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NEW OFFICERS SWORN IN

M. W. Floyd of New Register of Deeds Earl Thompson his Deputy—A. Floyd Re-Elected Chairman County Commissioners—Recorder E. M. Britt and Solicitor R. A. McLean Assume Duties of Office. Officers elected at the November election assume the duties of their office today. There is only one change in county officers, all the others being re-elected, as follows: clerk of court, C. B. Skipper; treasurer, M. G. McKenzie; sheriff, R. E. Lewis; county commissioners, Rory McNair, A. J. Floyd.

Mr. M. W. Floyd is the only new officer. He succeeds Mr. M. N. Folger as register of deeds, Mr. Folger filling out the unexpired term of the late T. N. Higley. Mr. Floyd took the oath of office this morning before Clerk of Court Skipper and entered upon the duties of the office this afternoon. Mr. Earl Thompson, who served as deputy under Mr. Higley but who has for some months been in the treasurer's office with Mr. McKenzie, will serve as deputy with Mr. Floyd. Misses Emma Higley and Mattie Lee Pittman, who have been in the register's office for some time, will remain with Mr. Floyd for the present. Mr. Folger probably will be Mr. McKenzie's assistant, succeeding Mr. Thompson, though this is not certain at the time of going to press.

The re-elected members of the board of county commissioners were sworn in just before adjournment of the old board at noon, Mr. A. J. Floyd, who has served acceptably as chairman for the past two years, was re-elected to that position. Mr. E. J. Britt, who has served ably as county attorney for the past 8 or 10 years, was re-elected, his annual retainer being \$400, as formerly.

Mr. E. M. Britt and Mr. R. A. McLean, elected recorder and solicitor, respectively, for the Lumberton district, were duly sworn in by Clerk Skipper this morning and have already entered upon their duties. Mr. McLean has been recorder since the death of the late J. O. Rowland.

The county board of education is holding its adjourned monthly meeting today.

Community Service Days Observed.

It seems that "Community Service Days" were generally observed over the county, especially by the schools.

Prof. and Mrs. J. F. Johnson of Oakdale school, near Marietta, were among the visitors in town Saturday and Mr. Johnson told this reporter about how the grounds were cleaned up by the children and patrons of his school. Friday a general picnic was observed. There were some appropriate exercises by the children, dinner was served on the grounds and Mr. Woodberry Lennon of the Lumberton bar made an address. Mr. Johnson says the address was fine, and the day was pleasantly spent by all present.

Mr. H. E. Stacy of the Lumberton bar went to Broad Ridge school, where he made an address Friday. Rev. Paul T. Britt of Mt. Elam also made an address. Quite a bit of work was done about the school grounds. A fine dinner was spread and a large crowd gathered themselves together and spent a very pleasant day. This reporter had an invitation to attend this occasion, and regrets that he was, on account of a rush of work, unable to attend.

Plot at Seaboard Station Cleaned Up.

The plot at the Seaboard station around the overflow well has been cleaned up by the Civic Association and will be made as attractive as possible. Mrs. E. K. Proctor and Mrs. J. A. Sharpe constitute the committee having this work in charge. They have had the place thoroughly cleaned up, walks and around the well washed off, and three mounds of flowers made. As soon as the weather clears up they intend to have other work done. They want to cut the place off with a wire fence, to stop the people from walking over the grass and flower beds, and to plant trees and Virginia creeper. The Civic Association ladies intend making this place as pretty and attractive as possible and it is to be hoped that they will receive the hearty co-operation of the people of the town.

Mr. L. E. Tyner of Lowe was in town Saturday.

GERMANS CAPTURE LODZ.

Important Russian City of Half Million Captured After Heavy Fighting—Roumania Ready to Enlist With Allies—Serbian Success. Associated Press Dispatch, 6th.

Lodz, the second town of Poland, and lying 75 miles to the west-southwest of Warsaw, has fallen to the German arms. It was occupied Sunday, according to an official announcement from Berlin. Around this important town a desperate battle has raged for days. Countless thousands have fallen in desperate hand-to-hand conflicts and from the shells of hundreds of guns.

