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## METHODISTS' RECORD OF GROWTH.

During the Past Seven Years the Record of the Methodist Church of Lumberton Has Been One of Steady Growth—More Than \$10,000 Raised for All Purposes This Year—New Church Occupied This Year and New Parsonage Probably Will Be Built Next Year—End of Conference Year.

Ten thousand dollars for all purposes in 1913 as against \$1,684.25 in 1907. This is a record of which the membership of Chestnut Street Methodist church of Lumberton may well be proud. The membership in 1907 was 163; the membership now numbers 251. The amount contributed per member in 1913 was more than two and a half times as great as the amount contributed in 1907.

The first year of this church as a station was 1907, and it is interesting to note its growth in strength since then as indicated by the following significant figures: Contributions for all purposes in 1907, \$1,684.25; in 1908, \$2,701; in 1909, \$4,811; 1910, \$6,499; 1911, \$6,296; 1912, \$8,479; 1913, over \$10,000. Value of church and parsonage property in 1907, \$3,000; value in 1913, \$21,800.

An elegant new church was occupied early in this year and a splendid pipe organ was installed a short while ago. Nothing has been determined officially yet, but it is the purpose to build a new parsonage next year. By certificate and otherwise during the past two years 105 members have been added.

All the auxiliaries of the church are in better working condition than ever before.

These increases were noted by Mr. W. H. Humphrey, lay leader of the church, at the Thanksgiving service last Thursday night as reasons why the members of Chestnut Street church should be thankful as a church. It is a record of growth of which any church membership might well be thankful and proud.

The services yesterday were the last for the conference year at Chestnut Street, as the other churches in the North Carolina Methodist Conference, which convenes in annual session at Oxford Wednesday of this week. Rev. J. W. Bradley, pastor of Chestnut Street church, will carry a good report to Conference, as indicated in the figures given above, all assessments being paid in full. Mr. Bradley will leave for Conference tomorrow morning and Mrs. Bradley and their infant son will leave at the same time for Raeford, where they will visit at the home of Mrs. Bradley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Lentz. This is the end of Mr. Bradley's second year as pastor of this church, and the church has made splendid progress during that time. Whether he will return to this charge or not is of course with the bishop and his cabinet. Other Methodist preachers in Robeson and the length of time they have served their charges are as follows: N. L. Seabold, Lumberton circuit, 1 year; A. J. Groves, St. Paul's circuit, 2 years; S. T. Moyles, Robeson circuit, 1 year; H. M. Eure, Red Springs station, 1 year; L. A. Lee, Rowland station, 2 years; S. E. Mercer, Maxton station and president of Carolina college, W. V. McRea assistant.

Mr. W. H. Humphrey, who is one of the four delegates from the Rockingham district, left this morning to attend Conference. Others probably will attend from the church here.

## New Seaboard Train—New Schedule R. & C.

The new passenger train on the Seaboard between Wilmington and Hamlet, the schedule of which has been given, was put on yesterday. The two morning trains to Wilmington are due at Lumberton at 7:50 and 9:48, and the two evening trains from Wilmington are due here at 5:52 and 8:07. This new train will be a great convenience to the public. Of especial interest to the folks in the upper end of the county is the fact that one may leave Red Springs or Parkton, for instance, early in the morning, come through to Lumberton by 7:50, leave here at 8:07 and go back home without any long wait over at any point.

By a new schedule which went into effect yesterday on the Raleigh and Charleston, the morning train to Marion, S. C., will leave at 10:20 and the afternoon train will arrive at 5:40. The mixed train, daily except Sunday, comes in at 9:45 and leaves at 1 P. M.

## WILL BE TRIED HERE.

Will Monroe, Alleged Negro Rapist, Taken to Raeford and Then Taken Back to State Prison to Await Trial in Robeson Superior Court This Month.

Will Monroe, the 14-year-old negro boy who is charged with committing criminal assault on the 5-year-old daughter of Dr. D. S. Currie at Parkton last Monday and was taken to Raleigh last Tuesday night for safe keeping, lynching being feared, was taken Thursday to Raeford by order of Judge C. C. Lyon, who is holding court there, and on the same day the Hoke county grand jury found a true bill against him. It was expected that his trial would begin in Hoke Superior Court Friday but Judge C. C. Lyon ordered the trial removed to Robeson county. Judge Lyon appointed Mr. B. F. McLean of Maxton and Mr. J. C. Currie of Raeford to defend Monroe. He will be tried at the January term unless a special term is ordered, and the county commissioners will decide today whether to ask for a special term.

