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CLAN MACQUEEN ASSOCIATION

MacQueens Gather in Force at Maxton for Organization Meeting—Permanent Organization Formed—Morning and Afternoon Sessions Held Yesterday—A Bountiful Picnic Dinner—Visit to Old Queensdale and Stewartville—Many Visiting Members of Clan Entertained by Local Members—A Most Successful and Delightful Gathering.

Special to The Robesonian.

Maxton, June 5—Following a preliminary gathering here yesterday, an automobile ride to places of historic interest to members of the clan, a reception to visiting clansmen last night, the carrying out of an interesting program this morning and a picnic dinner the like of which for excellence and bountifulness is rarely seen, the Clan MacQueen Association was organized this afternoon permanently and meetings will be held annually hereafter.

This organization meeting has been a most delightful one for both Clan members and visitors, and those who conceived the idea of holding such a meeting at a preliminary meeting held here last December have every reason to feel gratified at the successful manner in which their idea has been carried out; for it has been a most successful gathering in every way, the enthusiasm and interest manifested leaving nothing to be desired by the most clannish of clansmen.

There were a hundred or more visitors here yesterday and that number was swelled today by two hundred or more. Which does not include the many clansmen and clanswomen who have their local habitations here and hereabouts. More than 300 clansmen, clanswomen and visitors were registered. And all have been most royally entertained, visiting clansmen and clanswomen being entertained in the homes of local members of the clan.

Many of the clansmen were decorated with the clan tartan, a plaid in rich brown and deep red with orange checks. Some of the visiting clansmen were accompanied by their wives.

At the meeting this afternoon permanent organization was effected and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Chief—Jas. W. MacQueen of Birmingham; chieftains—Ed MacQueen, Sr., of Dunbar, S. C.; Jno. MacQueen of Timmonsville, S. C.; J. S. MacRae, of Maxton; Patrick McEachern of Birmingham; H. C. MacQueen of Wilmington; Martin McKinnon of Red Springs; Rev. A. R. MacQueen of Dunn; chaplain, Rev. Stewart MacQueen of Montgomery; treasurer, Roy Martin of Maxton; recording secretary, J. P. Wiggins of Maxton (Mr. Wiggins was secretary of the temporary organization and spent much time and effort in working up interest in this meeting); enrolling secretaries, Misses Katie McLean of Laurinburg and Sallie Lou McKinnon of Maxton; historian, Mrs. R. T. Chattie Beall of Washington, D. C.; executive council, J. W. MacQueen and J. P. Wiggins, members ex-officio; Rev. W. Black, A. J. McKinnon, A. W. McLean.

Resolutions of thanks were tendered Mayor McKay McKinnon, citizens of Maxton and home clansmen for their cordial welcome and warm hospitality; to the temporary officers for the manner in which preparations had been made for this meeting; to Mrs. Chattie Beall of Washington for her clan poem; to the newspapers that published notices of the meeting; to Carolina College officials for the use of their building, and tendered sympathy to those who were prevented by sickness from being present.

Mrs. R. T. McElyea of Maxton affectionately known to Robesonian readers and to everybody else as "Aunt Becky," was the most honored clanswoman present. In recognition of her work as historian of the clan the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved that the thanks of the Association be extended to our most beloved and talented kinswoman, Mrs. Bella McElyea, for her painstaking, accurate and reliable history of the descendants of Col. James MacQueen of Queensdale and that she be requested to rewrite and incorporate in her splendid history additional facts discovered since its publication; and that Messrs. H. C. J. W., A. R. and Donald MacQueen, A. W. McLean and J. P. Wiggins, and Miss Sallie E. MacQueen be appointed a committee

to co-operate with her and have the history published as soon as possible."

"The Scotch and the Bible," by Rev. A. R. MacQueen of Dunn, was the only speech of the afternoon session. A solo by Mr. C. B. Skipper of Lumberton—"My Ain Countrie"—the singing by the audience of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and prayer and benediction by Rev. Wm. Black brought the afternoon session to a close. After this a picture of the clan was taken in front of the college building and the first meeting of the Association was over.

