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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETS

Enthusiastic Meeting Held Thursday Night—Hotel Committee Reported That a Hotel in the Near Future is a Certainty—Committees Will Be Appointed on Public Park, Agricultural Fair, Securing More Payrolls and Membership—County Physician Page Will Talk on Health Problems at Next Meeting.

If any one has an idea that the Lumberton Chamber of Commerce is going to let any grass grow under its feet that one should have been present at the meeting held in the commissioners' room at the court house Thursday night. The meeting was well attended, those present being busy men, who have no time to throw away on trifles and who map out their days to make every minute count; and it was the most enthusiastic meeting yet held. At this meeting enough practical work was mapped out to keep the Chamber of Commerce busy for months to come.

The most interesting report was made by the hotel committee, composed of Messrs. K. M. Biggs, K. M. Barnes and R. C. Lawrence. Mr. Lawrence reported for the committee. He started out with the statement that the committee could give the positive assurance that a hotel is in sight for Lumberton, and that statement was greeted with enthusiastic applause. The committee has been hard at work and will no doubt have something absolutely definite to report within a few days—it may make a definite report in the same issue of the paper in which this will be printed, but until the committee says one word nothing certain will be given out as to the plans, etc. Suffice it to say for the present that the hotel committee is a work and when it makes a statement it will be to the effect that all the money necessary to build a first class hotel has been pledged.

Supt. R. E. Sentelle was given opportunity to present to the Chamber of Commerce some matters pertaining to the graded school which he had asked permission at the last meeting to present at this meeting. His statement and the action of the organization are covered in a separate news item in this issue.

On motion of Mr. R. D. Caldwell all ministers of the town and vicinity were made honorary members of the Chamber of Commerce and will not be required to pay dues. All ministers are requested to meet with the organization and lend their aid in the work it is trying to do. Rev. C. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, who was the only minister present, thanked the organization on behalf of the ministers.

Mr. Caldwell also suggested that steps be taken to secure a public park for the town, also to have an agricultural fair. Both suggestions met with hearty approval.

Ex-Sheriff Geo. B. McLeod called attention to the fact that one of the prettiest streams in the State, Lumber river, flows hard by the town, and how easy and inexpensive it would be to make it more attractive by cleaning its banks of houses, preserving the trees and terracing it banks. Water street, he said, should be converted into a boulevard and extended to the Jennings Cotton Mill village, on the northern edge of town.

Mayor A. E. White expressed hearty agreement with Messrs. Caldwell and McLeod in their suggestions but insisted that the immediate pressing need, the thing that should demand attention right now, taking precedence of all else for the present, was effort to secure more pay rolls. A small knitting mill, he suggested could be started without much outlay of capital, and other small industries should be secured. There is unlimited power right at our doors and it should be used. A young man who came here from Scotland recently had to go to another town because there was no work for him to do here. Such a condition should not prevail, Mr. White declared.

Mr. M. W. Floyd suggested that a committee on membership should be appointed to secure members for the organization.

President Russell was instructed to appoint committees to take up all these suggestions and see what can be done at once. They will appoint within the next few days a separate committee to look after each one of these suggestions.

President Russell announced that Dr. B. W. Page, county physician had agreed to deliver a lecture at the next regular meeting, on the second Thursday in April, on diseases servants are most liable to carry into homes and how they may be recognized and guarded against. Ladies will be invited to attend this meeting.

Every citizen who attended the meeting Thursday night felt greatly encouraged at the spirit manifested, a spirit that indicates that united work will be done to bring things to pass. Every citizen should become a member and lend a hand.

Collector Keith Decides to Retire Gracefully.

Washington Special, 14th, to Wilmington Star. The fight over the Wilmington collectorship was brought to a close this afternoon when Collector B. F. Keith wired Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, tendering his resignation to take effect May 1st. Col Walker Taylor, who has been recommended by both Senators Simmons and Overman and the entire State delegation in the House, will succeed Mr. Keith.

FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Mrs. G. T. Holloman Died of Heart Trouble at Her Home in East Lumberton Saturday Night—Six Months Old Baby in Bed With Her.