Monroe was taken back to the State penitentiary at Raleigh Friday for safe keeping until time for his trial. It was at first thought that it would be safe to keep him at Raeford, but slight rumors of trouble were heard by the officers and while no special alarm was felt the officers did not care to take the risk, so they spirited the negro away from jail, took him in an auto to Aberdeen a tence to Raleigh.

## ALL RECORDS BROKEN

Longest Extra Session in History of Congress Gives Way to Regular Session—The Tariff and Currency Have Occupied Center of Stage.

Washington Dispatch, Nov. 29. The longest continuous extraordinary session in the history of Congress practically ended tonight and the regular session will begin at noon next Monday.

Democratic leaders acting in concert with President Wilson, would not permit an actual finish to be written to the special session, although the House adjourned finally. The Senate will meet at 10 o'clock Monday and adjournment will not formally come until a few minutes before the time for the regular session to convene.

Two great projects have held the attention of Congress and the country throughout the unprecedented work of the year. One of these tariff revision, crystallized into law in September. The other, currency reform, still is the chief subject of legislative interest and will remain so, until disposed of in the regular session.

The special session opened a month after the Democratic forces took complete control of the Government, began with a reorganization of party leadership in the Senate which overthrew precedent and brought the so-called progressive forces into control. Throughout the contest on tariff and currency the contest has been marked by solidification of the Democratic ranks.

Demand of the Democratic leaders that the currency bill be passed at once brings the extra session to a stirring close. Day and night sessions of the Democratic currency conference have marked the last week and day and night sessions of the Senate are promised for the new session until currency legislation is concluded.

## Drastic Liquor Laws Demanded—Other Conference Notes.

Yesterday's Charlotte Observer says

"Expressing in no uncertain terms its opinion of the liquor traffic, the Western North Carolina Conference adopted resolutions yesterday afternoon favoring an amendment to the Federal Constitution for bidding the transportation and exportation of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and also a law forbidding the use of the mails to any publication that carries advertisements of liquor, morphine, cocaine or similar drugs. The conference would also inhibit the use of the mails for circularizing dry territory and soliciting orders for liquor."

Rev. P. T. Durham, Rev. Dr. G. T. Rowe, Rev. Dr. J. H. Weaver, Rev. Dr. H. K. Boyer, Rev. L. T. Mann and Rev. Dr. T. F. Marr were elected clerical delegates to the General Conference which meets next May. This is considered the highest honor in the gift of the Conference.

The Conference adopted a resolution favoring reading the Bible in public schools. Conference will close today with the reading of appointments.

## REPORT OF YEAR'S PROGRESS

What Has Been Done in Robeson County School Work During the Past Year.

Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of public instruction, made the following report last week at the meeting of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly in Raleigh of the progress made in Robeson county school work from November 1, 1912, to October 31, 1913.

### Local Taxation.

Number of districts established during the year 8. Average rate of levy, 25-75; (5) total proceeds, \$550.00.

Number of local tax districts increasing local tax levy, 6.

Total increase in proceeds from increase in local levy, \$3490.37.

Total number of local tax districts in county, 60.

### Consolidation of Districts During Period.

Number of schools abandoned, 3.

Number of consolidated schools formed in lieu of these? Answer: Six former schools consolidated into three at present.

Number of teachers formerly required in schools abandoned, 7.

Number now required in these consolidated schools, 7. Number of pupils attending school abandoned, 47.

Number of pupils attending these consolidated schools? Ans.: These consolidated schools not yet in session.

Number of buildings erected, 8.

Total cost of new buildings equipment and sites, \$19,585.00.

One one-room building, five two-room buildings; one ten-room (brick) building, one four-room building. Total acreage of these new sites, 10 5-8.

### Professional Progress.

Increase in number of teachers with normal training, 35.

Increase in number of teachers with college diplomas, none.

Increase in number of schools with two or more teachers, 4. Number of county teachers' meetings held during the period, 3 white, 3 colored.

### Social Activities.

Total funds raised for school improvement by betterment associations of school improvement clubs, \$3,585.30.