Mr. Henry C. MacQueen, president of the Commercial National Bank of Wilmington, chief of the temporary organizations presided at the meetings today. The morning sessions began at 10 o'clock, the opening prayer being by Rev. A. R. MacQueen, chaplain. Mayor McKay McKinnon welcomed the Association in an entirely happy speech, concluding by presenting to Chief H. C. MacQueen a huge key to the town. He took occasion to pay a beautiful tribute to "Aunt Becky." The response by Mr. Jno. MacQueen, prosecuting attorney for the Birmingham district, was no less happy.

"Col. James MacQueen and Descendants," a paper by Mrs. Bella McElyea, was read by Miss Mary Belle McLaurin of Latta, S. C., a granddaughter of "Aunt Becky." At the conclusion of the reading a rising vote of thanks was proposed to "Aunt Becky," and visitors all joined in that vote, Hon. G. B. Patterson having asked special permission for those not members of the clan to have the privilege of doing her that honor.

"Scotch Clans," an address by Mr. A. W. McLean of Lumberton was the feature of the morning session. It was a splendid address and at its conclusion the audience showed its appreciation by rising en masse and applauding heartily.

The musical numbers were delightful—"My Laddie," solo by Miss Pattie James of Laurinburg; "Annie Laurie," solo by Miss Louise MacQueen of Dunbar, S. C.; piano solo by Miss Katie McLean of Laurinburg; "Bonnie Sweet Bessie," solo by Miss Minnie Lou McRae of Maxton.

A poem by Mrs. Chattie MacEachin Beall of Washington, D. C., was read by Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon of Maxton.

Rev. S. E. Mercer, president of Carolina College, responded to a vote of thanks for the use of the college building and grounds.

It is but simple truth to say that the dinner served on the college campus by clanswomen of Maxton and vicinity was never surpassed on any similar occasion. It was most excellent and so bountiful that after 300 or 400 people had literally eaten all they could there was apparently no diminution of the supply, which seemed as inexhaustible as when the "attack" upon the long table began.

Among the visiting clansmen were: Mr. J. William MacQueen, vice-president and general manager of the Sloss-Sheffield Steel & Iron Co. of Birmingham, and family; Rev. Stewart MacQueen of Montgomery; Rev. William Black and wife and Mr. Arthur Butt of Charlotte; Mr. and Mrs. Preston Ledbetter of Rockingham; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Black and Miss Maggie Black of Shelby; Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McLean, Mr. A. T. McLean, Mrs. Sue A. McLeod and Mr. C. B. Skipper of Lumberton; Mr. Hector McLean and daughter, Miss Sallie McLean of Laurinburg; Rev. A. R. MacQueen of Dunn, Dunbar, Florence, Dillon and Timmonsville, S. C., were represented by 30 or more visitors and there was quite a sprinkling from Raeford and Laurinburg besides those mentioned.

Yesterday was featured by a visit to Queensdale, the old home of Col. James MacQueen, who was one of the framers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence and kinsmen of whom were originators of the idea of having this meeting; a visit to Stewartville, where many of the MacQueens are buried; and a reception last night in the splendid auditorium of Carolina College, which was filled with a brilliant gathering of men and women. The clansmen, wearing plaid sashes, filed in and marched to the rostrum headed by Mr. Kenneth McLean, a native of Scotland, who has been living at Buie, this county, for a year or more, playing an air on the bagpipe. Dr. H. G. Hill delivered the opening prayer and an eloquent address of welcome

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THE COUNTY'S BUSINESS.

Tax Levy Reduced—New Township Created—Contract Awarded for New Jail Cells—Additional Road Trustees Appointed—H. McD. Morrison Re-elected Keeper of Chain Gang—Bank of Lumberton and Bank of Red Springs County Depositories—Pensions for Veterans and Their Widows—Bills Audited and Paid.

The county commissioners were in regular session Monday and disposed of much business. They will be in session again Monday of next week.

The tax levy for the year was determined as follows:

Tax Levy.
For State purposes 23 2-3 cts.
For pensions 4 "
For public schools 20 "
For county purposes 18 "
For court house bonds 2 "
For funding bonds 1 "
For roads 21 "
For county pensions 2 "

Total property tax 91 2-3 cts.

For State \$1.43
For county54

Total poll tax 1.97

The total poll tax last year was \$1.98, so that has been reduced 1 cent. The total property tax last year was 93 cents. The county tax for roads has been reduced from 25 cents to 21 cents, but the tax for State purposes has been increased from 21 cents to 23 2-3 cents, so that the total reduction in property tax is only 11-3 cents instead of 4 cents, as it would be but for the increase of 2-3 cents in the tax for State purposes.