Mrs. G. T. Holloman, aged 28, of East Lumberton was found dead in bed yesterday morning by her husband. Mr. Holloman was awakened about 3 o'clock by the cries of a 6-weeks' old baby which was in the bed with the mother and called to Mrs. Holloman. When she did not answer, he went to the bed and found her cold in death. Dr. T. C. Johnson was called and pronounced heart trouble the cause of death. Mrs. Holloman was apparently in the best of health Saturday. The remains were taken yesterday to Kinston, where today interment will be made. Mr. D. W. Biggs undertaker, prepared the body for shipment.

Mrs. Henrietta Hedgpeth Died at Fairmont Saturday.

Mrs. Henrietta Hedgpeth, relict of the late J. T. Hedgpeth, died Saturday morning at Fairmont at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Johnson. She was about 65 years old and had been sick about three weeks. Two weeks ago she underwent an operation for appendicitis. The remains were interred yesterday at the old home place burying ground near Proctorville, services being conducted by Rev. D. P. Bridges of Fairmont. Deceased was an aunt of Mr. K. M. Barnes, cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Lumberton. Mr. Barnes and his daughter, Miss Myrtle attended the funeral.

Death of Infant Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Townsend.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Townsend, born Friday morning, died yesterday morning and the remains were interred yesterday afternoon in Meadowbrook cemetery. Mrs. Townsend has been very ill at their home, East Third street, since the birth of the baby, but her condition is thought to be somewhat improved today.

An Ancient Document.

Mr. A. W. McLean, who is fond of ancient documents, recently came into possession of one that is entitled to be called ancient. It is an indenture of lease of farm lands in Scotland and bears the date July 1667. It is written on sheepskin and the edges are cut in irregular shape, or "indentured," as in the beginning all deeds relating to land were made, so that they might be identified by fitting together the torn edges. Hence all deeds or writings were called "indentures." Mr. McLean also has a blacksmith's vice brought over from Scotland by his grandfather in 1765, this vice being now apparently as good as ever.

Snow Has Not All Disappeared Yet.

Some of the snow which fell nearly three weeks ago—Wednesday night and Thursday, February 25 and 26—lingers here still. Some was picked up in a back lot this morning. It has gotten mixed with so much dirt that it doesn't know how to melt. Reminds one of the man who, one hot July day, when a neighbor told him how snow drifted into the attic of his house during the previous winter and he had to shovel it out, said that he never thought of that, that he'd bet snow had been accumulating in his attic for years and that he was going right home and see about it.

65 Years Young; 33-Mile Jaunt.

Mr. Ellis Miller, the man who has been first to pay his taxes every year for the past 18 years, who lives in Gaddy township, near the South Carolina line, walked to Lumberton and back home, a distance of 33 miles, Tuesday of last week. Mr. Miller is more than 65 years old, and is never left when it comes to walking. He has stock—plenty of stock—but had plenty of work for them to do, so he just hiked out and walked.

Tobacco Plants Killed by Cold.

Mr. C. M. Britt of Mt. Eliam was among the visitors in town Saturday. Mr. Britt says the tobacco plants on the "Mount" are goners now, as the cold Thursday night killed them outright.

Mr. J. C. Wilkerson, who lives on route 1 from Fairmont, is among the visitors in town today. Mr. Wilkerson says most all the tobacco plants in his section have been killed by the cold.

An Old Coffee Pot.

Mrs. Louise Allen, who lives in Howellsville township, has a coffee pot that was brought to this country from England some two hundred years ago, and that same pot is being used today, in it is made the best of coffee. The pot is made of copper and apparently is as good as when brought across the Atlantic.

Not Observing Vital Statistics Law in Robeson—Will be Prosecuted.

Raleigh Dispatch, 14th. It is announced here today that the State Board of Health will prosecute physicians and undertakers of Robeson county for failure to make registrations required under the new vital statistics law.

Best Treatment for Constipation. "My daughter used Chamberlain's Tablets for constipation with good results and I can recommend them highly," writes Paul B. Babin, Brushy, La. For sale by all dealers.

SHETLAND PONY TO BE GIVEN AWAY

Seven Progressive Business Houses of Lumberton Will Award Handsome Pony, With Saddle and Bridle, to Most Popular Child

A great Belle Meade Pony Contest was launched into full swing here today.