It was evident from the occupation of Lodz by the Germans that the heaviest kind of fighting has been on, for late advices told of a vicious attack and bombardment of Lodz by the Germans and fighting on the outskirts of the city and, previous to that, of operations 20 miles west of Piotrkow, which lies considerably south of Lodz and along a line from the Głowno, 16 miles northeast of Lodz, to the Vistula river.

Lodz long has been an objective point of the German army. It has grown in recent years from an insignificant place to one of the most populous cities in the Russian Empire. In 1910 its population numbered 415,604 and with this important place as a base the Germans are expected to make a strong effort to reach Warsaw.

Regarding other operations in the East, the Serbian War Office reports Serbian success on the whole front, with the capture of 2,400 men and four complete batteries.

On the other hand, Vienna reports that Austrian troops are gaining ground south of Belgrade.

In Flanders and the north of France, Sunday was comparatively quiet. The French War Office had nothing to report and no marked successes on either side were recorded in that territory for the previous day.

While the attitude of Roumania is not known officially, a Swiss newspaper asserts that Roumania has decided to enter the war on the side with the Allies. The time for doing so has not been determined on.

Forty British and French warships have assembled at some place, the name of which is not given in the dispatch making this announcement "to force their way through." It is probable the correspondent intended to foreshadow an effort by the Allied ships to break through the Dardanelles but the name evidently came under the eye of the censor.

"The German field marshal, Baron von Der Goltz, who spent many years in re-organizing the Turkish army, is reported on his way to Constantinople to attach himself to the entourage of the Sultan.

King Nicholas of Montenegro admits that a third of his army has fallen on the battlefield, but declares that the Montenegrins will continue to defend their country.

That French aviators have succeeded in dropping bombs on the German aviation hangars in Frieburg, Breisgau, Baden, is acknowledged, in an official report received in Washington from the German Foreign Office.

First Services at New Episcopal Church.

Services were held yesterday morning and afternoon for the first time in the new Episcopal church, just completed, on North Chestnut street. Rev. T. P. Noe of Wilmington, archdeacon of the diocese of East Carolina conducted both services. Besides the sermon, he conducted communion service at the morning hour, and in the afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, besides the sermon, two infants were baptized—Frederic Ancrum Lord, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Holloway, and Caro Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. McNeill, Jr. A crowd taxed the capacity of the church attended the afternoon service.

This is a small but very attractive church which will seat comfortably about 150 people. Sunday school will be held every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Beginning with the first of the year, services will be conducted three Sundays every month by Rev. Mr. Moody of Fayetteville, and Mr. Noe will conduct services the fourth Sunday. In each month Mr. Noe was a guest while here at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Beckwith and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Holloway.

DEATH RATE REDUCED ONE-THIRD.

Robeson County Health Work Phenomenal—Marvelous Record Made Since Employment of Whole-Time Health Officer—Death Rate Reduced From 18 to 12 Per Thousand.

Bulletin N. C. State Board of Health. Robeson county has reduced its death rate from 18 per thousand to 12. Considering that the county has only 45 per cent white population, 55 per cent being Indians and negroes, and that the death rate of the negro is over 40 per cent higher than that of the white, and that its illiteracy is 29.6 while the whole State's is only 21.3; and, further, that its area is larger than that of the average county and lies in the malarial district, the record it has made in health work for the past three years, or since it employed a whole-time county health officer, is marvelous.

To the county it means that there has been a saving of one hundred lives every year or, in money value, \$290,000, since the employment of a whole-time health officer. What is more remarkable, the death rate from preventable diseases has been reduced 70 per cent. That from malaria alone has been reduced 75 per cent.

Dr. B. W. Page believes the death rate to be the correct index to health work. He has compiled the following statistics as an index to his work as whole-time health officer of Robeson County for three years, his work beginning March 1, 1912.

DEATHS—	1911	1912	1913	1914
Tuberculosis	147	125	70	45
Diarrhoea				
(infants)	90	75	65	4
Typhoid	33	7	9	4
Smallpox	16	8	1	0
Diphtheria	14	6	3	4
Whooping cough	35	22	9	3
Pneumonia	130	125	85	25
Total all diseases	907	845	730	580

Tolarsville Topics.—Personal Mention

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Tolarsville, (St. Pauls, R. 1), Dec. 4.—Thanksgiving passed quietly here. Services were held at three o'clock p. m. by our pastor Rev. J. A. Snow. A large crowd attended.