The new township of Gaddy's was created from portions of White House and Rowland, making the total number of townships now 24. The voting precinct is to be at Curtis' store. J. O. McArthur was appointed list taker for this township. The boundaries of the township are as follows: Beginning at the South Carolina line near Mrs. Rhet Horne's and following public road leading by Oakdale to St. Paul's church, (oclosed); thence with road leading by Levy Gaddy's, Jim Arnett's and Vinck Gaddy's and crossing public road near Dick Brewer's place, to the run of Ashpole swamp thence with the run of Ashpole swamp to McLeod's mill; thence with the run of Cowford swamp to public road leading from Dillon to Fairmont; thence down said road to State line; thence with State line to the beginning.

Contract for the construction of two new jail cells was awarded to B. T. Barnum Iron Works, to be completed according to specifications to be accepted, for the sum of \$2,050.

The resignation of Dr. J. P. Brown as a member of the board of supervisors of Fairmont township was accepted and J. D. McLean was named to fill vacancy. Other road trustees were appointed as follows: Robt. Monroe, Lumber Bridge, in place of H. M. John, resigned; John A. McRae, Rowland; J. B. McCallum, Maxton, in place of R. L. McLeod, resigned; Mrs. Thos. Kinlaw, Howellsville, in place of N. A. Kinlaw, resigned; B. W. Townsend, J. M. Brown, J. L. McMillan, Red Springs; Burnt Swamp, Jno. L. McNeill; Lumberton, Dr. H. T. Pope; Gaddy's, J. W. Burnes, C. W. McArthur, Docky Page.

Mr. H. Mc D. Morrison, whose record as keeper of the chain gang bought a vote of thanks from the retiring board, was re-elected to this position by the county commissioners at the same salary, 60 per month. He will be required to give bond in the sum of \$500, which has not been required heretofore. Commissioners Rory McNair and J. F. McKay, are to have supervision of the chain gang and direct where it shall work.

The Bank of Lumberton and the Bank of Red Springs were both designated as depositories for the public funds of the county, one half of the public moneys to be deposited in each. These were the only banks that submitted bids for the public funds, their bids being the same—to lend the county not exceeding \$20,000 during the year at the discount rate of 6 per cent and to pay upon average daily balances for funds on deposit at the rate of 2-1-2 per cent per annum. Both banks are required to file bonds in the sum of \$25,000. While the bank bids were being considered Mr. C. B. Townsend, who is vice president of the Bank of Lumberton, was not present, having asked to be excused.

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ROBESON COUNTY DAY.

Aeroplane Will Be One of the Attractions in Lumberton July Fourth—Committees at Work.

At a meeting yesterday afternoon of all committees appointed to prepare for the great Robeson County Day celebration in Lumberton, July Fourth the program committee was instructed to submit today a program and estimate of expenses so that the finance committee may begin to raise money at once with definite knowledge of how much will be necessary. It has been definitely decided that an aeroplane will be one of the attractions. There will also be a parade of citizens from all parts of the county and all towns in the county will be asked to compete for a prize which will be offered for the best float. There will be an excellent brass band of ten pieces, picked from two good bands of Rockingham.

Watch The Robesonian for information from time to time about this great celebration.

House Struck by Lightning and Occupants Stunned—A Fierce Storm.

During the terrific thunder storm during early hours last night lightning struck the house occupied by Mr. A. R. Currie and family, East Second street, and completely stunned for a few minutes Mr. and Mrs. Currie and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Julia Bullard. The house was struck beside the chimney, weatherboarding was knocked off, plastering knocked down, and a clock was knocked from the mantle to the middle of the room and put out of business.

About 3-1-2 miles from Lumberton lightning broke the insulator on tower 435 of Yadkin River Power Co. and put the station on the edge of town out of commission from 8:30 last night until 9 o'clock this morning, during which time the Lumberton and Dresden Cotton Mills, which are operated by power furnished by this company, were compelled to shut down. The local electric light plant was out of commission for a few minutes during the storm. The storm seems to have been pretty general. The light plant at Maxton was out of commission for more than half an hour.