Total number of Boy's Corn Clubs formed during the year and the number of boys belonging to corn clubs? Answer: One, club, entire county, ninety members.

### Educational Meetings.

Number of educational meetings of all sorts held in the county during the year, 50.

Number of educational addresses, 35.

Number of public debates, 12.

Number of literary entertainments, 15.

Number of parents' meetings, 20.

Number of rural libraries established during the period, 6.

Increase in the number of volumes, 602.

Number of supplemental libraries established during the period, 6.

Four districts have voted bond issues aggregating \$60,000 for the erection of modern school buildings, one building is now completed and contracts have been let for the three others.

Another election carrying \$25,000 in bonds is pending.

The compulsory law is having a salutary effect on the attendance so far reported.

### Noble President of Teachers' Assembly—Bust of Wiley.

The North Carolina Teachers' Assembly Friday elected as officers for the ensuing year Prof. M. C. S. Noble, University of North Carolina, president; Miss Mary Owen Graham, Charlotte, vice-president; Prof. E. E. Sams, State Department of Education, secretary; S. S. Alderman, State Department of Education, assistant secretary, and E. D. Pusey, Goldsboro, members of the executive committee to fill terms expiring.

A marble bust of Calvin H. Wiley, founder of the public school system of the State, was presented to the State Friday night by the Assembly.

—Miss Maycie Glasgow, one of the music teachers at the graded school, will give a recital in the school auditorium Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

—Mr. Owen Davis of Raft Swamp, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis in the Cumberland General hospital, Fayetteville, was able to return home yesterday.

### Constipation Poisons You.

If you are constipated, your entire system is poisoned by the waste matter kept in the body—serious results often follow. Use Dr. King's New Life Pills and you will soon get rid of constipation, headache and other troubles. 25c at Druggists or by mail, H. E. Bucklen & Co. Phila and St. Louis.

## THANKSGIVING DAY

Generally Observed in Lumberton and Passed Off Quietly—Services at Churches and Collections for Orphanages.

Thanksgiving Day was generally observed in Lumberton, practically all places of business closing for most of the day and services being held in the churches. The cotton mills shut down but the oil mill and planing mills did not stop on account of rush of work.

Services were held at the Presbyterian and Baptist churches Thursday morning and at Chestnut street Methodist Thursday night. At the First Baptist interesting short talks appropriate to the day were made by Messrs. S. McIntyre T. L. Johnson and L. R. Varsar, and Mr. E. J. Britt was called on by the pastor, Rev. C. H. Durham, to read President Wilson's Thanksgiving proclamation. The music included a solo by Mrs. J. Q. Beckwith and a quartet by Messrs. C. B. Skipper, R. R. Carlyle, F. Gough and J. P. Stephens. The collection for the Thomasville orphanage amounted to \$85. The Sunday school of this church, in its contribution to this orphanage, beats any Sunday school in the world in contributing to a like cause, its contribution averaging about \$70 a month. At the Presbyterian church a collection amounting to about \$100 was taken for Barium Springs orphanage. The contributions for this cause during the year of this church and Sunday school amounts to about \$400.

At the Methodist church Thursday night the following responded to invitation made by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Bradley, for talks on why we should be thankful for blessings along the lines indicated: Mayor A. E. White, as a town; County Commissioner C. B. Townsend, as a State and county; Mr. K. M. Barnes, as individuals; Mr. H. E. Stacy, as a Nation; Mr. W. H. Humphrey, as a church, local and general. The collection was for the Raleigh Orphanage. The contribution of this church and Sunday school during this year for this orphanage amounts to \$400.

Rev. R. E. Sentelle, superintendent of the Lumberton graded school, made a talk at a Thanksgiving service at Ten Mile Baptist church yesterday.

A Thanksgiving service was held in the East Lumberton Baptist church last evening. Rev. J. F. avis of Robersonville preached a Thanksgiving sermon, and a collection was taken for the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage.

The usual bountiful dinner, contributed by the good people of the town, was carried to the inmates of the county home, and the Epworth League of Chestnut Street Methodist church carried dinner to some of the worthy poor of the town.

