condition their rights-of-way in the town of Lumberton. This is exceedingly important and should be attended to without delay.

"(6) That you employ an expert accountant to ascertain what tax levy will be necessary to pay interest on, and create a sinking fund sufficient to retire, the various bond issues when due. I am of the opinion that the levy for the aforesaid purposes is excessive, and, if possible, it should be lowered.

"(7) That you take such steps as may be necessary to pave Chestnut street from First to Fifth streets inclusive; also First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth streets between Elm and Chestnut streets, and Third and Fourth streets between Elm and Water. This very important and permanent improvement can be accomplished, I believe, without any increase in our tax rate."

Mr. White laid special emphasis upon the importance of sanitary work. He declared that there is too much sickness due to insanitary conditions in town and that to neglect sanitary work is criminal. In this connection he said that Elm street must be cleaned at night, thereby avoiding unnecessary dust during the day.

After other matters were disposed of all the mayor's recommendations were adopted unanimously and machinery was set in motion to have these attended to as speedily as possible.

Election of officers resulted as follows:

Town attorney, R. A. McLean. Annual retainer, \$100.

Chief of police, H. H. Redfern, re-elected, at salary of \$100 the month, an increase of \$25.

Town clerk and treasurer, G. T. Page, re-elected, \$75 per month.

Superintendent of light and power plant, W. G. Pitman, re-elected, \$75 per month.

Chief of fire department, J. P. Townsend, re-elected.

Night policeman, D. M. Barker, \$50 per month. There were four other applicants for this place—L. M. Roach, who held the position during the past year, Jas. A. Freeman, P. P. Green, J. D. Britt.

It is a singular fact that Mr. Page was never re-elected by the retiring board and has simply held over without making bond.

Applications were received from Capt. A. B. Small, for position of sanitary inspector, and R. W. Williams for position of street foreman, but it was decided to leave the filling of these positions, which do not require work all the time, with the sanitary and street committees, respectively.

Mr. Redfern was elected chief of police at the advanced salary only after prolonged discussion and after two commissioners decided to change their votes. The first vote that was taken was two in favor of the increase in salary, 3 against. In placing Mr. Redfern in nomination Mr. Proctor stated that he had been elected chief of police of Wadesboro, his old home, at a larger salary than he had been getting here—\$75 the month—and that in order to retain Mr. Redfern it would be necessary to pay a salary of \$100 the month. There was considerable discussion on this matter. Messrs. Walters, Hamilton and Redmond, while in favor of re-electing Mr. Redfern and conceding that he had made a good police officer, were not in favor of making so great a raise in salary in the present condition of the town's finances, feeling that a capable man could be obtained for \$75, or at least \$90. Mr. A. W. McLean, who was present about another matter, as a taxpayer expressed the hope that the board would elect Mr. Redfern at the increase in salary, calling attention to the fact that he had made an excellent officer and tax collector collecting taxes better than they had ever been collected before. Also to the fact that smaller towns like Maxton and Rowland pay men in the same position \$75 per month and that other towns the size of Lumberton pay higher salaries.

Mr. J. A. Thompson, who was among the visitors, also expressed the belief that a mistake would be made in not electing Mr. Redfern. Mr. J. P. Townsend and others suggested that if the town could not make the necessary financial arrangements

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FOR JUST FREIGHT RATES.

Association Formed With Adjustment of Freight Rates in North Carolina as Sole Object—Will Meet in Raleigh 15th.

Charlotte Observer, 9th.

Twenty-one North Carolina cities through their representatives met last night in the Selwyn Hotel and organized the Just Freight Rate Association of North Carolina, effecting a permanent organization, and calling a meeting for next Thursday, May 15, at 2 o'clock in the legislative halls at Raleigh to elect permanent officers. The officers were not elected last night because having had only 48 hours in which to gather, the towns in the far eastern part of the State were represented by telegrams only.

Not a dissenting vote was heard when the committee on permanent organization submitted its report and suggested that the meeting be called at Raleigh next Thursday, so that every town and county in the State could be represented. The vote in the meeting at Raleigh will be upon the basis of legislative representation. Every county, city and town will have the same number of votes in the meeting as is permitted in the voice of the Legislature.

