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FESTIVAL MAKES GOOD

Festival Held Here Last Week Surpassed Expectations—Splendid Performances Given Each Afternoon and Evening for Three Days by Prominent Platform People—Everybody Delighted—Another Festival Booked for Next Fall.

Decidedly, unquestionably and unanimously the people of Lumberton who attended the attractions offered at the opera house Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week during the "Booster Club Festival" will vote that the festival surpassed expectations, that it more than made good, that Lumberton has never before had three days of such clean, wholesome, elevating and inspiring amusement. People who were inclined to scoff at first are now loud in their praises.

As proof of the impression made by these attractions, another festival will be held in the fall, perhaps during October, when equally as high-class performances will be given. Contract was made for a fall festival before the close of the festival last week, and already more season tickets have been sold than were sold for the festival that has just closed. This was the first, and many were dubious. But there is doubt no longer, and the fall festival will no doubt be a much greater success in every way than the one just closed.

Two performances were given each afternoon and evening, making six performances in all. The program was changed each time, and any afternoon and evening performances together in one day were well worth the price of the season ticket.

It would be hard to say which one of the performances was best. The Strollers Male Quartet opened the festival Thursday afternoon with a performance that delighted an audience that filled the house. Ellisworth Plumstead, impersonator, followed and the audience was just as much delighted with him. These gave even better performances, many think, Thursday evening. Friday afternoon and evening the LaDell Concert Co. and Dr. J. W. Frizzell, the latter in a lecture, gave equally good entertainments. Dr. Frizzell was platform manager and spent the entire three days here, making many friends during his stay. Saturday afternoon and evening "The Mysterious Merton" carried audiences away with his magical illusions and Dr. H. W. Sears did the same with his humorous lectures.

Certainly the best three days of elevating and inspiring entertainment the town has had was furnished by the "Booster Festival" last week. The town will welcome another such festival in the fall.

Bills Affecting Town of Lumberton Passed by Legislature.

The following bills affecting the town of Lumberton were passed by the Legislature last week:

A bill to amend the charter of the town. The old charter provided that whoever purchased the power plant now owned by the town would have to take up outstanding bonds against the plant. The amendment will strike out that clause in the present charter.

Bill to provide for public improvements in the town of Lumberton. This bill provides that the citizens may upon petition signed by two-thirds of the owners of the property abutting streets be allowed to issue bonds paving said streets, same to be paid by the property owners whose property is benefitted by paving.

A bill to allow town to issue bonds not exceeding \$20,000 to fund floating debt.

It is understood that a bill introduced in the Senate by McLeod to allow chief of police for town to be elected by direct vote of the people has passed both houses.

Improving Appearances at Station.

The appearance of things generally has been greatly improved about the Seaboard station recently. The V. & C. S. has extended its tracks to Elm street and will at an early date begin using the Seaboard station, which means that Lumberton will at last have a union passenger station. Sand is being placed on the yards about the station and flower beds have been sown around the overflow pump near the station by ladies of the Civic Association. It looks now like this will in a few months be one of the most attractive places about town.

In remitting his subscription for two years, Rev. A. E. C. Pittman of North, S. C., a former Robesonian, says he is happy in his new field, but still loves old Robeson county and the Robesonian, his home paper. He adds, "My father was a subscriber to The Robesonian since the first issue and it has been a regular visitor to our home ever since."

LEGISLATURE ADJOURNS TOMORROW

Primary Bill Passed—House Gives Veterans Larger Pensions—Saturday Last Day for Which Members Draw Pay.

The State-wide primary bill, variously amended from the shape in which it came from the Senate, passed the House Saturday and was ordered engrossed and sent to the Senate, which body will pass upon it today. One amendment provides for a box for each party, instead of a single box for all parties; another cuts out "registration" as the criterion of a voter's affiliation; another specifies that nothing in the primary law shall be construed to interfere with free and unrestricted general election. A number of counties were allowed exemptions as to county officers and legislators. All officers shall be sworn officers. Candidates for county offices shall give two instead of three weeks notice of purpose to enter as candidates.

An increase of \$4 annually is given to Confederate pensioners of the State by a bill which passed the House Saturday.

Saturday was the last day for which members receive compensation. Some Senators and Representatives will remain over until tomorrow or next day to wind up the business of the session.