—It was this reporter's good fortune to be present at an entertainment given by the school at East Lumberton Saturday night. The exercises consisted of speeches, dialogues, readings, tableaux and music, all of which was very entertaining. The children had been well trained and acted their parts in a way to give credit to their teachers, Misses Steele, Stone and Barker. After the children had entertained the large crowd present for more than an hour the merriment was continued by Madame Blanc who told the fortunes of many, making some hearts beat with gladness, while the things she told others made them tremble with fear. Sandwiches and surprise packages were sold, and this caused much laughter as one didn't know what he was getting till he had it. Taking it as a whole it was one of the most enjoyable occasions imaginable.

### Advertising Pays.

"My ad certainly paid me, and that mighty well," was the remark of a man who recently ran a small ad in The Robesonian. He said also that he would advertise his business if he wasn't doing anything but running a coffee mill. This man rightly thinks advertising pays, especially if you advertise in The Robesonian.

### Stomach Troubles Disappear.

Stomach, liver and kidney troubles, weak nerves, lame back and female ills disappear when Electric Bitters are used. Thousands of women would not be without a bottle in their homes. Eliza Pool of Dewey, Okla., writes, Electric Bitters raised me from a bed of sickness and suffering and has done me a world of good. I wish every suffering woman could use this excellent remedy and find out as I did, just how good it is. As it has helped thousands of others it will surely do the same for you. Every bottle guaranteed, 50c and \$1. At all Druggists. H. E. Bucklen & Co., Philadelphia or St. Louis.

## LONG BRANCH LOCALS

Quiet Thanksgiving—Disking Land For Another Crop—Canvassing for Rural 'Phone Line—Preparing to Build New Dwelling—Fine Hogs Running Out.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Lumberton, R. F. D. 4, Nov. 29.—Thanksgiving passed off quietly, very much like Sunday. There wasn't any shooting or drinking, as usual. There were services at church and a nice crowd present and a collection was taken up for the orphans, amounting to \$15, which was right good as the church takes a collection every first Sunday for that cause.

The farmers are about done picking cotton through here. Lots of them are through already and have gone to disking their land for another crop.

Dr. Ayers of Proctorville is canvassing through here for a rural phone route from there to Lumberton and is having good success. Hope he will soon begin to work on it.

Mr. G. E. Thompson is soon going to move to Lumberton and we regret for him and his wife to leave the community.—Mr. J. B. Ivey is all smiles: It's a fine girl.

Mr. D. G. Lawson killed 3 fine hogs yesterday. I have not heard their weights, but they were nice.

Mr. E. J. Britt is putting the material on the ground to erect a new dwelling house on one of his farms down here.

If one will travel the roads through here he will see more fine hogs running out in the fields and woods than one would have thought were in the county. I heard one man say he saw 50 in going 11-2 miles on the creek road.

—A two-weeks' special term of civil court convened this morning, Judge M. H. Justice of Rutherfordton presiding. It will be followed by a regular term of one week at which Judge Lyon will preside.

—Mr. and Mrs. Amos King returned Saturday from Asheville, where they spent several days visiting relatives. While Mr. King was away his job as conductor on the R. & C. was taken care of by Mr. Alf H. McLeod.

—The board of directors of the Farmers and Merchant's Bank this morning presented to Ex-Judge T. A. McNeill, president of the bank, a handsome ebony gold-headed cane as a token of appreciation of his services and courtesy shown the directors.

—J. H. Carter, a boy who works at the livery stables of H. M. Beasley & Bro., was kicked by a mule this morning while reloading some mules at the Seaboard station. Although it is a very severe kick it is not thought that it is serious. He received medical attention from Dr. W. A. McPhaul.

—A cotton gin and contents belonging to Mr. J. W. Baxley of the Ten Mile section was destroyed by fire Wednesday night. It is thought that the fire started from a spark from the smokesstack. The loss is estimated at about \$500 or \$600. It is understood that there is some insurance on the plant.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Whaley, who for about two weeks have been making their home in Charlotte, arrived Thursday and are guests at the home of Mr. Whaley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Whaley. They expect to return to Charlotte tomorrow or next day. Mr. Whaley has accepted a position with the Little-Long Co. He has a job in this company's engraving department.

—Mr. S. H. Amilton, who has been the efficient manager of the Western Union Telegraph office here for the past 11 years, has declined to accept the management of both the telegraph and telephone offices and has resigned. Mr. Hamilton is popular and has given good service, and his retirement will be regretted by the public. It is understood that Mr. Hood, who has been local manager for the Bell Company for some time, will assume the management of the telegraph office as well, thought Mr. Hood is out of town and nothing definite has been ascertained.

