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TOWN WILL HAVE REST ROOM

Arrangements Being Made by Chamber of Commerce and Civic Association to Provide Rest Room for Women and Children Visitors—Committees to Prepare for County Commencement.

At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday evening it was decided to take steps at once to provide a suitable rest room for ladies and children from the country. President J. P. Russell agreed to investigate what may be secured for rent, and if no suitable place can be rented to ascertain what can be done in the way of erecting a suitable building on some centrally-located lot. The idea of erecting a building was advanced by Mr. R. D. Caldwell and met with immediate favor. It was suggested that a temporary building could be erected on the hotel lot, Chestnut and Fourth streets, opposite the Farmers & Merchants Bank, or on the opposite corner of the intersection of the same streets. As suitable places which might be rented, the small house on East Fifth street between Chestnut and Walnut, belonging to Mr. A. W. McLean, was suggested, also a rear room in the building belonging to Senator Geo. B. McLeod on Fourth street, the large room formerly used by the National Bank of Lumberton as directors' room.

It is expected that definite arrangements will be made in a short while to give the rest-room plan a fair trial. Mr. Russell called the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday evening to consider this matter and among the small crowd present no voice was raised in objection to the plan. It was the consensus of opinion that the idea is a good one and that Lumberton should provide such a place for visiting women and children.

Mr. Russell called the meeting at the suggestion of the Civic Association, which organization of Lumberton ladies has been keenly interested since Mrs. Jno. T. Singletary wrote an interesting letter, published in The Robesonian, about it some time ago. Really the credit for starting the agitation belongs to Mrs. Singletary and to the ladies of the Civic Association.

Lumberton is to have a rest room soon. That may be put down as a certainty, it seems now.

County Superintendent J. R. Poole asked the Chamber to consider the matter of entertaining the large crowd that will be in town on the 9th of April, when the county commencement will be held, and the following committees were appointed: On railroad rates, to secure special rates on railroads (it will be noted from a notice published elsewhere in this issue that the V. & C. S. has already announced reduced rates for this occasion)—L. C. Parker, M. Beverly; music committee—F. Gough, W. Lennon, C. B. Skipper; advertising—J. A. Sharpe, A. C. Johnson, J. P. Owen.

W. K. Bethune was appointed marshal on the part of the town to act with Supt. R. E. Sentelle of the graded school, who was some time ago elected chief marshal by the teachers.

President Russell was requested to notify the Civic Association what action had been taken in regard to a rest room and also to ask that organization to appoint a committee on school exhibits for the county commencement, and that was done at the meeting of the Civic Association yesterday, as will be seen from a report published elsewhere in this issue.

Small Fire This Afternoon.

The fire alarm was turned in from box No. 25, corner Fourth and Elm, about 2:15 this afternoon for a fire at the home of Mr. Geo. W. Lennon, Third and Chestnut. The fire started from a flue in the kitchen, but was quickly extinguished, the fire department reaching the scene in less than three minutes after the alarm was turned in. The building, which is owned by Mr. W. W. Carlyle, was damaged probably to the extent of \$100 by fire and water and the furniture was somewhat damaged by water.

Reorganizing Farmers' Union Locals.

Mr. W. K. Culbreth, county organizer of the Farmers' Union, passed through town Tuesday en route to Wisharts and Howellsville townships where he is organizing defunct locals of the Union. Any section desiring a new local or to re-organize can secure the services of Mr. Culbreth by addressing him at Lumberton, route 6.

—Messrs. R. L. Cox, P. P. Green, Jno. Gilmore and E. G. Sypher returned this morning from Durham, where they attended the biennial convention of the Woodmen of the World, held in that city on Tuesday and yesterday.

AMERICAN SHIP SUNK

German Cruiser Limp Into Port at Newport News—Sunk American Sailing Ship in South American Waters Jan. 28—Washington Regards it as Unfriendly Act to be Explained.

Newport News, Va., Dispatch, 10th. The German auxiliary cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich, after a marine wrecking scouring of Pacific and Atlantic Oceans which culminated in the sinking of an American sailing ship in the South Atlantic Ocean January 28 last limped into this port today and anchored for supplies and repairs. She brought with her rescued crews and passengers of American, British, French and Russian ships and lies at anchor tonight in Hamton Roads proud of her trophies of war that crunch the bottom of the sea but in a state of mechanical exhaustion from the strain of a 5,200-mile journey.