Duties of State Treasurer

The bill regulating the duties of the State Treasurer passed its final reading in the House Friday. This bill provides that the Treasurer must require banks holding deposits of State funds to pay interest on monthly balances at three per cent per annum and are to furnish exchange gratis. The Treasurer is required to execute a bond for \$200,000 in a surety company, the State to pay the premium. He is also authorized to execute short term notes for emergency funds. The Insurance Commissioner is also brought in under the provisions of the act and is required to deposit funds in banks paying interest on monthly balances. Will Not Repeal Homestead Exemption.

The bill to amend the Constitution repealing the homestead exemption failed to pass. It would strike out the \$500 exemption and substitute \$100. There was also a personal property exemption to a widow of \$300 and for each member of the family \$100. Mr. Seawell, speaking in support of the amendment, said the present homestead exemption was a direct enemy of thrift while Mr. Currie opposed and was satisfied that the great mass of people were determined to keep it in the Constitution and if left to a vote would be buried out of sight. Mr. Laughinghouse said the present law was an absolute curse and that it tended to ruin credit.

A bill was passed providing that the board of medical examiners should meet in Raleigh only hereafter instead of at different points in the State as has been the case in the past. The bill also provides for the prosecution of persons practicing medicine without license. The section doing away with examinations for temporary license was stricken out.

The bill to prevent defendants being tried in court in convict uniform and shaven heads, which called forth such an outburst of oratory in the Senate, when the bill was under discussion in that body, passed the House with little or no excitement.

Local Bills. Senator McLeod has introduced a bill to provide for cotton grader and cotton weigher in Robeson county. Representative Sellers has introduced a similar bill in the House. The bills passed third reading in both houses Friday.

Bills passed third reading in the Senate Friday: to pay the expenses of the county superintendent of public instruction of Robeson; to amend the law relative to salaries of officers of Robeson; to establish recorders' courts in Robeson; to facilitate collection of taxes in Robeson and other counties; to abolish the office of county treasurer in Robeson; to amend the law relative to Carolina College at Maxton; to amend the charter of Lumberton; to provide for prompt payment of witness fees in Robeson; to provide for school funds for Robeson.

Armed with an automatic shotgun, Monroe Phillips, a real estate and timber dealer, ran amuck in the business district at Brunswick, Ga., Saturday, killing 5 citizens, wounding 32 and was himself shot dead.

—Miss Amelia Linkhauer, manager of the millinery department of Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son's department store, returned Saturday from New York and Baltimore, where she spent several days studying the new fashions and buying millinery for her department.

ST. PAULS NEW LETTER

In Social Circles—Death of Mrs. Frances Brisson.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. St. Pauls, March 8—Mrs. T. L. Northrop entertained in a very charming manner Wednesday evening 25 or 30 young people, in honor of Miss Annie McBryde of Raeford. Time threw back his doors and made each one a child again. Old-time games were played and Miss McBryde rendered several beautiful vocal selections which were enjoyed very much. Mrs. Northrop, assisted by her attractive daughter, Miss Katie Groves, served delicious cream and cake. The guests departed at a late hour declaring Mrs. Northrop a delightful hostess.

Miss Anna Newton delightfully entertained the St. Pauls Book Club at the home of Mrs. James Johnson last Friday evening. Tennyson and his works was the subject for this meeting, but on account of sickness, quite a number were kept away, so the program was continued for next meeting and only the social hour was indulged in. "Progressive Hearts" was played. Miss Ina Poole made the highest score and received the prize, a lovely box of candy. Prof. Eugene Olive of Fayetteville added much to the enjoyment of the evening with several vocal selections. Miss Newton, assisted by Miss Katie Groves, served a delicious salad course followed with black coffee and fruit cake. Miss Newton proved herself a very charming hostess and each one departed singing her praises. The out-of-town guests present were: Miss Effie Newton of Lumberton, Miss Julia Duke of Hamlet, Mr. Ben Newton of Hope Mills, and Prof. Eugene Olive of Fayetteville.

Mrs. Frances Brisson, 48 years old, wife of Mr. J. E. Brisson, died suddenly at her home at St. Pauls yesterday morning at eleven o'clock. Mrs. Brisson had an attack of pneumonia about a month ago and had never recovered from this. She was able to be up however and eat a hearty breakfast yesterday morning. About ten o'clock she went to her room to rest and here she was found later. Five daughters—Mesdames S. J. Hedgpeth and E. D. McCormick of St. Pauls, Mrs. J. I. Floyd of St. Petersburg, Fla., Mrs. D. C. Evans of Florence, S. C., Mrs. W. C. Bennett of Hamlet.

