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## MASS MEETING JULY 18.

**A Movement for Economy in Administration of Affairs of Robeson County—Mass Meeting Called to be Held in Lumberton Saturday of this week at 11 o'clock—Purpose to Discuss Extravagances and Plans for Relieving Excessive Taxation.**

It was stated in The Robesonian a week ago today that a call, signed by many well-known Democrats about over the county, had been issued for a mass meeting to be held in Lumberton Saturday of this week, July 18, at 11 o'clock in the morning, for the purpose of resolving upon "some method of relieving some of the burdens of excessive taxation." The preamble to the call for the meeting recites: that there is too much extravagance in the administration of the affairs of our county along all lines, by which taxes have become a great burden; that a popular expression from the tax-payers who have to bear the burdens is proper and that a mass meeting of the people would be the most effectual way to start a movement for reform along economic lines.

"Therefore, we do call upon the people of the county, especially the Democrats, to meet in the town of Lumberton at 11 o'clock a. m. on Saturday, July 18, for the purpose of resolving upon some method by which these extravagances can be checked and our people, to some extent, at least, relieved of some of the burdens of excessive taxation. Everybody who is in favor of such movement for tax reduction be sure to be present and bring your neighbors."

It is thought that quite a number of people will be in town Saturday to attend this meeting.

## ONLY A FEW MORE HOURS

**Pony Contest Closes at Midnight Tonight—Some Good Work This Afternoon May Win the Pony—What- ever Is Done Now Must Be Done Quickly.**

The end is almost here. Only a few more hours and the Great Belle Meade Pony Contest will be a thing of the past. The contest will close at 12 o'clock tonight, and all votes must be deposited before that time. Contestants and friends of the contestants are making a great fight to win this beautiful Shetland pony, which is being given away by a number of Lumberton's business houses, including The Robesonian. The name of the winner of the pony will be announced in Monday's Robesonian.

Remember that for each dollar paid on Robesonian subscription, either old or new, you get 500 votes, so if you have a friend in the contest and want to help him or her win this beautiful valuable prize, bring in your subscription at once and deposit the votes right in The Robesonian office. You get 100 votes for every dollar paid on job work or advertising, and the following business houses will give you 100 votes for each dollar spent or paid on old account: Stephens & Barnes, furniture dealers and eta balmers; Pope Drug Co.; J. H. Wishart, grocer; Pastime theatre; R. R. Carlyle's ladies' store; Townsend Bros.' gents' furnishings; McAllister How. Co.

If you act at all you must act at once.

## Clearing Away for Hotel Building—Deed for Lot Passed.

Mayor A. E. White informs The Robesonian that the deed for the lot on which the new hotel will be built has been passed, the consideration being \$20,000, with \$10,000 to be taken by Mr. White in stock. The work of tearing away the old buildings on the lot has already begun and it is expected that active work on the hotel building will begin at an early date.

## Standing Pat on Union Station Or- der.

Praise is due somebody, for the corporation commission has stood pat for one time. The V. & C. S. filed exceptions to the recent order passed concerning the union station for Lumberton, which was published in The Robesonian, but the Commission still held to the order saying that it must be carried out. Lumberton may yet have, what it should have had long ago, a union passenger station.

## Pardon for Wesley Hardin.

Mr. T. L. Johnson returned last evening from Raleigh bringing, with him a certificate of pardon for Wesley Hardin, an Indian, who was tried in the recorder's court here some months ago and sentenced to eight months on the roads for retailing. He has served four months of his sentence. The evidence was that this was his first offense. Hardin's home is in Saddle Tree township.

## Political Speaking Night of July 21.

A political meeting will be held at Raft Swamp school house Tuesday night of next week. All candidates are invited to be on the scene and tell the people of that good section of Robeson how they stand and how they expect to stand if elected. The Truman quartet of Lumberton will furnish music.