The announcement stirred official Washington. No attempt was made to deny the seriousness of the incident and it was conceded that on its face it bore the appearance of an unfriendly act on the part of a German ship of war which must result in diplomatic negotiations with the German Government.

German Submarines Sink 3 British Merchant Steamers.

London Dispatch, 10th. German submarines appeared early Tuesday morning at three widely separated points on the British coast and, it is stated officially, without giving warning to the crews, sank three British merchant steamers.

In one case, that of the steamer Tangistan, which was torpedoed off Scarborough, in the North Sea, 37 men of her crew of 38 are missing. Only one man from the vessel was picked up. The attack which sent the Tangistan to the bottom was made half an hour after midnight.

At 6 o'clock in the morning another submarine sank the steamer Blackwood off Hastings, in the English channel, while a third submarine sank the steamer Princess Victoria off Liverpool at a quarter past 9 o'clock.

News of the latest exploits of German submarines came just as the British public was congratulating themselves that the threatened sea blockade had been a failure.

Miss Bessie McMillan and Mr. W. R. Bullock of Fairmont Married Here Yesterday.

Yesterday was a busy day for cupid in Lumberton. As will be seen from another news item in today's paper, there was a wedding in Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd's office yesterday morning. Yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock Mr. W. B. Bullock and Miss Bessie McMillan, both of Fairmont, were married by Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth at his home, Eighth and Cedar streets. Mr. Bullock is one of South Robeson's most prosperous and highly respected citizens and Mrs. Bullock was one of Fairmont's most highly respected women. They returned to Fairmont immediately after the wedding had taken place and will be at home there to their friends.

Bladen County Couple Married Here Yesterday.

Mr. Arthur Allen and Miss Mary Hilburn, both of Bladen county, rushed into town yesterday morning and went direct to Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd's office, bought license and were soon made one, as Justice F. Grover Britt happened to be right on the scene. Quite a large number gathered themselves together to witness the ceremony. After Justice Britt had spoken the few words and asked the couple if they could experience any change in their state of feelings and they had replied no, they felt happy in the knowledge of the fact that they had two hearts both of which must forever beat as one. It was supposed to have been a runaway affair.

Primary Bill Adopted.

The Senate Monday night adopted the amended Hobgood-Weaver State-wide primary bill. This had passed the House a few minutes before and with its ratification Tuesday became the law for North Carolina.

The measure is State-wide as to State officials and United States Senator, district-wide as to congressional, judicial and State senatorial offices, county-wide except as to exempted counties for members of the House and county officers. Counties exempted can come in under the law when one-fifth of the voters so petition for an election and it is carried by the voters of that county.

—Messrs. Alfred Collins and Redmond Ivey of the Broad Ridge section are among the visitors in town today. They report the farmers on the "Ridge" almost ready to plant.

LEGISLATION FOR ROBESON

Acts Passed by 1915 Legislature Affecting Robeson County—Salaries County Officers Reduced—Office of County Treasurer Abolished at End of Present Term—4 Weeks of Criminal Court Lopped Off—Road Law Amended—Cotton Weighers and Graders.

Below is given a summary of the acts that affect Robeson generally passed by the recent Legislature:

To Protect Game.
Act to protect game in Robeson. This bill, which was introduced by Representative M. Shepherd, protects all kinds of game birds and fur-bearing animals during all the months of the year, squirrels included, except from November 15 to March 1. All persons who live outside the State will be required to pay a hunter's license of \$15 if they hunt in Robeson territory even during these months. The penalty for violating the game law was fixed at not over \$50 or 30 days in prison.

To Protect Fish.
An act to protect fish in the counties of Robeson, Hoke, Columbus and Scotland was introduced by Shepherd. This act provides that one can fish with hook and line at any season of the year and may set gill nets from October 1 to March 31. All other means of fishing will be a violation of the law, and the act includes all waters in these counties. This will also prohibit the drawing off of mill ponds for fishing with seines, gigs, etc. The penalty for violating this law was fixed at not over \$50 and not over \$10, or not more than 30 days or less than 10 days in prison.

The rural police force of Robeson will have a right to arrest anyone violating the fish law without warrants.

For Indian Normal.
A bill introduced by Representatives Shepherd and Sellers appropriates \$2,750 for the maintenance of the Indian Normal school located at Pates, near Pembroke, and \$2,000 for permanent improvement. This amount will be used for building a dormitory at the school.