Mrs. Brisson will be buried at the Great Marsh church cemetery this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The service will be conducted by Rev. O. E. Johnson.

Superior Court Adjourns.

The two-weeks' term of civil court which had been grinding away slowly adjourned Saturday afternoon. Judge O. H. Allen of Kinston, who presided, left this morning for Elizabethtown where this week he will hold Bladen court.

Only four jury trials were disposed of after the report of the proceedings published in Thursday's Robesonian were written. These were: C. A. Shook vs. J. A. Love et al, judgment for plaintiff; R. A. Wright vs. D. T. Chasor judgment for plaintiff; Chatham Lumber Co. vs. Pearlson Lumber Co., judgment for plaintiff; J. W. Hall, et al vs. Cumberland Savings & Trust Co., judgment for plaintiff.

A number of judgments were signed.

WAR NEWS

Dispatches in today's morning papers state that the attitude of Greece in the European war is the overshadowing feature, that she must take some definite action soon. Turkey threatens massacres of Greeks if Greece breaks with the Porte. The bombardment of the Dardanelles by the Allied Fleet continues with reported success for the Allies. Battles still are raging in Poland, while the French again have assumed the offensive in the west. None of the war offices lay claim, however to any decided successes in the land fighting.

Condition in Mexico Bad.

Washington Dispatch, 7th. Dispatches from the Brazilian Minister in Mexico City received tonight indicated that conditions in the Capitol are unchanged, that the populace still fears the effects of the famine and dangers of possible rioting should General Obregon's forces evacuate.

—A force of hands is busy repairing the Carlyle building on Elm street, damaged by a fire some four weeks ago. As mentioned in a recent issue of The Robesonian, the Jno. T. Biggs Co., which was located in the building when the fire occurred, will move back into the building just as soon as it is remodeled. This company is now doing business in the Carlyle building, Chestnut street.

AMONG TRANSGRESSORS

A School Row Aired in Recorder's Court—Pals Fall Out Over Division of Profits.

A large number of Indians were in town Saturday to witness the trial before Recorder E. M. Britt, of Alfred Hunt, an Indian school teacher, and Brack Thomas, who went to the school house and proceeded to beat up the teacher for whipping his brother. There were also charges against Levi Thomas and N. A. Hammond, charged with being implicated in same row. Judgment was suspended in all the cases upon the payment of the cost except that of Brack Thomas. In his case prayer for judgment was continued on the payment of the cost. He was also required to make a peace bond.

Richard Parham, the young white man who was charged with robbing F. H. Walters near St. Pauls one night recently, mention of which was made in last Monday's Robesonian, was given a hearing before Recorder E. M. Britt Saturday. The evidence in the case was that Walters and Parham, both of whom live near Barnesville, were traveling through the country together mending stoves, lamps and most anything that was out of fix, Walters giving Parham a certain per cent of what the proceeds taken in amounted to. It seems that Parham was not quite satisfied with his per cent, so he, while he thought Mr. Walters was asleep, went through Walters' pockets and took the whole business. Walters claimed that he was not quite asleep, but almost, so he didn't get up, but later when he found his money was gone he remembered seeing Parham going through his pockets (kinder dreamy like, you know). As the alleged robbery took place in Bladen, Parham was sent to Elizabethtown this morning and will be given a trial in Bladen criminal court this week.

Dave Whitel and Rachel Rowland, colored, were before Recorder Britt Saturday charged with an affray. Judgment was suspended in each case on payment of cost.

ATTENTION! MERCHANTS OF LUMBERTON!

Attend meeting of Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday evening, March 9, 8 p. m., if you value the patronage of our country friends.
J. P. RUSSELL, President.

GADDYSVILLE GRIST

No Fertilizers Hauled Yet—Union Spirit Needed—Preparing for County Commencement—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Gaddysville (Fairmont, R. 1), March 4—We are enjoying a period of most excellent weather and farmers are making use of it. Some are planning, if weather permits, to plant corn next week.

We don't see a single sack of fertilizer hauled yet. Farmers are not going to use much.