## SECRET ASSAULT NEAR FATAL

**Walter Alderman, Colored, Victim of Terrible Assault From Ambush—Chances for Recovery Doubtful—Alleged Assailant Released on Bond—Trouble About a Woman.**

Walter Alderman, colored, was struck in the face with a brick or heavy piece of iron on Ninth street, near the home of Rural Policeman Eli Phillips, Tuesday night about nine o'clock. Alderman received a terrible blow in the face, the bone in his nose being broken into many pieces and his face terribly bruised all over. He ran to the home of Mr. Phillips and woke up that officer, who with the assistance of Mr. R. T. Sanderson, who lives near the scene of the assault, got Alderman to Dr. T. C. Johnson's office and then he was taken to the Thompson hospital, where he is suffering badly, and it is thought that his chances for recovery are doubtful. The man who struck the blow had made a blind of bushes and hid himself behind them. Alderman didn't know who hit him, but suspicion, with some evidence, was aroused against Jim Blackwood, also colored, and he was arrested by Rural Policeman Phillips yesterday morning and was released under a \$200 bond.

It is generally thought that Blackwood dealt the blow as he and Alderman had both been paying attention to the same woman; and the woman is at the bottom of the trouble.

## PROPOSED PRIMARY LAW

**County Democratic Executive Committee Adopts Primary Bill Which Candidates for Legislature Will Be Asked to Endorse.**

At a meeting of the county Democratic executive committee held in the court house yesterday a primary bill, drafted by Mr. T. A. McNeill, Jr., chairman of the committee, was accepted and a committee, composed of A. J. McKinnon, J. C. Stansel, J. B. McCormick, D. L. Stewart and T. W. Maxwell, appointed to go to Raleigh during the next session of the Legislature and present the bill to Robeson county's representatives, who will be expected to get it passed. The proposed law will be published in The Robesonian next Monday, and the candidates for the Legislature will be expected to let the people know how they stand, in favor or against the law, before the primary on August 8.

The following members of the committee attended the meeting: H. E. Stacy, Lumberton; J. B. McCormick, Parkton; A. J. McKinnon, Maxton; A. R. McEachern, St. Pauls; W. C. Townsend, Raft Swamp; J. T. Singletary, Back Swamp; M. Shepherd, Orrum; M. L. Marley, Lumber Bridge; T. W. Maxwell, Howellsville; Graham McKinnon, Rowland; Neill McKinnon, Alfordville; D. L. Stewart, Smith's; N. McInnis, Pembroke; Boyd Williams, Barnesville.

## Creek Road Bridge Now Passable.

In Monday's paper it was stated that people who live south of Lumberton were complaining that they had to drive quite a distance out of their way to come to Lumberton on account of the fact that the bridge across Lumber river near the plant of the Kingsdale Lumber Co., on the Creek road, had not been put in passable shape. Mr. C. M. Barker, who is a member of the board of road trustees of Lumberton township, informs The Robesonian that the bridge was put in shape by Monday afternoon so that people could cross, though it is not yet fixed up as it will be. Mr. Barker thinks that the road was put in shape for crossing just as early as possible and does not think that anybody loafed on the job, or is to blame for delay. That bridge, it will be recalled, was moved from the river crossing on Fifth street in Lumberton. Preparations are being made to put down the new double track bridge in place of the one moved just as soon as the materials, which have been shipped arrive.

## Contract Let for New School Building.

Mr. C. W. Sessoms of Smith's was a Lumberton visitor yesterday. Mr. Sessoms said that the contract had been let for the erection of a new school house to cost about \$900 at Smith's, district No. 6, Howellsville township, where a new building was burned last winter.

## Bright Jewels Measuring Party.

The Bright Jewels of Chestnut Street Methodist church will have a measuring party on the lawn at the church Monday evening of next week at 7:30 o'clock. It is hoped that a large crowd will attend.

## Best Diarrhoea Remedy.

If you have ever used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy you know that it is a success. Sam F. Guin, Whatley, Ala., writes, "I had measles and got caught out in the rain and it settled in my stomach and bowels. I had an awful time, and had it not been for Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy I could not possibly have lived but a few hours longer, but thanks to this remedy, I am now well and strong." For sale by all dealers.

## PARKTON PARAGRAPHS.

**Dry Weather Injuring Corn Crop—First Car of Melons—Protracted Meeting Begins—Band Practicing for Veterans Reunion—Social and Personal.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Parkton, July 15—Nothing of very much importance to talk of this week. The dry weather has already cut the corn crop short, as we have had no rain in almost two weeks, or very little.