Practically no reference was made to the rate proposition, the entire time of the meeting being taken up in effecting the organization, which has for its sole and only object, the adjustment of freight rates in North Carolina. Every county is to be organized. Speakers are to be sent out and the members of the Legislature from every section are to be urged to carry this proposition through and place the proper legislation upon the statute books of the State.

Important Meeting at Court House This Evening at 6 O'clock.

At the court house this evening at 6 o'clock a meeting will be held to select delegates to the meeting of the Just Freight Rates Association—mentioned above—which will be held in Raleigh Thursday of this week. This is an important matter in which Lumberton business men are vitally interested, as are the business men of every other part of the State, and it is desired that as many citizens of the town attend as can do so.

CLEAN-UP WEEK.

Mayor White Calls Upon All Citizens to Help Make Lumberton a Clean Town—Five Days This Week to be Devoted to Cleaning Up.

To the Citizens of the Town of Lumberton:

I hereby set apart and designate May 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th, as Clean-Up Days, and earnestly appeal to all citizens, regardless of color, to co-operate with the town authorities in this highly important work. Clean and rake all back lots and deposit all refuse in piles where it can be reached by the town wagons, and the same will be removed promptly.

I sincerely hope that every citizen in town will take this matter in hand, and see to it that nothing is left undone to give us the cleanest town in North Carolina.

A. E. WHITE, Mayor.

A Still Captured in Cumberland.

Fayetteville Observer, 8th.

Deputy Sheriffs J. McD. Monaghan and W. O. Patrick went on a still hunt last night and got a whiskey still at the house of J. H. Hudson in Seventy-first township, near "Skibo," the country place of Dr. J. V. McGougan. The still, which was of about 45 gallons capacity, was a composite affair, the kettle being a wash pot, the still a copper arrangement, and the caps, worm, etc., built on an independent plan. One of the caps was found in a swamp nearby, where the still had been operated. Mr. Hudson was "not at home," having been called away on pressing business.

Water Badly Polluted—Unsafe for Washing Dishes.

Dr. B. W. Page, county superintendent of health, has just received an analysis of the river water used in the town hydrants from the State Laboratory of Hygiene at Raleigh. The analysis indicates that the water is so badly polluted that it is extremely dangerous and unsafe even for washing dishes.

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MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED.

Many Veterans Enjoyed the Day in Lumberton — Meeting of Camp Pope—Dinner Served by Local Chapter, U. D. C.—Address by H. E. Stacy—Graves Decorated.

Saturday was a day of enjoyment for Confederate veterans and wives who visited Lumberton. They were made to feel that the town and all in it were at their service. Following a business meeting of Camp Willis H. Pope there was an address by Mr. H. E. Stacy of Lumberton. Then followed dinner prepared by the devoted hands of the members of Robeson Chapter, U. D. C., and served by them in the commissioners' room and adjoining corridors in the court house. Seventy veterans, about twenty of them accompanied by their wives, enjoyed the hospitality of the Daughters.

In the afternoon the veterans and their wives were given free admission by the manager Mr. W. S. Wishart, to the Pastime theatre, where an expensive and thrilling Civil War picture, "A Daughter of the Confederacy," was shown. There were three reels of this picture and it was no doubt enjoyed immensely by the veterans. Its scenes of battle and courage and daring carried them back to the days of the 60's.

The annual meeting of Camp Willis H. Pope was held in the court house at 10 a. m. The following officers were re-elected: Commander, J. A. McAllister; 1st lieutenant, J. S. Thompson; 2d Lieut., T. A. McNeill; 3rd Lieut., F. A. Bond; 4th Lieut., F. A. Provatt; adjutant, M. G. McKonzie; chaplain, J. Esley Thompson; sergeant, A. B. Small; color bearer, A. E. Floyd.

No delegates were elected to the reunion at Chattanooga, Tenn., which will be held May 27-29, but authority to appoint all who indicate a desire to go was left with Commander McAllister and Adjutant McKenzie.

The speaker was introduced in a short and appropriate speech by Mr. T. A. McNeill, Jr., of Lumberton.