Mr. Ed Britt of Barnesville was a visitor in this section last week—Miss Rosa Collins of Lumberton spent Thanksgiving with Miss Hattie Graham.

Miss Elon Byrd of this place, who has been in school at Mullins, S. C., since the first of October, spent Thanksgiving here with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Byrd.—Messrs. Bunyan Martin and Roy Cain of this place attended the Union at Baltimore, near Fairmont, last week and report a pleasant time.

Planting Small Grain—Reduction Cotton Acreage.

Raleigh News and Observer, 4th. "Robeson county is planting more wheat and oats than it has ever done before," said Mr. A. T. McCallum, of Maxton, who was in Raleigh Thursday to attend a meeting of the Board of Agriculture of which he is a member.

"This means of course that our people are planning a large reduction in cotton acreage. I believe the reduction in Robeson will be at least 50 per cent. So, instead of raising seventy thousand bales of cotton in 1915 Robeson's quota will be about 35,000.

"Business is fairly good in Robeson despite the low price of cotton. I fear very little complaint."

Baptists Show Unprecedented Gains.

Raleigh Special, 4th, to Wilmington Star.

E. L. Middleton, statistical secretary of the North Carolina Baptist State convention, which meets in annual session here next Tuesday, makes public an interesting summary of the work of the denomination for the past year. It shows 64 associations, comprising 2,095 churches and 256,599 members; gains of 39 in the number of churches and of 11,060 in individual members. These gains are unprecedented in all the history of the State convention.

—A week's term of Civil court will convene Monday of next week. Judge C. M. Cook of Louisburg will preside.

PARKTON PARAGRAPHS

Premiums on by Mosers, McCormick on Fine Hogs—Robeson Can Have a Good Fair Next Year—Farmers Planting Small Grain and Will Curtain Cotton Acreage—An Old Man Robbed—Other Items of Interest.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Parkton, Dec. 5.—Thanksgiving passed off quietly. Several of our townsmen put in some valuable time bird hunting. The land spent the day in Florence, S. C., playing for the Shriners of that State and they report a grand time. They returned here Thursday night on train No. 82 and immediately lined up for a serenade. The moonlight was most delightful and the music was greatly enjoyed by the town people.

The next occasion was the play given by the tenth grade on Friday night at the auditorium. The entertainment was greatly enjoyed by a fair sized house. The Parkton band furnished music for the occasion. A little more than \$20 was realized, which will aid the athletic club of the school.

Next week there will be preaching at the Presbyterian church. Rev. Mr. Jones will do the preaching. The public is invited.

Prof. R. F. Whitlock, principal of Arabia high school, spent last Saturday and Sunday in our town. Mr. Whitlock is associated with our band Friday nights and Saturdays. He is a fine musician.—Mr. W. E. Parham, chief of police of Red Springs, has enjoyed his vacation with his mother, Mrs. Alex. Parham, of our town.—Mr. and Mrs. Justin McNeill and little daughter, Helen Marie, spent Sunday with relatives in town. Mr. McNeill returned home Sunday afternoon, while Mrs. McNeill and daughter remained over for a week's visit.

Reading over the large list of premiums given at the Cape Fear Fair, we observe that our townsmen, Messrs. J. B. McCormick and sons, D. H. and J. D., were awarded several valuable premiums, D. H. and J. D. McCormick received on two hogs \$17, and these are two of the prettiest hogs I ever saw. In fact they won the blue ribbon on every exhibit they entered. This goes to show that Robeson county can have a good fair next year. Everybody likes to look at fine thoroughbred stock, but not everyone will invest enough to have them.

Our farmers, up this way are sure enough putting in small grain and well they may. Cotton will sure be curtailed considerably in this section. Wages are being cut and expenses will have to be cut too.