Game Fund.
A bill introduced by Shepherd provides for the game fund now on hand, which amounts to \$323.30 to be transferred to the general county fund.

Abolish Office County Treasurer.
The bill to abolish the office of county treasurer after the present incumbent's time expires was introduced by Shepherd, the money to be handled either by the sheriff or some bank or trust company, but this bill was amended in the Senate so as to leave the money in the hands of the sheriff.

Number of Courts Reduced.
A bill introduced by Shepherd reduces the number of courts in Robeson four weeks during the calendar year. This cuts off 4 weeks of criminal court because recorders' courts make them unnecessary.

School Fund.
Bill introduced by Shepherd places the school fund under the direct control of the board of education. This fund has been heretofore under the direction of the board of county commissioners.

Rural Policemen.
A bill introduced by Representative Sellers provides that the same number of rural policemen shall be maintained by the county; that the salary be fixed at \$75 per month and they shall not receive any fees.

New Recorder's District.
A bill introduced by Sellers provides for a new recorder's district for St. Pauls, also that the recorders shall receive a certain fixed salary and not any fees, as they have been doing heretofore. The amount of the salaries for the various districts has not been learned.

Witness Fees.
A bill introduced by Senator McLeod provides that all necessary witnesses be paid on approval of presiding judge. Heretofore only two witnesses have been paid.

Road Law Changed.
A bill introduced by Senator McLeod changes the road law in Robeson as follows: Strikes out the free labor clause (the pole cat tax, as has been named), appropriates 9 cents on the \$100 of the road fund to the chain gangs. Only 6 cents on the \$100 has gone to the chain gang heretofore. It also provides that 2 cents on the \$100 of the road fund paid by each township shall remain in the township to keep up roads, this work to be let out to the lowest bidder.

Cotton Graders and Weighers.
The bill asked for by the Robeson Division of the Farmers' Union, introduced in the Senate by McLeod and in the House by Sellers, provides for a public cotton grader and weigher for Lumberton and Maxton. All cotton sold on these markets must be weighed and graded by the men

WARNED TO QUIT MEXICO

Americans Get Another Notice From Washington—Cruiser and Battleship Ordered to Vera Cruz—American Note Produces Good Effect.

Warnings to American citizens to leave Mexico has been reiterated by the State Department at Washington. Secretary Bryan announced Tuesday night that the United States Government would do what it could towards providing transportation for those who wanted to leave. Orders went forward to Rear Admiral Fletcher, commanding the Atlantic fleet, at Guantanamo, to send one cruiser and one battleship to Vera Cruz. A Washington dispatch last night states that the food situation in Mexico City continues serious but that the American note had produced a good effect.

Among the Sick.
Mr. R. W. Shelby, who had been confined to his room with grip for several days, was able to be out yesterday.

Miss Elizabeth Shelby has just recovered from an attack of scarlet fever.

At the Thompson hospital: Mr. R. L. Whittington of Hope Mills, a brother of Mrs. A. H. Hinds of Lumberton, was brought to the hospital Tuesday and Tuesday night underwent an operation for appendicitis. He is getting along nicely. Mrs. H. G. Jones underwent a serious operation yesterday. She is resting well today. Robert Glenn Lewis, son of Mrs. Martha L. Lewis of Moss Neck, who was recently brought to the hospital for treatment for a burn received by falling into a tub of hot water, was able to return home yesterday. Henry Gavin, colored, who, as was mentioned in Monday's Robesonian, fell off a wagon loaded with wood at the power house Saturday, underwent an operation at the hospital Sunday. His hip was somewhat bruised up, several muscles being torn loose. He is improving.

Notices of New Advertisements.
Opportunity is still knocking at your door at L. H. Caldwell's.

Things to try for your table; weekly recipe—J. H. Wishart.

Special arrangements at Thompson hospital for indigent poor.

Best and cheapest canner on the market—J. S. Thompson.

Lady-broke driving horse, buggy and harness for sale at bargain.

Best Jersey butter and guaranteed fresh eggs by parcel post.

Goose feather pillows for sale. Reward for return of lost bar pin.

See announcement of great educational campaign launched by The Robesonian.

Millinery opening March 17, 18 and 19—R. D. Caldwell & Son.

Legal notice of stock, notes and mortgage for sale—Bank of Pembroke.

Madam Eldon, palmist, is in Lumberton for a few days.