Mr. Stacy caught the attention of his audience at the outset and held it to the end. It was indeed an excellent address and the speaker received many congratulations at its close. His theme was "The South's part in the Making of the Nation." He paid eloquent tribute to the soldiers and women of the Confederacy and plead with the daughters and sons to profit by the lessons of the courage and patriotism of their mothers and fathers.

Following Mr. Stacy's speech 18 or 20 young ladies of the town delighted the audience by singing "Dixie" and "The Old North State," immediately after which the veterans adjourned to the room and halls below, where the Daughters were waiting to serve them dinner.

In the afternoon members of Robeson Chapter decorated with flowers all the graves of Confederate veterans buried in the cemeteries of Lumberton.

Adverse Report on Friedmann "Cure"—No Specific Cure for Consumption Yet Found.

Washington Dispatch, 9th.

The first authentic and public report of the Federal Government's investigation of the Friedmann tuberculosis vaccine, made public here today, declares the results of the Public Health Service observations so far do "not justify that confidence in the remedy which has been inspired by widespread publicity."

The National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, before which the report was presented immediately and unanimously adopted resolutions declaring its belief that "no specific cure for tuberculosis has been discovered that deserves the confidence of the medical profession and the public and declaring it to be the duty of the public to continue 'all the present well-tred agencies."

Approximately 93,000 acres of mountain land in Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina and West Virginia were approved for purchase on the 7th by the National Forest Reservation Commission. This will make almost 600,000 acres bought by the Government up to date for the Appalachian and White Mountain Forest Reservation.

Consider well what your strength is equal to—and what exceeds your ability.—Horace.

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HOMICIDE AT WAKULLA.

Will McMillan Shot and Killed by Joe Ross, Both Colored—Whiskey and a Woman—Ross Escaped—Reward Offered.

Joe Ross, colored, about 50 years old, shot and killed Will McMillan, also colored, at Wakulla Saturday evening between sunset and dark. McMillan was about 50 years old. County Physician B. W. Page and Coroner G. E. Rancke went yesterday morning to Wakulla and an inquest was held. The verdict of the jury was that McMillan died as the result of a gun-shot wound from the hands of Joe Ross.

The two negroes were drinking and it seems that they got into a quarrel about some former trouble they had had, back of which was a woman. The shooting took place within a hundred yards or so of the depot at Wakulla. Ross used a breech-loading gun, the load taking effect in the left thigh. McMillan lived only a few minutes after he was shot. Ross had a horse and buggy and immediately after the shooting he ran his horse to Long Swamp, about half a mile away, where he disappeared, carrying his gun with him. Rural Policeman R. B. Lindsey, of Red Springs, was on the scene of the shooting in about thirty minutes and Sheriff Lewis was notified of the killing about 10 o'clock Saturday night. Sheriff Lewis and Deputies Willis and Joe Britt went at once to Wakulla, but so far all efforts to capture Ross have been in vain. Sheriff Lewis has offered a reward of \$50 for the capture of Ross.

GOOD WORK BEGINS.

"Beautify" Work at Seaboard Station Around Artesian Well Begins Again.

It will be recalled that about a year ago joint work was started by the town and Seaboard Air Line Railway Co. at the artesian well at the depot, to lay cement walks, terrace, properly drain and otherwise beautify this place. The work ceased abruptly about a year ago, but this morning Mayor White had Mr. M. B. Sutton, contractor, to take steps to begin the work again at once and it will be pushed to completion as soon as possible.

Among the Sick.

The condition of Mr. John A. Rowland, who for several days has been sick at the Thompson hospital, is improving. Mr. A. E. Belch, of Bellamy, underwent an operation this morning at the hospital. Billy Sanderson, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Sanderson, who live in town, has been sick at the hospital with typhoid fever for more than a week. His condition is improving. Mrs. J. A. Turner of Back Swamp, is also sick in the hospital with fever, and her condition is improving. Miss Beatrice Ivey, of Page's Mill, S. C., who a week or so ago underwent an operation at the hospital is improving and will probably go home tomorrow or next day.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Pedneau has for several days been sick at the home of the parents, First street. The child's condition today is thought to be but little, if any, improved.

Linda Hendrick, 22-months-old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Frank Gorrell, has for several days been very sick at the home of her parents, Tenth and Chestnut streets. Her condition this morning was thought to be somewhat improved.

