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FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

It Will Be a Big Day in Lumberton—Commission Form of Government for Counties Will Be Discussed—One of the Attorneys Who Defended W. C. Walters in Famous Kidnaping Case Will Address the Crowd—Fire Department Exhibition and Ball Game—Prizes Will Be Given—Large Crowd Expected.

It is expected that a large crowd will enjoy the annual celebration of the Glorious Fourth in Lumberton. The entertainment that will be provided will be unusual and instructive.

As has been stated in The Robesonian, the Robeson County Division of the Farmers Union has invited Major A. J. McKinnon of Maxton to deliver an address here on that day explaining the commission-manager form of government he wants Robeson county to adopt and in which the people are getting interested.

Of no less interest is the fact that one of the attorneys who defended W. C. Walters in the famous kidnaping case in Louisiana will address the crowd and tell about the trial and what may be done for Walters' relief.

BROAD RIDGE BREEZES.

Fine Corn and Cotton—Children's Day Soon—Mr. Humphrey Right. Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Our farmers are most done laying by and are all smiling over fine corn and cotton, but tobacco continues very sorry.

We are sorry to report the illness of little Lennie Collins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Collins, who has been sick with fever for some time. Hope she will soon recover.

Prof. M. Shepherd of Orrum is on the "Ridge" today.—Mr. Vester Britt of McDonalds visited this section last week.—We are glad to report the condition of Mrs. E. Edwards slightly improved.—Mr. Howard Watts has been suffering with a sore hand recently.—Messrs. John I. Stone and Loyd Mays have accepted positions at Loris, S. C. They began work a few days past.

Our Sunday school will have children's day exercises soon.

Our melon man says he will be ready for the market soon.

Our section is suffering very much for rain at present, especially the corn crop.

Come along, Mr. Humphrey, you are exactly right.

Two Negroes Drowned in Lumber River.

Pickett Johnson, colored, 18 years old, was drowned in Lumber river at Hestertown, about two miles south of town, yesterday morning about 10 o'clock while in swimming with a number of other negroes. Johnson was not a very good swimmer, it is said, but had swum across the river and started back, and when he was about the middle of the stream he gave out and sank at once. The other men who were in swimming found him in about two hours where he went down.

He was holding to a knot on a log on the bottom, and had such a grip on it that it was hard to get him loose. It is supposed that he got hold of the knot and held on till he died. His home was near Councils, Bladen county, but he had been working here with the H. J. Wessel Company for some time.

Another negro was drowned near Maxton Saturday afternoon while bathing in Lumber river.

Among the Sick.

Mrs. W. L. Bethea, of Dillon, S. C., who has been very ill at the home of her mother, Mrs. Susan A. McLeod, for several days, is thought to be much improved today.

Dr. T. C. Johnson has been sick with typhoid fever for several days. He was taken last night to the Thompson hospital. His condition is thought to be somewhat improved today.

The condition of Mr. H. M. McAllister, who has been sick for several days is much improved.

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PROPERTY OWNERS KICK

Town Commissioners Will Be Asked to Rescind Order for Street Paving—Mr. Weinstein Wants Order for Alleyway Back of His Store Rescinded.

At a special meeting of the town commissioners Thursday afternoon it was ordered that Sixth street be paved from Elm to Chestnut, the property owners to pay two-thirds of cost of street paving and for all sidewalk paving. Messrs. C. M. Fuller and L. E. Whaley and Mrs. Kate McLeod own the property bordering on the part of the street which will be paved.

It seems that the property owners are not very well pleased with the action of the commissioners and Mr. Fuller has employed the law firm of McLean, Varner & McLean to try to have the order rescinded. A meeting of the board will be held this afternoon at 3:30, when a hearing will be given. Another hearing will also be given before the town fathers while in session this afternoon in the case of A. Weinstein, who wants the order passed by the town condemning 8 feet of his lot on which his store is built, for a street to run between his store and the new hotel building, rescinded. The hotel company was given eight feet all the way across the lot on which the hotel will be built and Messrs. White & Gough have given 8 feet from the Weinstein lot on to Fifth street for the purpose of opening up a 16-foot street between the back of the stores of Messrs. Weinstein and White & Gough and the new hotel building.