Rev. J. F. Davis of Robersonville, is spending some time in town with his son and daughter-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Davis.

### Guarding Against Croup.

The best safeguard against croup is a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound in the house. P. H. Ginn, of Middleton, Ga., writes: "My children are very susceptible to croup, easily catch cold. I give them Foley's Honey and Tar Compound and in every instance they get prompt relief and are soon cured. We keep it at home and prevent croup." For sale by all dealers.

## BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—Middling cotton today, 12-18c.

—Mr. J. W. Bullock has bought the stock of goods belonging to Mr. Alex. Phillips on Fifth street and will conduct a grocery business in the same building.

—Mr. Geo. E. Thompson has accepted a position as salesman in the grocery department of White & Gough's department store. He began work this morning.

—Mr. A. McM. Blount of Parkton is in town today. He says that 7 negroes were pulled for gambling in Parkton Saturday night and will be tried before the recorder at Reids Springs today.

—The young Lumberton man who was booked to get married Thanksgiving, for some reason unknown to this reporter, postponed the matter till a future date, but is sure to bring it to pass in the not-distant future.

—"Look Not Upon the Wine," Biograph Comedy, "Sway of Destiny," a meritorious drama by Essary, and "An Equine Hero," Pathe Western, will be three interesting pictures shown at the Pastime theatre this evening.

—The following cases have been tried in the recorder's court since Wednesday: John McNair, larceny, twelve months on roads; Howard Mathewson, disorderly conduct \$15 and cost; Alex Memory, drunkenness, \$15 and cost.

—Dr. John Knox left last evening for Baltimore on an important mission, but he refused to tell The Robesonian what that important mission is—though he might as well have done so, for everybody hereabout can give a mighty good guess.

—The LaPayette Mutual Life Insurance Co., which has been occupying offices over the wholesale store of Whitfield and French, moved Friday into its elegant new offices on the second floor of the Farmers & Merchants Bank building, Chestnut and Fourth streets.

—The law firm of Britt & Moss has opened up a branch office in Rowland. Mr. J. M. Moss, junior member of the firm, will leave today for Rowland and will have charge of the office there. Mr. E. J. Britt, senior member, will continue his practice here.

—Mrs. E. L. Holloway and son Master Lambert left this morning for Wilmington, where this week Mrs. Holloway will attend a convocation of the Episcopians of the Cape Fear section. Mrs. Holloway goes as a delegate from Trinity church, Lumberton, to the Women's Mission study class.

—The case of Dr. J. P. Brown against B. W. Green for perjury was not pressed.—Mairmont Messenger. Green is the man who stirred up things in Fairmont a while ago and who, as mentioned in The Robesonian at the time was arrested recently in Charlotte on a warrant sworn out by Dr. Brown of Fairmont charging him with perjury.

—Red Springs Citizen: On Wednesday afternoon a bale of cotton was sold on the Red Springs market as a Thanksgiving gift from the ladies of Philadelphia congregation to the Barium Springs orphanage. It was put up at auction and after some spirited bidding, was knocked down to W. E. Garrett, for \$81, the weight being 540 pounds. The seed of this bale also sold for \$18, making the neat and handsome gift of \$100 to a most worthy cause.

—Work was resumed at the graded school this morning after being suspended since last Wednesday. Supt. R. E. Sentelle attended the meetings of the Teachers' Assembly and city superintendents in Raleigh and returned Saturday. His father, Rev. R. A. Sentelle, superintendent of schools of Haywood county, who also attended the meetings in Raleigh, came with him and left this morning for his home. Miss Fannie Knight, first grade teacher, also attended the meeting of the Teachers' Assembly, returning last night.

—A sure-enough runaway was pulled off this morning on Fourth street, in front of The Robesonian office. A colored boy was leading a mule and let him run against another mule, which was hitched to the laundry wagon belonging to the Sanitary Steam Laundry, and that got the laundry mule all out 'o sorts, so he broke loose, and proceeded to get away from there, running over another wagon, turning the laundry wagon over, splintering it up to some extent, and scattering the clothes which were in the wagon over the streets, a good deal of them falling into a hole of water