One handsome Shetland pony, ready equipped with saddle and bridle, is to be given away to the child receiving the largest number of votes in the big contest.

Seven progressive business concerns—including The Robesonian—are giving away this pony.

How to Enter. Any white child under 15 years of age may become a contestant by enrolling his or her name, either in person or through some friend, at any of the seven places of business which are co-operating in this exciting and fascinating enterprise.

If you are a grown up, then enter the name of some favorite child at one of these seven places of business.

If you are under 15 years of age, then give in your name at one of the seven establishments.

It is sufficient to enter your name at one store or business house—but if you care to, you may, perhaps, increase your chances by entering it at several—or all—of the seven places.

Where to Vote.

A child may enter or be entered at any of the seven establishments, and votes are obtained with cash purchases or cash payment on accounts at the seven places of business.

How to Vote.

During the progress of the contest coupons will be given out by each of the several firms or individuals, who are conducting the contest, on all money received for cash purchases or in payment of accounts.

There is a place on each coupon for insertion of the child's name, which must be plainly written, and the coupon deposited in the ballot box provided for this purpose.

At the close of the contest the votes will be counted by a committee, and the child receiving the largest number of votes will be given the pony, saddle and bridle.

The Robesonian Is In It.

The Robesonian, Robeson's leading paper, is an active participant in this great pony enterprise. Not as a contestant, of course, though The Robesonian might be termed a husky youngster.

The Robesonian will give 500 votes for every dollar paid on subscription. One dollar and fifty cents for a year's subscription is worth 750 votes.

Where Shetlands are Bred.

The celebrated "Bell Meade" farms where these ponies are bred, comprise 2200 acres of the finest blue grass land, situated in Fauquier county, Virginia, about 72 miles from Washington, and are the home of a herd comprising over 300 pure Shetlands.

These Shetlands are from the very best imported stock, 200 having been brought over in one year when the herd was originally founded.

Some of the noted Shetlands owned at the farm have been Howard B. (4), winner of the first prize for stallions in a class of nineteen at the World's Fair at Chicago; Vespa (166), twice champion of the Shetland Islands; Signold, another champion stallion of the Shetland Islands; Ogmund, Belle Meade Truant, Belle Meade Alford, Belle Meade Clipper.

The latter four ponies won first prize for four in hand at the Virginia State Fair at Roanoke in 1913, and two of these ponies have won first prize in fairs and tandem for several years past at the Virginia State Fairs.

The Seven.

The 7 concerns which are giving away this pony are as follows: POPE DRUG COMPANY, CARLYLE'S LADIES STORE, M'ALLISTER HARDWARE CO., J. H. WISHART, Grocery store, STEVENS & BARNES, Furniture, TOWNSEND BROS. Gents' Furnishings.

PASTIME THEATRE, THE ROBESONIAN.

The contest will close June 16. Those who get busy at the start and stay busy will stand the best chance to win.

Money secured on either old or new subscriptions will count the same in this contest—500 votes for \$1. For all money paid on advertising or job work The Robesonian will give 100 votes for every dollar.

Miss Leola Burney Slightly Injured in a Runaway.

A horse driven by Mr. Grover Williamson who lives about five miles from town on route 4, became frightened at something—the horse seems to be the only one that knows what—on Elm street in front of Salebe's store yesterday afternoon and proceeded to run away. The horse ran to the Seaboard station and went right into the posts which were placed there to keep stock back, and threw Miss Leola Burney, who was in the buggy, out, bruising her up considerably.

Miss Burney tried to jump out on the pavement, and Mr. Williamson had to hold her in the buggy, but he couldn't hold both the girl and the horse. His holding the girl in the buggy no doubt saved her serious injury. It was an exciting runaway. The buggy was torn up to some extent, and it was thought that the horse was somewhat hurt.

BROAD RIDGE BREEZES

Marriage of Miss Lizzie Bissell and Mr. Joseph Bullard—Mumps Again—Improving Church Grounds.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Orrum, Route 1, March 13—Most of us are sitting by our fireside now because of so much rain.

Mr. Grover Britt of Lumberton passed through here Sunday enroute to Bloomingdale.

Misses Lillian and Gertrude Freeman of Hog Swamp spent Saturday and Sunday here with their sister Mrs. T. L. Bissell.

Miss Henrietta Ammons is visiting friends in Lumberton this week.

Miss Agnes Johnson spent the week-end in Lumberton with home-folks.

Our church grounds have been improved considerably recently by hauling dirt and planting trees.

On last Wednesday p. m. at the home of Mr. H. F. Bissell, father of the bride, Mr. Joseph Bullard and Miss Lizzie Bissell were married in the presence of a host of friends, Rev. P. T. Britt officiating. Mr. Bullard is one of our best young men. The bride is from Illinois, but has been visiting here for some time and has made many friends who wish them a long and happy life.

Mumps seem to have come again. A case or two are reported.

Wedding bells will ring again soon from the looks of things now.

RULES GOVERNING BELLE MEADE PONY CONTEST

Coupons Are Given on All Cash Purchases and on All Amounts Paid on Account.

Ballots are to be counted on Monday of each week by two representatives from different places of business, and standing of contestants announced in The Robesonian and at all places of business of the participants.

Ballot boxes will be located at each of the places of business taking part in the contest.

No child will be allowed to enter whose parent is a proprietor or employee of any firm participating in the contest.

No clerk or employe of the stores or places of business participating in contest are allowed to solicit or save coupons for any contestants.

To induce the depositing of coupons weekly, there will be given one dollar to the child depositing the largest number of votes during each week.

The name of the contestant must be written across the face of the coupons.

Contest closes June 16th at 6 p. m. Mr. George B. Waters of Newbern, of the Belle Meade Co., has been in town since Friday night looking after launching this contest.

An Evening of Pleasure at Antioch School House.

The entertainment, box supper and voting contest given by the Antioch school Friday night was all to the good. There was a large crowd present, and all seemed to enjoy immensely the exercises, which consisted of speeches, dialogues and music stunts, pulled off by the negro comedians. Quite a number of boxes were sold for the high dollar, and a nice little sum was realized. After the boxes were sold a cake-voting contest was waged in order to find out who was the best looking girl. Miss Duncan received the most votes and proved to be the best looking girl present.

Ex-Sheriff G. B. McLeod and Mr. W. S. Britt of Lumberton were present and both made short and much enjoyed addresses.

Misses Margaret and Ruth Britt are the teachers. It was an evening of real pleasure enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience.

Chamber of Commerce Pledges Support to Graded School Trustees.

Prof. R. E. Sentelle, superintendent of the graded school brought to the attention of the Chamber of Commerce at its meeting Thursday night conditions that hamper the work of the graded school—lack of funds. The Chamber of Commerce passed a resolution pledging the support of that body to the school trustees in borrowing money to fill out the present term and to employ one or more male assistants for the term beginning next fall; also to push through the next Legislature a bill to raise the tax rate for school purposes. On account of the crowded condition of the paper today a report of the facts presented by Supt. Sentelle must be held over for Thursday's paper.

Engagement Announced.

Washington Dispatch, 13th. The President and Mrs. Wilson announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Eleanor Randolph, to Hon. William Gibbs McAdoo. This announcement was issued at the White House by Secretary Tumulty tonight after a day of speculation in Capital, official and social circles over the prospects for a White House wedding in June.

"Dr. Thomas' Eclectic Oil is the best remedy used with success in our family for eight years."—Mrs. L. Whitacre, Buffalo, N. Y.

To Prevent Blood Poisoning

apply at once the wonderful old reliable DR. PORTER'S ANTISEPTIC HEALING OIL, a surgical dressing that relieves pain and heals at the same time. Not a liniment. 25c. 50c. \$1.00

DISSOLVE U. S. EXPRESS CO.

Success of Parcel Post and Recent Express Rate Reductions the Cause.

New York Dispatch, 13th. Directors of the United States Express Company voted unanimously today to liquidate its affairs and dissolve in the shortest possible time.

The precise plan for realizing on the company's assets was not disclosed, but it is thought a syndicate will be formed to take them over, so that they may be disposed of to the best advantage.