ELECTRIC WIRE DOWN.

Wire of Yadkin River Power Co. Knocked Down by Lightning—A Dangerous Thing.

During a severe electric storm Thursday night lightning struck the line of the Yadkin River Power Company near Lowe and knocked the wire down across the Pembroke road, where it remained until Friday morning. Mr. N. C. Stubbs, who lives near the point where the wire was across the road, came to town early Friday morning and notified the manager, Mr. W. A. Finch, who went at once and straightened things up. This was a very dangerous thing, and no doubt would have caused loss of life had anybody passed along the road Thursday night after the wire fell. The wire was about two feet above the ground, and one only has to get within 18 inches of the wire to be killed, it is said. However, as luck would have it, no one passed till after day Friday morning.

Baraca Class of First Baptist Sunday School Elects Officers.

At a business meeting of the Baraca class of the First Baptist Sunday school Friday night the following officers were elected for a term of six months: president, Grover Page, re-elected; vice-president, Grover Britt; secretary-treasurer, Guyon Lee; assistant secretary-treasurer, Rexford Stephens; assistant teachers, Junius Godwin and E. J. Britt (L. R. Varner is the regular teacher, having been elected by the church to serve for one year); class reporter, Woodberry Lennon.

Before the business meeting quite a number of the members of the class, including Mr. Varner and the pastor of the church, Rev. Chas. L. Greaves, made short but inspiring addresses. Refreshments were served, and as a whole it was a very pleasant and profitable meeting for all present.

Children's Day Exercise.

There was a children's day exercise at Long Branch Baptist church yesterday afternoon. Messrs. J. A. Branch and E. J. Britt of Lumberton made short addresses, and the children rendered a striking and well-arranged programme.

Messrs. Frank Gough and E. J. Britt of Lumberton will make Sunday school talks at Raynham Baptist church next Sunday afternoon at three o'clock.

There will be a union Sunday school picnic at Pleasant Grove Baptist church on the Fourth. Addresses by prominent speakers. The public is invited.

Children's day exercises will be held at Smith's church next Sunday, beginning at 10 a. m. The public is invited. A series of meetings will be given Sunday afternoon.

Examinations for Public School Teachers.

Supt. J. R. Poole will hold examinations for public school teachers on the following dates at the court house in Lumberton: for white teachers on Thursday, July 9; for colored teachers, Friday, July 10; for Indian teachers, Saturday, July 11. Examinations will also be held on the same dates for high school certificates and 5-year State certificates.

Picnic at Princess Anne July 4.

There will be an all-day picnic at Princess Anne on the Fourth. Orrum and Barnesville will play ball in the afternoon. Everybody is invited to come and bring baskets.

For an Impaired Appetite

To improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion try a few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets. Mr. J. H. Seitz, of Detroit, Mich., says: "They restored my appetite when impaired, relieved me of a bloated feeling and caused a pleasant and satisfactory movement of the bowels." For sale by all dealers.

EAST LUMBERTON NEWS NOTES

Baseball—Officer Departs—Fine Gardens—Mills On Short Time—Mr. McLeod Will Speak—Good Sunday School—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. East Lumberton, June 29.—The East Lumberton ball team went Saturday to St. Paul and played some game, defeated St. Paul with a score of 14 to 8.

The officer that was the cause of the trouble that arose between Mr. J. S. Stone and the officer some time ago heard that Mr. Stone had trial set for Saturday last, and he "balled the jack" for Danville, Va. The trial came up, but there was no evidence to convict Mr. Stone, so it was dismissed.