A scope of country about a mile wide between Marietta and Barnesville was visited Monday afternoon by a hail storm which is said to have torn up considerable tobacco and cotton.

Lumberton Man Gets Clerkship of a House of Congress Committee.

Congressman H. L. Godwin has appointed Mr. W. K. Bethune of Lumberton clerk to the committee on reform in the Civil Service, of which committee Mr. Godwin is chairman, to succeed Mr. L. B. Hale, who resigned recently to accept office of postmaster at Fayetteville. Mr. Bethune left last night for Washington to be initiated into his new duties, but it is expected that he will return to Lumberton Sunday. This being a special session of Congress and the House doing little more now than marking time, it is hardly probable that Mr. Bethune will have to spend any time in Washington until the regular session of Congress begins next December, so for the present he will retain his position as business manager of The Robesonian, and this appointment will not change in the least for the present his plans along other lines.

Robeson County Medical Society Met at Fairmont Yesterday.

Reported for The Robesonian. The Robeson County Medical Society met in regular session at Fairmont yesterday with 26 physicians present.

Many interesting cases were reported and discussed. An interesting paper on "Obstetrics," read by Dr. R. D. McMillan of Red Springs. A scientific address on "Dysentery" was delivered by Dr. C. W. Stiles of Washington, D. C.

The Society was royally entertained by physicians of Fairmont.

Dr. T. B. Kingsbury of Wilmington Passes.

Dr. T. B. Kingsbury, the most distinguished man of letters of his generation in North Carolina, at different times during his career editor of the Wilmington Star and the Wilmington Messenger, died at his home in Wilmington yesterday afternoon. The remains will be interred at Oxford tomorrow.

TOWN AFFAIRS.

Tax Levy of \$1.33 on Property and \$3.99 on Poll—New Sanitary Ordinance will Abolish Some Dangerous Nuisances—Improvements Ordered at Seaboard Station—To Comply With Requirements for Free Mail Delivery—Other Items of Interest.

The regular monthly meeting of the mayor and town commissioners was held Tuesday evening and much business was transacted.

Mr. Ira B. Mullis met with the board in connection with beautifying the plot of ground lying between the Seaboard Air Line Railroad and the Southern Express Co.'s office. He produced blueprints showing the proposed improvements, also chart showing cost of same. He recommended that an artesian well be sunk somewhere about the center of this square and that a sanitary drinking fountain be put in. He stated further that the Seaboard Air Line Railroad Co. had agreed to bear one-half of the cost of this work, provided the town would have it done. It was ordered that this work be done in accordance with the recommendations of Mr. Mullis under the supervision of the street committee and Mr. Mullis.

An electric lamp was ordered placed in East Lumberton at the intersection of Second and Seneca streets; also that sidewalks be built in this section of the town. It was ordered that the matter of placing lamp and building sidewalks near the residence of Mr. Wm. Daugherty be given immediate attention by the proper committees.

Mr. R. O. Edmund, assistant postmaster came before the board and read the following letter from the Postoffice Department:

"Washington Division,
"Durham, N. C., May 29th, 1913.
"Postmaster,
"Lumberton, N. C.

"Madam: I am holding a case with reference to the extension of city delivery service from your office, awaiting information as to whether the street signs have been put up, and all houses in the delivery district numbered. Also with reference to permission from the city to use the electric light poles on which to place letter boxes if found advisable.

"Will you kindly take up, and advise me at your early convenience as to the action if any taken.

"Respectfully,
"W. F. CHESTER, Inspector."

It was ordered that street signs and numbers be put up immediately, that the Postoffice Department be authorized to use the electric light poles where conveniently located, and that the street committee be authorized to buy and have placed extra posts, where necessary, for the placing of letter boxes.

Mr. Saloom Saleeby came before the board and made request for permission to connect water drain from building being erected by him on Elm street with the city sewer line. This request was not granted, the board upholding Supt. W. G. Pitman in his decision relative to this matter.

A request of Mr. A. Butler relative to sidewalk improvements was referred to the street committee with power to act.

The claim of Messrs. Lucas and Smith for damages received by reason of having beef condemned by the meat and milk inspector was continued. The town attorney was instructed to make a thorough investigation of this matter and report to the board at some future meeting.