Mr. Love Culbreth and son are the first to load a car of melons. They are loading some fine ones today.

There was an old time pounding at the home of Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Porter on Monday night from 8 to 11 o'clock. A jolly good time and something to be appreciated was left in the pantry, enough to satisfy the inner man for several weeks, and it was much appreciated. The above family have only been keeping house for a short while.

The protracted meeting commences tonight and there will be preaching only at night till Sunday, and then it will run day and night. Rev. J. A. Hornidy of Weldon will reach here Monday and will preach until Saturday. Mr. Hornidy is a strong preacher and large congregations are expected.

Mr. W. T. Fisher suffered another stroke of sickness on Sunday morning, but today his condition is somewhat better.

Mr. L. P. Johnson, who has been a patient at the Highsmith hospital for a few weeks, has greatly improved in health and will return home Thursday evening, to the delight of his many friends.—Mrs. Lilly McKinnon and daughter, Miss Maud, of Charlotte arrived here last week and will spend some time with their many friends and relatives. They are always welcome visitors to our town.—Mrs. Charity Leonard and daughter, Miss Eula, of Newton were welcome visitors to our town and community last Thursday and Friday.—Mr. C. D. Williamson, R. F. D. carrier on route No. 2, is enjoying his vacation and his route is being served by his son J. W. Williamson, substitute.

Another enjoyable reception on the lawn of Mr. Neill McNeill last night in the way of a melon slicing. Ice cold melons, and plenty of pretty girls to enjoy the occasion to its fullest.

The Parkton band is putting in some good rehearsals these nights, and as they expect to furnish music for Robeson county veterans, who meet at St. Pauls July 30th they expect to carry a good band there for the occasion. This band has furnished music for Robeson county veterans for the past five years and this year they expect to exceed all others.

Miss Ethel Cashwell has a position at Gibson.

We have been advised that the principal and all the teachers for the graded school have been elected. We are unable to get all their names yet, but expect to give them in our next letter.—Mrs. G. W. Thomason and daughters, Misses Jessie, Minnie and Sarah, also Mrs. S. J. Thomason and children are visiting relatives in Charlotte.

## IN SOCIAL CIRCLES.

**Miss Lorena Butler and Mr. W. B. Hilburn Married at Bladenboro.**

Miss Lorena Butler and Mr. W. B. Hilburn were married yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at Bladenboro at the home of the bride's father, Mr. D. A. Butler. The ceremony was performed by Rev. I. P. Hedgpech of Lumberton. The groom is a railroad employe with headquarters at Bostic, where the couple will make their home. Mr. and Mrs. Hilburn passed through Lumberton last evening on their wedding trip to Washington, New York and other Northern cities.

**Miss Sallie Stephens Entertains Happy Old-Time Club.**

Reported for The Robesonian. Miss Sally Stevens delightfully entertained the "Happy Old Time" Club at her home, East Fifth street, Friday evening of last week. The out-of-town guests were Misses Rachel Summerow of Charlotte, Minnie Lucas of Weldon and Lois Townsend of Wilson. Miss Summerow discoursed sweet music throughout the evening on piano. Then we were served delicious refreshments.

The evening passed away very pleasantly and time came only too soon. The merry crowd bade the fair hostess goodnight, and all united in declaring it one of the most pleasant evenings they had ever spent.

**Fees That Candidates for Various Offices Must Pay.**

The following amounts will have to be filed with T. A. McNeill, Jr., chairman of the county Democratic executive committee, before August 8, by the candidates for various offices for the purpose of defraying expenses of primary: All court house offices, \$25 each; Senate and Legislature, \$15 each; recorder, 15 each; solicitors in recorders courts, \$10 each; county commissioners, \$10 each; coroner, \$5 each; all officers who are elected by the board of county commissioners and county board of education, \$25 each.