Mr. Andrew Edwards and Mr. Richard Stone went fishing Saturday and caught the sum of 2 about 4 inches long. They say no more for them. Mr. Amos Carter of McColl, S. C., is visiting friends in East Lumberton. Mr. W. D. Johnson left Friday for Barnesville, where he will visit friends.

The writer thinks that East Lumberton has the nicest gardens in the county.

The mills are running only five days and we have some time to pick huckleberries and fish.

A negro boy about grown was drowned Sunday afternoon near the Lumberton cotton mill. He was in taking a bath and cramp caught him.

Mr. Geo. B. McLeod has been invited to make a talk on Thursday night, July 2d. He will speak at the store which is being run by Mr. Henry Edwards. He says he will speak at 8 o'clock on Thursday night. He wants little, big, young and old. It will be well worth hearing.

Mr. Neill Stone, who for some time has been sick and his family are improving and they want to thank the people in East Lumberton for what they have done for him during his sickness, and especially Mr. and Mrs. A. E. White and Mrs. North and others from out of town.

We have one of the best Sunday schools in East Lumberton. It is every Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. Come and be with us; we will be glad to have each and every enjoy yourself.

Among those who are sick, Little Lloyd Edwards has got measles, Mrs. G. T. Holman has fever.

UNNAMED MONSTER SLAIN

Mr. Andrew Britt Thinks He Has Killed Dead the Monster That Has Spread Terror Throughout These Coasts.

It will be remembered that several years ago a great howl was made down in the Globe Swamp section about a "monster" that was seen and heard in that and other nearby sections. This "monster" would kill a hog, a dog and a cat occasionally, and, judging from reports, the folks thought he was capable of devouring a man or most anything else that might come across his path. While there has not been so much talk of him recently, he could be heard from occasionally.

This "monster" may still be alive, but Mr. Andrew Britt, who lives in Columbus county, near Boardman, thinks he killed him dead one day recently. Mr. Britt's dogs tread a sure enough "monster" one that nobody was able to give a name, up in a high tree. He went to the tree and saw him perched up in the top, and after looking into his frightful eyes was almost persuaded to leave him alone, but "let loose" with his shot gun, and down came the "monster," but he was not too dead to slap the face off of two or three dogs before Mr. Britt "let loose" again. Mr. Britt says he has not got a name for the "monster," but rather thinks he was a European jackal. However, he is dead, and the people who saw him would be delighted to know that there was no more like him in these coasts. He was larger than a dog and the hair on his head hung down over his dangerous-looking eyes. Here's hoping he was the "monster" and the only one.

Appreciates The Robesonian.

In remitting for the paper Mr. J. H. Turner, proprietor of the J. H. Turner Furniture Co. of Red Springs, writes as follows:

"I am sending you check for \$1.50, for one year's subscription to The Robesonian. The Robesonian is the best weekly paper in the State, I think, and I have missed it very much since I had it discontinued, even though not a citizen of old Robeson. Since I am a citizen of Robeson I cannot well do without your paper for several reasons."

A Little Deed of Kindness.

Reported for The Robesonian. At the Seaboard station the other day we saw a very delicate little attention from one man to another which did us good all day long.

It was on one of those hot, dry, dusty days last week. The ten o'clock morning train rolled up and stopped. The conductor, worn, weary and hot, had helped the passengers off and on when the other man touched his elbow and handed him a brimming glass of cool, fresh water right from the overflow well nearby. The dew stood on the outside of the glass, attesting its refreshing goodness. We saw it all and it did us good all day. This good Samaritan is one of our best-known citizens.

WILL EXPLAIN WALTERS CASE.

One of the Attorneys Who Defended W. C. Walters, Convicted of Kidnaping in Louisiana, Will Address Fourth of July Crowd in Lumberton Saturday—Come and Hear This Interesting Case Discussed.