We hear of some robbery in the country. Wednesday evening about 3 or 4 o'clock a stranger appeared at the home of Mr. James King, who lives on the Lumberton road 3 1/2 miles from town, and said that his name was Johnson and that he wanted to get a load of pine straw. Mr. King asked the man where his wagon was, and the man stated that his team had gone on, so Mr. King went over to the old field to show him the straw when another appeared and knocked Mr. King down with the barrel of a rifle and relieved him of \$3.50 and his pocket knife and left. Mr. King, who is an old man recovered in time to see the two strangers, before they vanished out of his sight. He said they were running. Mr. King managed to get to a neighbor's house nearby and rested a while, and was carried home. Nothing has been heard of the robbers since.

Some cotton is being sold but the prices are disheartening at present. This has been a notable week for hunting 'possums and coons. The most we have heard of being caught in one night was Monday night, when Messrs. J. G. Wright and E. M. Smith bagged six fine ones, and they were well grown, as this scribe viewed them as they brought them to market. The same night Mr. N. T. Furrmidge and sons caught four large coons. Mr. Furrmidge says he has caught as many as nine 'possums in one night. I could utilize my allotted space relating my experiences with the varmints, but probably would not interest many.

—Born to Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Williamson, who live on route 4 from Lumberton, a Saturday morning, an 8 pound boy.

A CUTTING SCRAPE.

Murphy Parnell in Jail Charged With Cutting Charlie Britt—Brit in Hospital—Not Dangerously Wounded.

Charlie Britt a young white man whose home is at the Lumberton cotton mill, was painfully and nearsightedly cut with a pocket knife in the hands of Murphy Parnell, who lives at the Jennings Cotton mill, Saturday night. Those who saw it say the two met in the road near the Jennings mill and proceeded to engage in a row. It seems that both used their fists very freely and Parnell decided he could make more sign with his knife. He stabbed Britt once in the back under the right shoulder blade and cut a gash about 5 inches long on the right side of his neck, and barely missed the jugular vein, which had it been cut would have meant death. Britt was carried to the Thompson hospital, where his wounds were dressed by Dr. T. C. Johnson and he is resting well today. Parnell came on to town and attended the show at the Lumbee Theatre, and while on his way back home was arrested by Sheriff R. E. Lewis and other officers. He denied knowing anything about the cutting when arrested, but was taken to the hospital, where he was identified by Britt. Blood was also found on his coat sleeve. While on the way to jail he acknowledged having a row with a man, but denied cutting him. It is expected that he will be given a hearing tomorrow.

Britt says he didn't know Parnell before. It is thought that both parties were somewhat tanked up.

Funeral of Mrs. Amanda Brown.

Mention was made in Thursday's issue of the death late Thursday evening of Mrs. Amanda Brown, of the Philadelphia section. The funeral was conducted Saturday afternoon at three o'clock from Philadelphia Presbyterian church, by Rev. S. E. Mercer, president of Carolina College of Maxton and Rev. N. L. Seabolt, pastor of the Lumberton circuit, assisted by Rev. H. M. Dixon, pastor of Philadelphia church. The pallbearers were: active, Paisley McMillan, J. B. Humphrey, J. A. McCallum, J. S. Jones, Martin McKinnon, J. F. McKay; honorary, N. B. McArthur, I. P. Ray, Dr. B. F. McMillan, J. N. Buie, A. C. McLeod, J. T. Denny.

Deceased was the oldest daughter of the late ex-sheriff Reuben King. She was born May 5, 1836, and was therefore in her 79th year. She was a faithful and consistent member of the Methodist church from her 15th year, a good mother and a good neighbor, loved by all who knew her. At the age of 19 she was united in marriage to Major W. J. Brown. She is survived by two sisters, one of them Mrs. Jno. Redmond of Lumberton, eleven children and eight grand children.

Mr. and Mrs. John Redmond and daughters, Misses Grace and Blanch, and son, Mr. C. B. Redmond attended the funeral from Lumberton. Mr. W. K. Brown, a son of the deceased who lives in Birmingham, Ala., passed through Lumberton last Wednesday on his way home after a visit to his mother, and a telegram advising him of her death awaited him at Birmingham when he arrived home. He left immediately on the return trip and got back in time for the funeral. Mr. Brown is in Lumberton today.

Death of Mr. David D. Martin.

Mr. David D. Martin, 22 years old, died Friday morning of pneumonia at his home at the Jennings cotton mill village. The remains were interred Saturday afternoon at the graveyard at the county home. Deceased is survived by his mother and several brothers and sisters.