One thing Gaddysville needs—that is a Farmers Union Local. We hope some of the older heads of our vicinity will take the matter up and see that we have a union soon. One thing the farmers lack, that is a spirit of Unionism. We see doctors, merchants and all classes of people organized but the farmer, and he has a chance, but won't take it up for his own good.

Everything is being put in readiness at school these days to participate in Robeson's School Day at fair Lumberton April 9th.

Quite a few interesting incidents have rolled around since our last letter, one being a visit of Dr. Page and Prof. Poole at Gaddysville. Prof. Poole made an excellent talk and was very much pleased with the large attendance in school.

Mr. R. A. Gaddy spent Thursday with his brother, Mr. Will Gaddy at Page's Mill.

Mr. McGirt of Whiteville, who had been spending some time with his son, has returned home.

The was is evidently getting worse and in our opinion it will soon close. We have seen one scared negro over the matter. A gentleman asked him if he knew the cannon balls were falling in America. He said no, and he was asked if he had felt them hitting him at the table, and he said yes. This is about the way with all the negroes especially.

Wilmington Star, 5th: Loaded with 10,200 bales of cotton, the American passenger steamer City of Savannah, steamed from this port Thursday for Europe. Her cargo is valued at approximately \$900,000 and her clearance papers are "for orders."

Mr. H. O. Floyd of route 1 from Fairmont is a Lumberton visitor today.

BARNESVILLE NEWS BATCH

School Will Close With Concert Friday Night—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Barnesville, March 6—We are glad to report Mrs. J. P. Murry very much improved and hope she will soon be well again. Miss Walter Page of Greensboro is visiting Mrs. Nettie Floyd.

Mr. Gaston Floyd lost a very fine horse a few days ago.

Miss Ruth Britt, who is teaching near Fairmont, spent the week-end with her sister, Miss Dovie Britt.

Miss Ada Lewis from Fairmont spent the week-end here visiting friends.

We are sorry to report Mrs. R. R. Barnes very sick with cold and hope she will soon be well.

Miss Ellen Powers is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Troy Hester of Boardman.

The school here will close Friday, March 12, with a concert at night. Everybody is looking forward to the occasion as it is expected to be one of the best ever given here. The school has been one of the most successful under the skillful management of Miss Dovie Britt, principal, and Miss Ruby Williams, assistant. The exercises will begin at 7:30 p. m.

Notices of New Advertisements.

Livery stables for rent—Stephen McIntyre.

Stock reduction sale continues at L. H. Caldwell's.

Roger Moore's Sons & Co., Wilmington million brick per month.

Shelled corn wanted—Kingsdale Lumber Co.

White and wanted.

Dog strayed. Reward.

As good motion pictures as can be seen anywhere—Pastime Theatre.

Rhode Island Red eggs at 50 each—V. D. Baker.

Notice of sale of goods and accounts of Rouse Furniture Co., of Fairmont under assignment—N. W. Jenkins.

Beautiful line of silk shirtwaists just received—White & Gough.

Star Theatre "Trey O' Hearts" today. Program for tomorrow and Wednesday.

Mrs. Maggie Norment Granted Pension by Federal Government.

Mrs. Maggie Norment of Lumberton, widow of the late Dr. Richard M. Norment, has been granted a pension of \$12 a month by the National Government on account of the fact that Dr. Norment served in the War with Mexico as well as during the Civil War. Mr. A. W. McLean interested himself to secure this pension for Mrs. Norment and brought the matter to the attention of Senator Simmons, who introduced a bill to that effect which has been passed by both houses of the Congress. The pension is from March 1st, 1915.

Mrs. Norment's many friends will be delighted to learn that she is to receive this pension, which is altogether deserved.

Jesse P. Walker Captured.

Jesse P. Walker, aged 35, who was outlawed soon after his escape from jail at Southport where he was awaiting trial charged with the murder of Sheriff Jackson Standland of Brunswick six years ago, and for whose capture dead or alive there was a reward of \$50, was taken in custody at Wilmington yesterday by six police and county officers working under direction of Justice George Harris, to whom the presence in the city of Walker was first reported. Walker was overpowered before he could offer any resistance.

Raising Everything at Home.

Mr. J. W. Taylor and son, Mr. Jesse, of route 5 from Lumberton were among the visitors in town Saturday. Mr. Taylor says he has only been planting four acres of cotton to the horse and this year he is going plant only two. He says he is going to cut his cotton acreage 50 per cent and his commercial fertilizer 100. His idea, which is a good one, is to raise everything at home, even fertilizer.