Persons familiar with the company's affairs declare that the return to the shareholders will be between \$90 and \$100 a share.

The success of the parcel post and the recent express rate reduction by the Inter-State Commerce Commission are held directly responsible for the company's retirement from business after 60 years of continuous operation.

Earnings for the five months for the fiscal year so far reported showed steady declines with a deficit of \$32,000 for November until some of the more influential interests became outspoken for liquidation.

The late Thomas C. Platt and his family for years were the dominant interests in United States Express. Their control was so complete that they succeeded in warding off numerous demands and protests on the part of minority interests and for years the public knew virtually nothing of the affairs of the company, no meeting of the stockholders having been held in more than 50 years.

There are outstanding 100,000 shares of United States Express stock and these are in comparatively few hands. The Harriman estate is believed to hold over one-fifth, which the late E. H. Harriman acquired at an outlay of about \$2,250,000. The Platt interests are said to be relatively small.

The express company at one time had contracts covering 38,000 miles. In part these contracts have expired, but the remaining ones are said to be of potential value, and it is assumed they will be transferred to one of the company's former competitors, probably Wells, Fargo & Co., in which the Harriman interests have large holdings.

Towns Inundated in Russia—More Than 1,000 Persons Perish.

Ekaterrinodar, Russia, Dispatch, 14th. More than 1,000 persons perished today in the inundation of the towns of Stanitz and Achtyrskaja by a tidal wave from the sea of Azov. The wave struck the towns during a violent hurricane which swept the province of Kuban.

More than 150 persons also were drowned in floods in Yaznakaja.

A dam collapsed in the town of Temryuk on the Taman Peninsula, 98 miles northwest of this city, flooding the greater part of the city and drowning many persons.

The sea washed away 380 buildings in Achtyrskaja.

Achtyrsk is a historic town with a population of 16,000. It once was the seat of the Turkish fortress Adass.

Damages for Allowing a Cow to Starve to Death.

A rather peculiar case was tried in the recorder's court here last week. It was a "cow case." It was against the A. C. L. and the Seaboard Railroad companies for injuries to a cow.

Dr. R. S. Beam was the prosecutor. The evidence was that a cow belonging to Dr. Beam, while being shipped from Rutherfordton to McDonald, this county, was allowed to fast too long, and that same cow never recovered from that fast. Judgment in the sum of \$40 against the Seaboard was allowed. The A. C. L. proved innocent. Messrs. Lennon & Stacy appeared for the prosecutor, Messrs. McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor for the Seaboard, and Messrs. McLean, Varner & McLean for the A. C. L.

—Quite a number will go from here to Fayetteville tonight to witness "Everywoman." This is said to be the biggest show that ever passed this way. There are 150 people with the show.

—Rowland Sun: While trying to preserve order at a negro show Saturday night Chief Carper was run against by a drunken negro and one of his knees was knocked out of joint so that he has been unable to walk but very little since.

—Maxton Scottish Chief: Another Maxton baseball player that has been signed to play league ball the coming season, is Mr. Carl Morris, erstwhile clerk in the store of McQueen Bros., who goes to the Brunswick, Ga., team of the Empire State League, composed of six cities of the Cracker State.

—Fayetteville Index, 11th: Mrs. A. J. Groves, of Lumberton, who has been here undergoing treatment since the 2nd of February, went home a week ago but returned today for further treatment.—Mrs. Groves is the wife of Rev. A. J. Groves, pastor of the St. Paul's circuit, and lives at Barber's on rural route 2 from Lumberton.

—Messrs. A. B. Pearsall, J. G. Throver, Fred Brown and J. C. Snoddy and the latter's small daughter, Miss Mamie, all of Red Springs, were Lumberton visitors this morning. Messrs. Pearsall and Brown counted 67 plows running between Lumberton and Red Springs on the way over. The plowmen are taking advantage of this beautiful weather.

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—"In the Toils of the Devil," a 3-reel picture which will be shown at the Pastime theatre tomorrow night, is quite an elaborate production. Manager Wishart is going to put on the noted Anthony and Cleopatra pictures next Monday night and will feature some special high-class pictures every Monday night thereafter.

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