Mr. K. M. Barnes, who has been corresponding with W. C. Walters' attorneys, Dale & Rawles of Columbia, Miss., asks The Robesonian to say that a member of the firm would be here next Saturday, July 4, to explain the whole situation of the famous Dunbar kidnaping case, in which Walters, a former Robesonian, is charged with kidnaping Robert Dunbar. Walters' attorneys and many others are sure the child claimed by the Dunbars is Bruce Anderson, son of Julia Anderson of Robeson county and that Walters was arrested and convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment for a crime of which he is innocent. Quite a bit of interest has been stirred up over the affair, which is as strange as fiction, and it is expected that with the other attractions advertised for the Fourth of July celebration to be held here Saturday thousands of people will come to hear the true story of the arrest, trial and conviction of this Robeson county man. Come and hear this man who has appeared for Walters ever since he was first arrested give the true story of the affair.

BLIND BOY HANDLES SNAKE.

And is Unharmd—Seems to Bear Out Theory That Snakes Will Not Bite the Blind.

Odius, a 9-year-old blind boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sellers, who live at Mt. Eliam, went to a hen's nest one day last week, and instead of picking up the eggs, as he intended to do, he picked up a pilot snake, one of the most poisonous snakes found in these parts. The snake was coiled up in the nest. The boy said he kept feeling of the snake to see what it was, and she found it to be a snake. Mr. Sellers took his gun and shot the snake which was 45-inches long. He said the snake didn't seem to be the least bit mad when he arrived on the scene. It is said that a snake will not bite a blind person, and this is very good evidence, as a pilot is a very ill-natured snake.

WEINSTEIN-SILVERSTEIN.

Marriage of Miss Tilly Weinstein of Lumberton and Mr. M. H. Weinstein of Charlotte.

A beautiful wedding was solemnized yesterday afternoon at five o'clock at the Jewish Synagogue, when Miss Tilly Weinstein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Weinstein, became the bride of Mr. M. H. Silverstein of Charlotte. The ceremony was pronounced by Rabbi Airk of Charlotte, after which the bride and groom and the invited guests went to the home of the bride's parents, on Third street, where refreshments were served. There were about 40 out-of-town guests present.

The bride and groom left this morning for Wrightsville Beach, where they will spend several days and thence they will go to New York where they will spend some time. They will be at home in Charlotte after August 1st.

Recorder's Court.

John Parker of Broad Ridge was before Assistant Recorder E. M. Johnson Saturday charged with retailing, and was fined \$10 and cost. There was quite a bit of interest manifest in the case and a large crowd of people was here to witness the trial. The law firms of Johnson & Johnson and McLean, Varner & McLean represented the defendant.

Joe Stone was also before the recorder, charged with disorderly conduct. The recorder reserved his decision.

H. H. Anderson was before the recorder last week on four charges, all for breaking the town ordinance in regard to automobiles. Judgment was suspended on payment of the cost in each case.

One Killed and Several Injured in Fire at Greensboro.

In a fire in the Guilford hotel at Greensboro at 4 o'clock Friday morning one person was killed, H. J. Cullom of Philadelphia, a traveling salesman—Ed Greason, a fireman, was seriously injured and several others were slightly injured. The damage to the hotel is estimated at between \$10,000 and \$20,000, fully covered by insurance.

Members of the Fire Department Will Meet Tomorrow Evening.

All members of Lumberton's fire department are requested to meet at the mayor's office Tuesday evening, June 30th, for the purpose of reorganizing and practice. You will rearrange your coats and hats. Everybody is invited.

J. P. TOWNSEND, Chief.

Only One Entirely Satisfactory.

"I have tried various colic and diarrhoea remedies, but the only one that has given me entire satisfaction and cured me when I was afflicted is Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. I recommend it to my friends at all times, writes S. N. Galloway, Stewart, S. C. For sale by all dealers.

THE FINAL SUMMONS.

Mr. Furney Davis of Raft Swamp.

Mr. Furney Davis, aged 72, died at his home near Raft Swamp Saturday morning at 2 o'clock from the effects of injuries received in a wreck on the S. A. L. at Armour some four years ago, when a freight train crashed into the rear of a Confederate veteran's special, returning from Wilmington. Deceased is survived by four children. The funeral was conducted by Rev. W. R. Davis, pastor of Raft Swamp Baptist church, of which deceased had been a member for about 45 years and had been deacon for several years, and interment was made in the family burying ground.

Deceased was a Confederate veteran, and the last one in his community, and was one of Robeson's most highly-respected citizens.

Death of Mrs. G. D. Floyd—Death of an Infant.

Mrs. G. D. Floyd died at her home near Fairmont yesterday afternoon at four o'clock after an illness of several weeks. Deceased is survived by her husband and eight children. Mrs. Floyd was a member of the Methodist church at Fairmont and was ever loyal to her church. Those who knew her say she was one of the best women in every way that her section has ever known.

The funeral will be conducted from the residence this afternoon at four o'clock by her pastor, Rev. B. E. Stanfield, and interment will be made in the family burying ground. Dr. and Mrs. R. T. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. French and Messrs. M. W. Floyd and Gerald Pittman and Mrs. Amanda Pittman of Lumberton will attend the funeral.

Janie, 21-2 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Townsend, who live near Raft Swamp, died Saturday after an illness of several days.

Wanted in Brunswick County for Murder.

Sheriff Robertson of Brunswick county arrived here Saturday from Maxton having in custody two negroes charged with killing another negro at Leland about a month ago. They were arrested by Policeman Dunlap of Maxton. Sheriff Robertson remained here till this morning when he left with the prisoners for Southport. He is sure they are the right men.

Drinking Water's Fine.

A certain man who spent last week in Lumberton, and who has been living in Charlotte, says he don't see why it is that Charlotte has always been boasting of having such good pure water and Lumberton bears the name of having impure water, for he feels better and has a better appetite than when he came here, even better than when he was drinking Litchia water all the time.

New Kind of Incubator.

Mr. Henry Lawson, who lives near Barnesville says that he found a guinea nest two weeks ago, took the eggs out of the nest and placed them in a shoe box, and after about two weeks he found one of those same eggs had hatched and instead of having his same number of eggs in the box he had one less and a young guinea. A new kind of incubator.

Saturday being a legal holiday all the banks in town will be closed. Mr. H. M. McAllister, cashier of the First National Bank, asks that The Robesonian warn the people doing business in town to be prepared with plenty of change.

The Lumberton Male Quartette, composed of Messrs. Frank Gough, E. B. Freeman, C. B. Skipper and J. P. Stephens, furnished music for a children's day exercise at Hickory Grove, Bladen county, yesterday. They made the trip in Mr. E. A. Faulk's car.

Mr. H. C. Coley lost a fine horse Saturday. It is supposed that the horse died from the effects of being over heated. He had been driven from Red Springs, and fell at the foot of the old wooden bridge at the end of Third street and died in a short time.

Mr. Adlia Osborne, senior member of the firm of Osbourne & Pritchett, civil engineers and architects, of Charlotte, spent last week here for the purpose of making an estimate of value of the town's power plant, and to determine whether or not the plant is being operated at a loss or gain. It will be about 10 days before Mr. Osbourne will be able to file a report.

The building in which Mr. A. H. Hinds conducts a meat market on the lot on which the new hotel will be built is being moved to a lot belonging to Mr. F. Gough, near the Farmers & Merchants Bank, Fourth street. Mr. Hinds is doing business even while the house is being moved and will continue to do business in the same building. House and goods are all being moved together.

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BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—Postmaster D. D. French is the first to report home-grown tomatoes. He has been feasting on them since Friday.

—A two-weeks term of criminal court will convene next Monday. Judge Chas. M. Cooke of Louisville will preside.

—Judging from the number of peaches—and they are nice ones—being brought into town for sale there must be a good crop of them this year.