Dr. H. Q. Alexander, as president, headed a delegation of officers and members of the North Carolina Farmers' Union that called on Governor Craig Thursday in support of the movement for elimination of freight rate discriminations against North Carolina shippers, pledging the support of the Union in whatever is necessary for securing just and equitable rates for North Carolina.

A white man apparently pretty well loaded on "the old familiar juice" and who had laid him down to snooze at the top landing of the stairway in the Bank of Lumberton building, near the offices of the law firm of McLean, Varner & McLean, attracted attention of a little knot of folks about 2:30 this afternoon. Chief Redfern escorted him to the county jail to sober up. His name is said to be Blackburn and he is said to live in East Lumberton.

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BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—Good middling cotton today 11c.

—Mr. L. R. Varner delivered the literary address at the commencement of the graded school at Raeford Friday.

—The 24th annual commencement of Buie's Creek Academy and Business College will be held Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

—There will be a special meeting tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock of St. Albans Lodge No. 114, A. F. and A. M., for work in the third degree.

—Mr. J. L. Williamson and family are moving today into their new home on Chestnut street from the house they have been occupying on East Fifth street.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. E. White will leave this evening for Baltimore, Md. to consult a specialist in regard to the condition of Mrs. White, who has been in poor health for some weeks.

—Mr. Norment Britt, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Britt of Ten Mile, a student of the Atlanta College of Physicians and Surgeons, came home last week for the summer vacation. He will spend his vacation with Drs. H. T. Pope and W. A. McPhaul.

—Mr. A. Pink Page, bookkeeper for the LaFayette Mutual Life Insurance Co., came in Saturday from Fayetteville, where he has been closing up the business of his company in that town, the company's home office now being located in Lumberton.

—Prof. J. McCombie Murray will give a recital at the opera house this evening. The recital was given twice in Maxton and The Scottish Chief complimented it highly. Prof. Murray has been a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Caldwell since yesterday. Mrs. Murray came down from Maxton this morning.

—Mr. J. L. Stephens returned Saturday from Durham, where he attended annual meeting of funeral directors and embalmers association of the State. Mr. Stephens was elected third vice-president of the association. The next meeting of the association will be held in Winston-Salem.

—Two interesting pictures will be seen at the Pastime theatre this evening, "Diving Solution," by Lubin, and "Wife of the Hills," by Essany. The Essany is a magnificent heart-interesting Western drama, featuring G. M. Anderson, the favorite of many thousands of picture visitors all over the country.

—Mr. M. B. Sutton put a force of hands to work this morning paving the strip of sidewalk on East Fifth street between Walnut and Pine, in front of the property recently purchased by Mrs. Nannie Stephens. This is the only strip on this street, between the streets named, remaining unpaved.

—Dr. J. P. Brown and adopted son, master Hal, returned to their home at Fairmont yesterday after a delightful automobile trip to Fayetteville, Durham, Statesville and Raleigh. They left home Thursday evening and arrived back in Fairmont at noon yesterday, having made the trip without a single mishap.

—Mr. D. R. Rhodes and daughter, Miss Way, who live on rural route No. 1 from Marietta, were among the visitors in town Friday. At Mr. Rhodes' home lives probably the oldest woman in the county. Her name is Nancy Barnes. She was 108 years old January 26 last and is still able to walk about the house and wash dishes.

—Mr. V. D. Baker has accepted a position as traveling salesman for the J. W. Ould Company of Lynchburg, Va. Mr. Baker for a year or more has been traveling for the Lynchburg Notion Company, which was a branch company of the J. W. Ould Company, but the two are now consolidated. Mr. Baker returned Friday from Lynchburg with samples of his fall line of goods.

—There came near being a serious accident yesterday about noon when a horse hitched to a buggy and driven by Misses Mollie Belle Hollowell and Ruth Jones jumped into the canal by the road near the oil mill, just across the river. The horse, which was frightened at an automobile, fell when it struck the bottom of the ditch, the occupants of the buggy were turned out into the ditch, and were rich much bruised up though not seriously hurt, and no damage of any serious consequence was done. The canal is about six feet deep and about the same width.