## FREE VACCINATION AGAINST TYPHOID.

**Robeson County Board of Health Authorizes County Physician Page to Administer Free Typhoid Vaccine—Value of This Form of Vaccination.**

The Robeson County Board of Health, in session Monday, authorized Dr. B. W. Page, county health officer to administer free typhoid vaccine in different sections of the county. Those desiring free vaccination are requested to get up a crowd of fifteen or more people who want the treatment and arrange a date with Dr. Page, who will meet them at some convenient place in their neighborhood.

Typhoid vaccination is one of the latest discoveries in preventive medicine. The vaccine is given under the skin and does not make a scar and as a rule causes few symptoms to the person vaccinated. Three injections are necessary to make a person immune and these are given about ten days apart.

The value of this form of vaccination is shown by the following statistics from the army. In 1908 (before the discovery of vaccination) there were about 75,000 troops and of these 239 had typhoid fever and 21 died. In 1913 (after the vaccination had been made compulsory) there were more than 96,000 troops of whom 3 had typhoid and none died.

The typhoid vaccination renders a person immune for about five years.

## FIRST OPEN COTTON BOLL.

**Brought in by Mr. H. M. Ivey of Howellsville Township—Earliest Known in the County.**

Mr. H. M. Ivey brought to The Robesonian office Tuesday, July 14, from his farm in Howellsville township, the first open cotton boll of the year. This is perhaps the earliest open boll ever known in Robeson. About August 1st is as early as open bolls are usually seen in this county. Mr. Ivey is a young man, son of Mr. H. W. Ivey of the same township, who accompanied him to town Tuesday.

The only other report The Robesonian has noticed this year of an open cotton boll in this State contained in a dispatch of the 14th from Newbern, stating that an open boll was brought to Newbern Monday, the 13th, from the Ravenwood farm near Pollocksville, in Jones county.

## Among the Sick.

A phone message was received by Dr. W. A. McPhaul today that the condition of his brother Mr. H. B. McPhaul, who has been sick with typhoid fever in the James sanatorium, Laurinburg, for some time, is slowly improving.

The condition of Billie, infant son of Dr. and Mrs. W. A. McPhaul, is improving since he was taken back to Wrightsville Beach by Mrs. McPhaul Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Martin passed through town this morning for Fayetteville, where Mrs. Martin will re-enter a hospital for treatment. She left the hospital a few days ago when her condition was thought to be improved, but she has been getting worse since she left.

Mr. Troy Brisson, who recently underwent an operation at the Thompson hospital for appendicitis, was able to return to his home at the National cotton mill today.

Mrs. Jno. Jones, who last week underwent a serious operation at the Thompson hospital is getting along nicely.

Mr. W. T. Jenrette of Marietta, who underwent an operation at the Thompson hospital Tuesday, is getting along as well as could be expected.

Master Gordon Sellers, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sellers of Orrum, route 1, who recently underwent an operation for white swelling, is getting along nicely.

## Church Services.

Rev. W. B. Rivenbark of Teachy's will begin a series of meetings at Clyburn Baptist church, 31.2 miles west of Lumberton, Monday of next week at 11 o'clock a. m. The meeting will last a week or ten days. Everybody is invited to attend the services.

Father Geo. Watkins of Wilmington will conduct mass at the one-half house Sunday morning at 7:30 o'clock.

The Philathea class of Back Swamp Baptist church will have exercises at the church Sunday afternoon at four o'clock. Mr. W. Lennon of Lumberton will deliver the address of the occasion.

## Getting Ready for Big Sale.

Mr. John P. McNeill, one of Lumberton's most successful merchants, is making arrangements to launch one of the biggest sales ever put on in Lumberton. This sale, as will be learned from his two-page ad in today's paper, will be open Wednesday of next week and close Saturday, August 1.

Mr. Rufus M. Sanderson, who underwent an operation some weeks ago for appendicitis, is at work today for the first time since his sickness at his position in the up-town offices of the National Cotton Mills Co. He has not regained his strength yet but is slowly improving.

## BRILLIANT CHURCH WEDDING.

**Miss Ethel Williams Becomes the Bride of Mr. J. A. Coley of St. Pauls—Ceremony at First Baptist Church.**

Reported for The Robesonian. A beautiful wedding was solemnized in the First Baptist church here last night at 8:30 o'clock when Miss Ethel Williams became the bride of Mr. J. A. Coley of St. Pauls. The church was tastefully decorated for the occasion by a decoration committee of Miss Williams' friends, the pulpit, platform and choir-box was a pyramid of palms and ferns, interspersed with pink and blue hydrangeas, and at the base were garlands of ivy. The entrance to the marriage altar was formed by green bay trees.

Preceding the entrance of the bridal party, Mrs. R. R. Carlyle at the organ and Mr. Woodbury Lennon with the violin rendered first, "Angels' Serenade," by Braga; then "Berceuse," from "Jocelyn," by Goddard.—Mr. C. B. Skipper sang in a most pleasing manner "My Dear," by Earnest Ball, at the conclusion of which to the strains of the "Bridal Chorus" from Lohengrin, the bridal party entered in the following order: First came the ushers, Messrs. Elwood Whaley, E. J. Britt, Grover Page and Furman Williams, all attired in the conventional evening dress, with boutonnières, and crossing before the altar took positions to the right and left. Following came the bridesmaids and groomsmen, in the following order, crossing and taking similar positions: Miss Lara Gough with Mr. Lentz of St. Pauls, Miss Lillie Barker with Mr. S. F. Caldwell of Lumberton; Miss Annie Ruth Caldwell with Mr. Butler of St. Pauls; Miss Margaret Fitman with Mr. Fred Williams of Fayetteville.

All the bridesmaids wore dresses of white shadow lace, two carrying bouquets of ferns and pink carnations, with gloves, sashes and slippers to match, and two with blue sashes, gloves and slippers, and carrying bouquets of fern and white carnations.

Then came the little flower girls, Annie Grace Williams and Elsie Thompson, both in white, the one with pink sash and slippers, the other with blue. Little Lois Caldwell followed bearing the ring in a lily symbol to the love that united two hearts.

Up the left aisle came the dame of honor, Mrs. M. W. Floyd, sister of the bride, gowned in white chiffon and pearl trimmings, over pink satin, and carrying a bouquet of pink carnations. She was followed by the maid of honor, Miss Mildred Williams, another sister, gowned in white brocade satin, with pearl trimmings, and carrying a bouquet of Killarney roses. Next came the bride on arm of her father. She was beautiful in her gown of ivory white satin with over dress of Princess lace, her veil caught up with lilies of the valley, and carrying a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley.

At the altar she was met by the groom, who had entered by the right aisle with his best man, Mr. R. H. C. Bailey, of California. Advancing, their troth was solemnly pledged by her pastor, Rev. C. L. Greaves, while "To a Wild Rose" was softly rendered by the organist. The impressive ring ceremony was used, prayer being offered by Rev. Mr. Snow.

To the strains of Mendelssohn the bridal party left the church. After receiving congratulations and best wishes from their hosts of friends the bride and groom left on the ten o'clock train for Wrightsville.

Our city has not known a more lovely character than that of Miss Ethel Williams. An accomplished, noble Christian woman, whom the home and church are loath to give up. As a recognition of her faithfulness as church organist, a handsome service of silver was presented by the church to her.

The groom is a business man of sterling worth, and held in highest esteem by all who know him. Upon the union of these two lives we feel that Heaven's blessings will surely rest, as it is a union of love and Christian endeavor.

After the wedding trip they will be at home to their friends in St. Paul.

Raleigh was visited by a cloudburst, Tuesday afternoon, the severest storm in more than 25 years. 3.04 inches of rain fell in an hour. A negro boy was swept into a drainage culvert and drowned. The damage to property was more than \$200,000. The only match for the storm was on July 30, 1888, when 3.70 of rain fell in a single downpour of rain in Raleigh.

Among those from Lumberton who are attending the Sunday school Institute for Robeson and Hoke counties, which is being held at Lumber Bridge yesterday and today, are Mrs. Annie L. Williamson, Misses Theresa Patterson, Ida McKenzie, Cammie McNeill, and Messrs. W. K. Bethune, A. W. McLean, J. F. Gornell, J. P. Russell and M. G. McKenzie.

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## BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—The annual picnic at Antioch, Hoke county—one of the best rural communities in the State—will be held Saturday of this week.