It was ordered that all electric light, telephone and telegraph poles within the corporate limits of the town east of the old stage road be painted.

Dr. W. O. Edmund was unanimously re-elected meat and milk inspector. He was instructed to see that the milk ordinance relative to the sale of milk within the corporate limits of the town be enforced.

Tax levy for the ensuing year was made as follows: For general fund purposes, 58c on the \$100 and \$1.74 on each poll; for sinking fund and bond interest, 45c on the \$100 and \$1.35 on poll; for graded school, 30c on the \$100 and 90c on poll—making a total rate of \$1.33 on the \$100 worth of property and \$3.99 on each poll.

A bill of W. Lennon for \$25 was ordered paid.

The mayor and town clerk and treasurer, were authorized to borrow a sum not to exceed \$3,500, executed

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BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—Middling cotton today, 11 cents.
—A new loose-leaf mortgage deed record book has just been installed in the office of the register of deeds. It is a decided improvement over the old.

—The First National Bank of Lumberton has been designated as a United States depository for government funds. The bank received notice to this effect yesterday.

—At the Pastime theatre this evening will be shown mighty good pictures. If you want a real good hearty laugh see "Beauty Parlor of Stone Gulch," by Kalem. Edison will present "The Necklace of Crushed Rose Leaves," which is an intensely interesting picture.

—Mr. J. J. Cherry of Raleigh began work yesterday as clerk at the Lumberton drug store. He had just resigned a similar position at the Pope drug store and returned to his home in Raleigh Monday night, but came back to Lumberton yesterday morning in response to a wire from Manager McDonald, who recently took charge of the Lumberton drug store.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Pate and daughter, little Miss Thelma, went yesterday to Wilmington, where they will spend some time visiting relatives. Mr. Pate has just resigned a position as track foreman for the Virginia & Carolina Southern Railroad. They have broken up house-keeping at the corner of Pine and Third and Mr. Pate has not yet decided what he will do.

—Mr. B. W. Lovett of Boardman, who is making Lumberton headquarters this week while looking after some work for the Butters Lumber Co. in Raft Swamp township, says that—speaking of sharks, which have become quite common in waters hereabouts of late—that last Saturday, in Stephen's canal, near Boardman, he shot at a shark which was some 7 or 8 feet long, but that his shark-ship got away.

—Gen. F. A. Bond, of Hunter's Lodge was in town yesterday. He and Mrs. Bond left Hunter's Lodge yesterday afternoon for Washington, D. C., where Gen. Bond expects to spend a few days in a hospital undergoing treatment for a wound received during the Civil War, which has been troubling him recently. From Washington they expect to go to Jessup, Md., where they will probably spend several months. Gen. Bond says they will hardly return before October.

—Mr. W. J. Beattie, Jr., of Fayetteville, who is president of the Lafayette Mutual Life Insurance Company, formerly of Fayetteville but now of Lumberton, spent a short while in Lumberton Tuesday afternoon on business for the company. From now on Mr. Beattie expects to spend Monday and Tuesday of each week in Lumberton in the interest of this company's business. It is hoped that Mr. Beattie will decide to move his family to Lumberton and make it home instead of Fayetteville.

Master Stephen McIntyre Hurt in a Runaway—Buggy Torn Up.

Master Stephen McIntyre, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen McIntyre, was thrown violently on his head at the corner of Walnut and Fifth streets yesterday afternoon when Mr. McIntyre's horse, running away, dashed the buggy to which it was hitched against a tree, and was very sick last night, but it is not thought that he was seriously injured. Master Robt. Allen, son of Dr. and Mrs. R. T. Allen, was in the buggy with Stephen and was also thrown out, but escaped without injury. The buggy was torn to pieces, practically. The horse tore loose from the buggy when it struck the tree and ran down Fifth to the Pope drug store, where it was caught. It was not badly hurt.

The horse is gentle and this is its first taste of running away. At the gate at Mr. McIntyre's, Walnut and Sixth, Master Robert McIntyre was making some changes about the bit, Masters Robt. Allen and Stephen McIntyre sitting in the buggy the while and nobody holding the lines, when the horse suddenly became frightened and ran.

Misses Blanche Burke and Bessie Lee Nicholson, who had been spending several days in town guests of Misses Sadie Rae and Margaret Pope, returned Monday to their home at Maxton.