Only \$77.60 for Feeding Prisoners.

In the report of the commissioners proceedings published in Thursday's Robesonian it was stated that Jailer A. H. Prevatt received \$65 salary and \$142.60 for feeding prisoners. This was an error, as Mr. Prevatt only received \$65 salary and \$77.60 for feeding prisoners.

Over 800 bales of cotton were burned on the cotton platform at Monroe Thursday night. It is thought the fire was caused by a spark from an engine.

Monument Unveiling.

Center Camp No. 399, Woodmen of the World, will unveil monument erected at the grave of the late E. H. Prevatt, at the R. R. Prevatt cemetery, near Center church, on Saturday, March 13, at 3 p. m. All nearby camps are invited to take part in the exercises.

A 4-year-old girl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Umberger, was burned to death at Concord Thursday night as a result of throwing paper in the fire.

WE DO JOB PRINTING.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Some cases of smallpox are reported about two miles east of town.

—Middling cotton is selling for 7 5-8 cents per pound on the local market today.

—Mr. Grover Pope will leave tomorrow for Canton, this State, where he has accepted a position.

—Mr. J. D. Proctor is carrying a "luck-piece" a very old and rare coin, a half-cent made in 1811.

—Mr. P. R. Hamlet of Raleigh has accepted a position as pharmacist at the Grantham Pharmacy. He arrived Friday.

—Special communication of St. Alban's Lodge, No. 114, A. F. & A. M., tomorrow evening at 7:30. Work in F. C. Degree.

—The Lumbee Research Club will meet Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock with Mrs. E. K. Proctor at her home, Elm and Sixth streets.

—Solicitor S. B. McLean of Maxton spent last night in town and this morning left for Elizabethtown, where he will represent the State in Bladen court.

—Messrs. E. G. Sipher, J. E. Gilmore, P. P. Green and Luther Cox will leave tonight for Durham, where this week they will attend a State meeting of the Woodmen of the World.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Joe Willis and Ethel Watts; Ambrose Lovett and Lizzie Thornbyke; Garris Jackson and Dora Bell Bracy. Business is picking up a little along this particular line.

—The Perils of Pauline will be run at the Pastime theatre tomorrow evening. On Friday evening of this week "Tess of the Storm Country," featuring Mary Pickford, will be shown. This is one of the Famous Players greatest thrillers.

—Henry Gavin, colored, who was working for the town, fell off a high load of wood, part of the wood falling with him, at the power house Saturday afternoon. He was somewhat shaken up, but not seriously hurt.

—Mr. A. Weinstein will leave tonight for New York and Baltimore, where he will spend several days buying new goods for his department store. He intended going two weeks ago, but failed to get away, on account of grip.

—Mr. Jno. S. Walker, manager of Cartee's 5, 10 and 25 cent store, returned last week from Winston-Salem, where he went some two weeks ago to visit relatives and was taken sick just after his arrival. His friends are pleased to see him back entirely recovered.

—A very pleasant meeting of the local chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy was held at the home of Mrs. Stephen McIntyre Thursday afternoon. A number of subjects were discussed by the members and as a whole it was a most pleasant and profitable meeting.

—A force of hands is busy at work erecting the light stands for the "white way" around the court house square. When the stands are all erected and the beautiful light shines forth the "square" will be a thing of beauty after the sun has gone to bed.

—Mr. A. W. McLean left Saturday night for St. Petersburg, Fla., where he joined his wife and small son, A. W. Jr., yesterday. Mrs. McLean has been at St. Petersburg for some time. She will return to Lumberton about April 1. Mr. McLean will return in a few days.

—Miss Josephine Breece returned Saturday night from Baltimore and the Northern markets, where she spent two weeks studying spring styles in millinery and purchasing goods. Miss Breece's niece, Miss Elizabeth Breece of Fayetteville, will arrive this evening and will be with her this season.

—Mr. J. A. Carlyle of route 1 from Buie was among the visitors in town Saturday. Speaking of the chicken industry, Mr. Carlyle says he made another 100 per cent incubator hatch last week, hatching 46 biddies from 46 eggs, which was all the eggs used in the setting. Good chicken business.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA