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ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS.

J. M. Hall Succeeds A. McCullen as Presiding Elder—McCullen to Durham—Dr. North Returns to Lumberton—A. L. Ormond Succeeds McRae at Maxton—No Other Changes in Robeson.

Special to The Robesonian from Daily News.

Washington, N. C., Nov. 23, 2 p. m.—Appointments read out this morning: Rev. A. McCullen goes to Trinity church, Durham; Rockingham district, J. H. Hall, presiding elder. Aberdeen and Besco, W. H. Brown; Caledonia circuit, J. B. Thompson; Candor circuit, G. T. Simmons; Elizabethtown circuit, G. H. Biggs; Hamlet, M. H. Tuttle; Laurel Hill circuit, D. B. Barker; Laurinburg, R. F. Bumpas; Lumberton, W. B. North; Lumberton circuit, N. L. Seabolt; Maxton, A. L. Ormond; Midway and Roberdell, B. F. Watson, supply; Mt. Gilead circuit, N. E. Coltrane; Montgomery circuit, D. A. Watkins; Radium circuit, S. T. Moyle; W. H. Taylor circuit, S. T. Moyle; Red Springs, H. M. Eure; Richmond circuit, J. J. Barker; Roberdell circuit, J. J. McConnell, supply; Robeson circuit, B. E. Stanfield; Rockingham; J. B. Hurley; Rowland circuit, J. A. Lee, R. W. Townsend, supernumerary; St. John and Gibson, O. W. Dowd, St. Paul circuit, A. J. Groves; Troy circuit, J. T. Draper; Vass circuit, W. R. Traywick; Conference Evangelist, L. L. Nash; Carolina College, president, S. E. Mercer.

REDUCED INSURANCE RATES

Lumberton Advanced to Second Class in Insurance Rates—Means Considerable Saving in Premiums.

Local agents have been advised that Lumberton has been advanced to a city of second class and that reduced fire insurance rates are now in effect.

The reduction in rates will average from 15 to 35 cents on the hundred dollars. Owing to changed surroundings, rates will not be reduced on some property, but in some instances the reduction amounts to as high as 65 cents on the hundred. It will mean a saving of \$200 or \$300 a year in premiums for some of the large property owners. It is thought that the saving for the town in premiums will amount to about \$1,500 a year.

Mr. J. P. Townsend, chief of the local fire department, has been working for some time to secure this reduction in rates and him the credit for it is largely due. Personally, however, he will profit very little by the change, as the reduction on the contents of the store building occupied by Townsend Bros. amounts to only 5 cents on the hundred.

Disastrous Fire at Whiteville.

Whiteville Special, 22nd, to Wilmington Star.

Fire originating in the corridor of the Commercial hotel here this afternoon a little after 2 o'clock destroyed that building completely together with the building occupied by the Star Pressing Club and the City Market located on the same lot, the warehouse of J. R. Gurganus & Co., Whiteville Hardware Company and J. G. Thompson; the bicycle establishment of Elry Smith, the bottling plant and machinery belonging to R. E. Hill, the residence in which policeman D. F. Pope was living, one barber shop and one cafe and several out houses belonging to hotel entailing a loss estimated at from \$30,000 to \$40,000 partly covered by insurance.

Death of Mr. Claude Fisher.

Mr. Claude Fisher, aged 20 years, died at his home in the north-eastern part of town yesterday at 9 o'clock a. m. Mr. Fisher had been sick only a few days. The funeral was conducted at the grave today at noon by Rev. W. D. Combs and interment made in the family burying ground near St. Pauls.

—Miss Virgie Goodwin, a student at the Presbyterian College, Red Springs, and Miss Mary Goodwin of Roxboro are spending some time in town visiting their brother, Mr. Junius J. Goodwin. Miss Virgie will take a part in the programme that will be rendered for the benefit of the Belgian relief fund this evening.

TURKEY HAS EXPLAINED

Shots Fired Merely as Timely Warning—All Danger of Serious Complications Have Disappeared—Explanation Voluntary.

Washington Dispatch, 21st. Turkey has explained voluntarily to the United States Government, through Ambassador Morgenthau, that shots fired toward the American cruiser Tennessee's launch last Monday were intended merely as the customary warning that the port of Smyrna was mined and closed to navigation.

Although the explanation was informal, it was admitted tonight at the White House and State Department and Navy Department that all danger of serious complications had disappeared. Ambassador Morgenthau reported that two members of the Ottoman Cabinet had fully explained the occurrence and high officials here said his message was filed before instructions sent to him from Washington to discuss the subject officially with the Grand Vizier could have been received. President Wilson and his cabinet regard the informal explanation as a certain precursor of a satisfactory formal explanation and guarantees by the Turkish Government for the protection of Americans and their interests.

NO CHANGE IN SITUATION.

Four Uneventful Days in War Zone—Winter Has Set in Earnest—Allied Position Stronger Than Ever.

London Dispatch, 22d. Colonel E. D. Swinton, British official eye-witness with the expeditionary forces on the Continent, writes under date of November 20:

"There is no change to record in the situation, with the exception of an attack in force upon our left on November 17. The four days from the 16th to the 19th have been unusually uneventful. "The great change that has occurred has been in the weather. Winter has now set in in earnest. "Regarding the exact situation at Ypres it is well to state that Ypres is in the hands of the Allies and that no Germans have succeeded in entering the town or even getting near it. The Allied position there is stronger than it ever has been.

IMPORTANT DISCOVERY.

Doctors Claim New Compound Will Almost Instantly Stop Flow of Blood From Wound.

Geneva, Switzerland, Dispatch, 19th. A preparation which it is claimed will stop almost instantly the flow of blood from a wound, has been invented by Prof. Theodor Kocher of Berne, winner of the Nobel prize for surgery in 1912, and his assistant Dr. A. Fonce. The new preparation called Coagulen, is a powder, and it is dissolved into water before being applied to a wound.

The discoverers have made a gift of their invention to the armies in the field and have sent large quantities of the powder to French and German surgical headquarters. Medical men here declare that the lives of thousands of soldiers, probably will be saved by it. It can be applied by untrained hands it is said, or by the wounded man, himself.

A Fast-Growing Farmers' Union Local.

Mr. W. N. Townsend of Back Swamp was in town Saturday. Speaking of the Farmers' Union, Mr. Townsend says his local is growing the fastest in its history, a dozen new members having recently joined the ranks, and new ones coming in at every meeting. Let other locals get busy and report likewise.

Baptist State Convention.

The Baptist State Convention will meet in Raleigh December 8 and will be in session for four days.

Among the Sick.

Henry, 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lee, has been very sick with rheumatism for several days. The condition of Mrs. Sallie Nance, who suffered a slight stroke of paralysis about two weeks ago, is improving. The condition of Mrs. D. W. Biggs, who has been very sick for several days is greatly improved.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Services Will Be Held at All Churches in Lumberton Thursday Morning—Dinner for Inmates of County Home and for the Poor of the Town and Community—The Day Will Be Generally Observed Here.

Thanksgiving Day, which comes Thursday of this week, will be observed generally in Lumberton, as usual. Business will be practically suspended, business houses will be closed practically all day, the banks will take holiday, rural mail carriers will have a day off and Sunday hours will be observed at the postoffice. The graded school will suspend from Wednesday afternoon till Monday of next week, and Supt. Sentelle and some of the teachers will attend the meeting of teachers in Charlotte.

The Robesonian office will be open practically all day, perforce, though effort will be made to go to press several hours earlier than usual Thursday in order to have part of the day off.

Dinner for the Poor.

The Epworth League of Church Street Methodist church is preparing to make glad the hearts of the poor of the town and community by furnishing dinner for them Thursday. All who care to contribute something for this dinner are asked to bring it to the church Wednesday evening during the prayer meeting hour. Services will be held at the different churches as follows:

Chestnut Street Methodist.

Sermon at 11 o'clock a. m. by the pastor, Rev. Dr. W. B. North. Collection for Raleigh Orphanage.

First Baptist.

Service Wednesday evening by laymen of the church on the general topic of Thanksgiving. Sermon at 11 a. m. Thursday by the pastor, Rev. C. H. Greaves. Offering for Baptist Orphanage.

Jennings Mill Thursday Evening.

Rev. W. B. Combs, pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle, will conduct a Thanksgiving service at the Jennings Cotton Mills Thursday evening at 7:15 o'clock.

Special Thanksgiving services will be held at East Lumberton Baptist church Thursday evening at 7:30. The pastor, Rev. W. R. Davis, will conduct the services.

Thanksgiving Dinner for County Home.

Mr. M. G. McKenzie asks The Robesonian to say that all who wish to contribute to the Thanksgiving dinner for the inmates at the county home are asked to carry it to his office in the court house not later than 10 o'clock Wednesday evening.

The good ladies of the town always see to it that the inmates enjoy a good dinner on both Christmas and Thanksgiving days. Mr. McKenzie will see to getting it to the home.

Presbyterian.

There will be special Thanksgiving services, to which the public is cordially invited, at the Presbyterian church at 11 a. m. Thursday. The pastor, Rev. J. F. Gorrell, will be the principal speaker, and there will be short talks by other members of the congregation.

Gospel Tabernacle.

The members of the Gospel Tabernacle will hold Thanksgiving services at 10:30 Thursday morning. The pastor, Rev. W. D. Combs, will deliver a special Thanksgiving sermon.

—Mr. J. H. King, a veteran of St. Pauls, passed through Lumberton Friday on his way to the Old Soldiers Home at Raleigh.

—Thursday's issue of The Robesonian was gotten out under difficulties while a new floor was being put down in the composing room and things were torn up in general.

—Jno. F. McCarthy, ex-convict, who was pardoned by former Governor Glenn, gave a lecture, illustrated by motion pictures at the Lumbee theatre Friday evening. The entertainment was good but the crowd was small.

—Delicious candy, furnished by a Lumberton lady who asks that her name be not published, is being sold at McMillan's drug store to raise money for the relief of the Belgians. A small amount invested will bring joy to the sweet tooth and satisfaction to the heart at the same time, for all the money will go to relieve suffering.

FARMERS' UNION MEETING.

Last County Union Meeting for the Year at Court House December 16.

The last meeting of the Robeson Division of the Farmers' Union for the year will be held in the court house in Lumberton Wednesday, December 16. The meeting will open at 10:30. As this is the time for the election of officers for the ensuing year it is very important that each local in the county send a full delegation. It is a time like the present that calls for co-operation and organization, and as the time will soon be at hand for "paying up" we urge that all old members pay their dues promptly and all farmers who are not now members join the throng and stand for justice to the "horny handed sons of the soil." We hope at an early date to be able to secure from the State Union a man who will reorganize the dead locals in Robeson.

Remember the date of the county meeting and be on the scene.

F. GROVER BRITT, Sec. Treas. Robeson Union.

METHODIST CONFERENCE NOTES.

The 78th annual North Carolina Methodist Conference has been in session at Washington since Wednesday of last week, Bishop R. G. Waterhouse presiding. At the time this is written it is expected that the session will close today with the reading of the appointments, as usual.

Annual Sermon on Methodism.

In connection with report of the Laurinburg church Friday, Rev. R. F. Bumpas announced the gift of \$500 by ex-Judge Walter H. Neal, the income of which is to provide for an annual sermon to be preached at Laurinburg by a preacher to be chosen by the presiding elder of the Rockingham district on the subject of Methodism: What it Was, What it Is, and What it Hopes to Be." This gift is in memory of Rev. Geo. Neal, father of the giver, a local preacher of the church and an honored and beloved educator. "A worthy gift from a dutiful son and for a wise purpose," was the comment of the bishop, to which the Conference said "Amen."

Editor Massey Re-Elected.

Rev. L. S. Massey was re-elected Friday for a 2-year term as editor of the Raleigh Christian Advocate. Rev. M. T. Plyer, presiding elder of the Elizabeth City district, received the next largest vote.

Next Year at Wilmington.

The invitation of Grace Street church, Wilmington, for the next conference to be held there was unanimously accepted.

Appropriations to Colleges.

Appropriations were made to the conference colleges as follows: Trinity, \$5,000; Lenoir College, \$2,000; Greensboro College for Women, \$2,000; Carolina College, \$2,000.

Mr. P. C. Dunn of Lumber Bridge is among the visitors in town today.

—Duncan McLaurin, colored, was before Recorder R. A. McLean this morning on two charges for retailing. He was given four months on the roads in each case—8 months in all.

—Dr. W. W. Parker attended last week at Greensboro a meeting of the executive committee of the North Carolina State Optical Society of which he is secretary-treasurer. He reports a most enjoyable trip.

—Rev. J. F. Gorrell, pastor of the Presbyterian church, exchanged pulpits with Rev. J. E. Beryhill, pastor of the Presbyterian churches at Parkton and Lumber Bridge, yesterday. Mr. Beryhill conducted a series of meetings at Baker's Chapel last week.

—At the Gospel Tabernacle church yesterday morning the pastor, Rev. W. Combs, read a letter from Rev. Mr. Van Dyck acknowledging receipt of check for \$625 from the Lumberton church for a church in the mission field in China, where Mr. and Mrs. Van Dyck are missionaries. Six hundred dollars will be sufficient for erecting and furnishing a church and \$25 goes toward equipping another mission for that field.

SANITARY LAUNDRY—All work promptly and neatly done. When in need of work phone 162. C. W. Glenn, Manager.

GOOD FIRE-FIGHTING FORCE

Mr. Brockwell Pleased With Showing Made by Lumberton's Fire Fighting Laddies.

Mention was made in Thursday's Robesonian of the fact that Mr. Sherwood Brockwell of the State Insurance Department spent a part of last week here, training the local fire-fighters. Mr. Brockwell left Lumberton Thursday evening. The following taken from yesterday's News and Observer shows the favorable impression made upon him by the skill of members of the fire department.

"Mr. Sherwood Brockwell of the State Insurance Department has just returned from Lumberton where he went upon request of the fire department and the officials of the town of Lumberton to give the fire-fighters the advantage of his training in the art.

"Mr. Brockwell stated yesterday, after seeing the Lumberton fire-fighting force at work he was much pleased with the showing they made. It is not a paid force, only one man on the company received remuneration for his services.

"In twenty-eight seconds by means of a fire escape a line of hose was placed into the third story of a building in Lumberton at an exhibition drill of the company. By the use of extension ladders another line was placed there in forty-eight seconds. Two lines were then placed at a working point on the third story within one minute."

Ads. Bring the Crowds.

The stores of Messrs. White & Gough and R. D. Caldwell and Son, who are running large advertisements in The Robesonian, were so crowded with shoppers Saturday that the large number of competent salesmen and salesladies could not accommodate them. "There's a reason," Mayor A. E. White, senior member of the firm of White & Gough, told this reporter that it looked like they would have to stop advertising in The Robesonian as the ads brought more people than could serve, but later he decided to employ more help and continue to advertise. If it will not bother you too much, just notice the columns of The Robesonian and see who advertise most extensively and then compare the crowds that visit these stores with those that visit those that don't advertise.

—Mr. T. L. Johnson will deliver a Thanksgiving address at Center Baptist church Thursday at 10:30 a. m.

—"The Redemption of David Corson," shown at the Pastime theatre Thursday evening, was one of the finest series of motion pictures ever shown here.

—Mr. W. C. West and family, who moved last year from Robeson to Bladen, on route four from Clarkton, moved last week back to Robeson, to Mr. J. H. Wishart's farm about 11-2 miles from Lumberton on route 5.

—Mr. A. K. Hall, business manager of the "Peg O' My Heart Co., which will give a performance at the local Opera House Friday night of this week, spent Friday in Lumberton making arrangements for the play here. The coming of this attraction, which is one of the best touring the South this season, is an event to which Lumberton theatre-goers are looking forward with much interest.

—Mr. F. P. Hurlphey of Saddle Tree was greatly encouraged when in town Saturday by a letter he had just received, advising him that the condition of his sick son Malcolm, who is undergoing treatment in the memorial hospital at Richmond, was very favorable, that his chances for recovery were bright and that he probably would be able to come home soon. It will be recalled that Mr. Malcolm Hurlphey received a severe injury on his head recently from diving into a swamp, as mentioned in The Robesonian.

Foley Cathartic Tablets.

Are wholesome, thoroughly cleansing, and have a stimulating effect on the stomach, liver and bowels. Regulate you with no griping and no unpleasant after effects. Stout people find they give immense relief and comfort. Anti-Bilious. For sale by all druggists.

WATCH—Watch the label on your paper if renewals are not in by date on label paper will be stopped.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Middling cotton is bringing 7 cents per pound on the local market today.

—Cartwright Brothers, quartette, will give an entertainment at the opera house Wednesday evening. They are recommended as fine.

—Sheriff R. E. Lewis will begin Monday of next week his last round for collecting taxes. His appointments will be found elsewhere in this paper.

—Mr. A. W. Prevatt returned Saturday night from Fairmont, where he helped out with arranging the goods for the receivers sale of the J. S. Thompson stock of goods.

—Chief H. H. Redfern says he collected more money in one day after he inserted an ad in The Robesonian than he did all the while before he did the stunt. That sounds reasonable.

—The Belgian benefit performance this evening will be given at the opera house instead of at the Lumberton theatre, as heretofore advertised.

Tickets downstairs \$1, gallery 50 cents. Help Lumberton do its part.

—Mr. Glenn Wishart returned Saturday from Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, where he went expecting to undergo an operation for appendicitis, but to his delight he was brought around all right without an operation.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Maxwell, who for several months had been making their home at Robersonville returned to Lumberton Saturday and will make this their home again. Their many friends are glad to welcome them back.

—Mr. Frank Gough will go Tuesday night of next week to Whiteville, where he will address the Whiteville Commercial Club. The request that he go was very urgent, so much so that he could hardly refuse to show up.

—Rev. Father Thomas A. Powers of Steubenville, Ohio, who is spending some time at Gen. F. A. Bond's home, Hunter's Lodge, near Buie, hunting, conducted services at the opera house yesterday morning at 8:30 o'clock. He probably will conduct services here again next Sunday.

—The Quarterly meeting of the Mt. Eliam Sunday School Institute will be held at Pleasant Hope, near Fairmont, next Sunday. As will be seen from the programme published elsewhere in today's paper, good entertainment will be furnished. These meetings never fail to draw large crowds.

—Cold snap. There was a "skiff" of snow Friday, but it melted as fast as it fell. Friday night was the coldest of the year so far, the mercury registering 20 degrees—12 below freezing. The cold snap was general throughout the South. The lowest November minimum temperature in 40 years was reported Friday night in Georgia and Alabama. But the weather has moderated somewhat since Friday.

—The following members of the faculty of the graded school will leave Wednesday evening for Charlotte to attend the annual meeting of the North Carolina Teachers Assembly: Supt. R. E. Sentelle; Miss Mamie Arent, fifth grade; Miss Winifred Rowland, third; Mrs. Minnie Brooks, first; Miss (Elizabeth) Bell, high school department. Miss Arent is on the program to read a paper before the grammar grade teachers. Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of public instruction, will leave for Charlotte this evening.

—One night last week Night Policeman Boyle found a young man at the Seaboard station who looked weary and tired and on learning that he was a foreigner he escorted him to town to find some one who could talk to him. He proved to be a Russian who had left his native land before the war broke out. He said he had walked from Norfolk, Va., and happened to drop in here, and to his surprise he found people here whose home was only 75 miles from his own. He secured a position with Mr. Rowland Mercer at Bellamy and Mr. Mercer says the boy makes a good farm hand.