—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Boone, at their home on rural route No. 2 from Lumberton, 4 miles from town Saturday night, July 11, a 7-pound girl.

—Miss Belle Higley has let the contract for painting her handsome new residence which is nearing completion on Pine street, to Mr. Tom Myers, a local contractor.

—A box car was derailed near Elkton yesterday afternoon, which caused the passenger train due here from Wilmington at 7:10 p. m. not to arrive till 2 o'clock this morning. No damage was done.

—Mr. Roy Byrd of Orrum was in town yesterday. Mr. Byrd brought one of his children, which had pushed acotton seed up its nose about a month ago, to the Thompson hospital and had the seed taken out.

—A Masonic memorial service will be held in memory of the late J. D. Crawford, at Centenary Methodist church, near Rowland, next Sunday at 10 o'clock a. m. R. C. Lawrence of month ago, to the Thompson hospital speaker.

—Mr. Ernest Prevatt returned Monday from Fort Wright, N. Y., where he had been stationed three years as a member of Uncle Sam's army.—He says he likes army life fine, and is considering seriously re-enlisting.

—Mr. W. J. Wilkerson, who lives near Center, is a man who does not do things by halves. He remembered The Robesonian office force again yesterday by bringing in some of the most delicious peaches that ever grew in Robeson.

—Mr. Alex. Sessoms, who lives in East Lumberton, has a cucumber that looks more like a watermelon than a cucumber. It is 16 inches long, 13 inches round and weighs four pounds and 14 ounces. Some cucumber.

—Register of Deeds M. N. Folger says that business is picking up in the marriage license business. He received a letter from a gentleman in a distant town yesterday to the effect that he would be in town at an early date for the purpose of buying a "pair."

—Dr. W. W. Parker returned last evening from Wrightsville Beach, where he attended the first three days of the week the annual convention of the North Carolina optical society. Dr. Parker, who is an experienced optometrist, was elected secretary of the society.

—Mrs. G. Y. Jones and two children will leave Saturday for Waynesville, where they will spend about two months before returning to Laurinburg, where they will join Mr. Jones who has been in Laurinburg for several months. Both Mr. and Mrs. Jones have numerous friends in Lumberton, who are sorry to see them go.

—Rev. C. L. Greaves left this morning for Carthage, where he will deliver a sermon and an address before the Woman's Missionary Union of the Sandy Creek Association, which is holding its annual session with the Carthage church. Mr. Greaves will return and fill his pulpit here on Sunday as usual. On Sunday morning Mr. Greaves will preach on "Household Religion."

—Mr. O. G. Reynolds of Rockingham was elected Tuesday principal of the Baltimore school, near Fairmont. Miss Agnes Floyd was elected first assistant teacher. Mr. Reynolds taught during the past four years at Purvis. He came down from Rockingham Tuesday morning and was taken to Baltimore to a meeting of the trustees of the school by County Supt. J. R. Poole.

—Mr. F. C. Norris, who for some time had been manager of the hardware department of Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son's department store, has tendered his resignation, becoming effective August 1. Mr. Norris has accepted a position as traveling representative of the Richmond Hdw. Co., of Richmond, Va. He will travel over Eastern North Carolina, but will make Lumberton his headquarters for some time.

—From the report of the meeting of the county commissioners published on page 6, the following paragraph was left off: An order was passed allowing list-takers \$2 per day for three days, mileage for two trips to Lumberton, and 6 cents per name. Mr. C. B. Townsend, a member of the board, and County Attorney E. J. Britt were appointed a committee to investigate a job of plumbing done at the county jail by A. Schwartzburg.

—As was mentioned in a recent issue of The Robesonian, the town recently condemned eight feet across the back of Mr. E. Weinstein's lot, between his store and the lot on which the hotel will be built, for an alleyway, and the following were appointed a committee to determine what damage Mr. Weinstein should be paid for the lot: W. F. French, Simon Caldwell, D. W. Biggs, W. A. McPhaul and W. O. Thompson. They decided that Mr. Weinstein should be paid \$654, but the town appealed to the Superior Court, thinking the damage excessive.