—Rev. Chas. L. Greaves, pastor of the First Baptist church, left this morning for Raleigh, where he will attend the Baptist State convention and pastors conference. Mr. Greaves asked The Robesonian to say that if any one wishes to correspond with him while he is away he will be stopping at the home of Dr. Clarence Poe.

The State Board of Agriculture, at a meeting in Raleigh last week, decided to cut down the budget from \$132,000 to \$108,000, and the various divisions will be retained, each with its decreased amount.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS.

—A certain lawyer in town remarked Saturday that there were more trifling cases being tried in the magistrates' courts about over the county than he ever noticed before. There must be a reason.

—Mr. A. J. White returned last Wednesday from the Northern markets, where he purchased goods for the department store of White & Gough, of which he is senior member. He was accompanied by Mrs. White.

—Messrs. Bullock-Brothers, who conduct a grocery store on Chestnut street, have bought the J. I. Stone stock of goods, near Mt. Elam, and have started a "special" sale to close them out at the old stand. See their ad in today's paper.

—Miss Nellie Powell, who has been with Miss Josephine Breece as trimmer in her millinery store for the past two seasons, will leave this evening for her home at Princess Ann, Md. Miss Jean Pratt's season as head trimmer for Miss Breece will close on the 14th, Monday of next week.

—Mr. D. B. Rhodes of Bloomingdale was among the visitors in town this morning. Mr. Rhodes believes in the saying on the "God Blesses His" had only let his subscribers get a few days behind, and this is the first time he ever got behind with it. He fixed the label right while here.

—The following Lumberton people will leave this afternoon or tomorrow for Raleigh, where they will attend the Baptist State Convention, which will be in session there this week: Revs. I. P. Hedgcock, W. R. Davis, R. N. Cashwell, C. L. Greaves; Messrs. R. D. Caldwell, S. McIntyre, and Dr. R. T. Allen.

—Mr. S. F. Britt, who had been getting his mail on route 4 from Lumberton, having to go about 2 miles to get to his mail box, was in town Thursday. Mr. Britt says route 2 from Fairmont has been changed so as to pass his place, thus serving a number of people who heretofore had not had any mail service at all.

—Mr. A. D. Morehouse, a drainage engineer from the Drainage Division of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, arrived last week and will spend some time here for the purpose of conducting a hydraulic investigation to see how much water is carried away by the ditches cut in the Oak and Jacob Swamp Drainage District.

—Prof. M. Shepherd and two children, Leroice and Louise, of Crum were among the visitors in town Saturday. Mr. Shepherd says the condition of Prof. H. E. Flemming, principal of the Orrum high school, who has been sick with typhoid fever for several weeks is improving. Prof. Shepherd is teaching during Mr. Flemming's sickness.

—It is time to take notice and stop leaving clothes on the line at night, wet or dry. In Thursday's Robesonian mention was made of the fact that a certain young man had all his shirts and hosiery stolen one night last week by leaving them on the line overnight. Mr. A. S. Wisart says he lost one shirt and Mr. D. Hamilton one the same way one night last week. There were other clothes on the line, but shirts seemed to be the articles most needed.

—The Simple Simon Musical Comedy Co., furnished good fun at the Lumbee theatre all last week. It is a good dancing, singing and fun-making bunch of eleven people. They were new stunts every night. Friday night, in addition to the comedy, the "Country Store" business was pulled off, and the house was packed, downstairs and gallery. Splendid moving pictures were shown in addition to the vaucville stunts, making as good a show for the money as one could see anywhere. The Lumbee is getting to be a mighty popular place.

—Mr. W. B. Baxley of route 5 from Lumberton, who was in town Friday, has his right arm in a sling as a result of a runaway last Wednesday. His mule became frightened at autos and bicycles and ran, throwing him out of the wagon, breaking his right arm at the elbow and spraining his right foot badly. And if there had not been a weak place in the lines, where they had been trimmed down closely at the end where they were fastened together, Mr. Baxley would have been injured worse. The lines caught around his neck and he was dragged a little piece and used up roughly before they broke. A negro man stopped the mule before any damage was done to the wagon.