—The Lumberton baseball team will play Fairmont at Fairmont tomorrow and will play the Fairmont team here Thursday. Each game will be called at 4 o'clock p. m.

—Mr. David Fuller, who is a law student at Trinity College, Durham, came home Friday night and returned today to Durham to continue his studies under Dean Mordecai.

—County Attorney E. J. Britt informs The Robesonian that the material for building the new double iron bridge across the river at the foot of Fifth street will be shipped in about two weeks.

—Miss Belle Higley has let the contract for the erection of a modern nine-room residence to be built on her lot, Sixth street. Work has already begun on the building and it is expected that it will be completed in a short time.

—Mr. Haynes Britt returned last evening from Raleigh, where he took a business course in King's Business College. Mr. Britt graduated some time ago, but has been working in the office of the president of the college since he graduated.

—Mr. H. L. Stephens of Fairmont was appointed Saturday by Representative H. L. Godwin carrier on a rural route from Red Springs. Mr. Stephens is a brother of Mr. J. L. Stephens of the firm of Stephens & Barnes of Lumberton.

—Mr. E. M. Johnson, junior member of the law firm of Johnson & Johnson, has been chosen by recorder R. A. McLean as assistant recorder in this district. Mr. Johnson heard his first case Saturday, Mr. McLean being out of town on business.

—Mr. Jas. A. Shelby, who for several years had held a position as salesman in Mr. A. Weinstein's department store, resigned Saturday and left last evening for Reidsville, Va., where he has accepted a position as manager of a ladies' store.

—Mr. E. B. Edwards says he was in the White Oak, Bladen county, section Thursday afternoon, when a heavy rain, accompanied by a hail storm fell. He says that the hail only reached a short distance, but played havoc with the crops where it fell.

—The following local attorneys are attending the annual convention of the North Carolina Bar Association, which is in session at Wrightsville this week: T. L. Johnson, T. A. McNeill, Jr., Ex-Judge T. A. McNeill, W. S. Britt, W. Lennon, A. W. McLean, L. R. Varner and E. C. Lawrence.

—A party of young people went to Bethany, a church about six miles from town on the Fayetteville road, Saturday night. They made the trip in one of the trucks used in hauling material used in paving the streets. Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Carlyle chaperoned the party and all report a very pleasant evening.

—One of the best ball games of the season was played Thursday afternoon when the "now area" and the "has beens" crossed bats. It was a fast game, absolutely free from errors. The score was 5 to 6 in favor of the "has beens"—so it would seem that the "has beens" are really the "Now-ares," and vice versa.

—Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Varner, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Lawrence and Mr. and J. Q. Beckwith left Saturday morning for Wrightsville Beach, where they will spend several days. Messrs. Varner and Lawrence will attend the annual convention of the North Carolina Bar Association, which will be in session at Wrightsville this week.

—Mr. J. V. Williamson, who was married to Miss Willa Edwins at her home in Orangeburg, S. C., Wednesday, arrived with his bride Friday morning. Mr. Williamson has charge of the automobile department of the Lumberton Motor Car Company, and has many friends in Lumberton who wish him and his charming young bride a world of pleasure.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sharpe and their two children, Anna Courtney and J. A. Jr., and Miss Josephine Breece returned Friday evening from Wrightsville Beach, where they had been since Tuesday attending the annual convention of the North Carolina Press Association. The convention was held at the Oceanic hotel and was perhaps the most interesting and delightful meeting in the history of the association.

—Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Temple passed through town yesterday morning en route to their home at Marietta. They were returning from an extended bridal tour. They had visited Jacksonville and Palm Beach, Fla., and quite a number of other southern points of interest. They were married at Dillon, S. C. June 21. Mrs. Temple was Miss Katie Hill of Marietta and Mr. Temple is the clever freight and passenger agent at Marietta. Both the bride and groom are well known and have numerous friends who wish them much joy and success.