The "Quality Store," where only the best is bought—King Grocery Co.

Mary Pickford in Tess of the Storm Country at Pastime theatre tomorrow.

Fresh shad at Britt Grocery.

Germans Making Another Attempt on Russian Lines.

London Dispatch, 10th. Balked at other points, the Germans are making another attempt to break the Russian line in Northern Poland. They are advancing from Khorjele on the East Prussian frontier along the Orsz river and by the roads leading southward to Przasnysz. This is one of the routes they took in their great drive from East Prussia in February, which finally ended in their defeat at Przasnysz.

appointed. Mr. John Smith was appointed to do this work in Lumberton. There was also one appointed for Maxton, but his name has not been learned. All other towns that wish one appointed can get same by applying to the board of county commissioners, which has power to appoint same.

Salaries of County Officers.

The bill introduced by Shepherd in regard to reducing salaries of county officers passed, but was so amended in the Senate as to allow the county commissioners the power to increase each not over 5 per cent in their discretion. The reductions were given in The Robesonian some weeks ago, as follows: clerk of court from \$4,100 to \$3,500; register of deeds from \$4,300 to \$3,700; treasurer from \$2,400 to \$2,000; sheriff from \$4,800 to \$3,700; auditor from \$2,600 to \$2,250.

The bill as to superintendent of public instruction passed as follows: salary \$1,800, clerk hire \$900. The bill provides that the expenses of the superintendent shall not be paid by the county as heretofore.

The bill also provides that the salary of the jailer shall be reduced from \$65 per month to \$50, or \$600 the year.

"Beautility" Work by Civic Association.

The Civic Association of Lumberton is a live wire when it comes to doing things. Among the notable things recently done by this organization is the cleaning up of the plot about the artesian overflow near the Seaboard station. Messdames J. A. Sharpe, L. T. Townsend, and E. K. Proctor were appointed a committee to have this work done. Mrs. Sharpe being chairman of the committee. The grounds have been cleaned up nicely, flower beds sown and the plot fenced in with wire to keep intruders from tramping on the flower beds. The Association paid for this work, which in a few months this will make this one of the most attractive spots in Lumberton.

Easy to Get Back Into F. U. Locals.

Mr. Arrelia Smith, secretary-treasurer of Antioch Local of the Farmers' Union, was among the visitors in town yesterday. Mr. Smith asked The Robesonian to say that all who had ever been a member of that local can be members by paying their dues, \$1, for this year just as if they had always kept paid up. The next meeting of the local will be held Friday night, March 19. Here it might be added that this rule not only applies to Antioch Local, but all locals in the county. This offer is being made to make it easy for all old members to come back into the fold while times are strenuous.

Parham Gets 3 Years on Roads.

Richard Parham, the young white man who was charged with robbing F. H. Walters near St. Pauls some time ago, was given a trial Tuesday at Elizabethtown Superior Court and was sentenced to three years in prison, with privilege to the Bladen commissioners to hire him out. Parham was at first brought before the recorder's court in Lumberton district but when it was found that the alleged robbery occurred in Bladen county, he was sent to Elizabethtown for trial, as stated in Monday's Robesonian.

Mail Service Discontinued.

The pouch which has been made up at 12 o'clock noon and given to the Raleigh & Charleston freight to be delivered to the mail train at Marion and worked on the return trip has been discontinued. Cause: lack of patronage.

Paying 8 Cents for Cotton.

Mr. T. S. Greyherd of McDonalds has been buying cotton on the local market for Sprunt & Son of Wilmington. He bought 58 bales yesterday and paid 8 cents per pound for most of it.

—Mr. Scott Stone of McDonald was a Lumberton visitor yesterday and while here he suffered a severe attack of kidney colic, but was able to return home in the afternoon.

—As will be noticed from an announcement in this issue, The Robesonian is launching a campaign as a result of which the paper will give a trip to Washington to four Robeson county school teachers. Mr. W. K. Bethune is manager of the contest. Mr. Bethune's job as clerk to Mr. Godwin's committee on Reform in the Civil Service lasts only while Congress is in session; that is, he draws no pay while Congress is not in session, and as Congress adjourned on the 4th inst. Mr. Bethune is not drawing any salary from Uncle Sam now, hence he is free to devote his time to this special work for The Robesonian. See page announcement.

STATE NEWS

Newton H. Smith, a prominent citizen of Fayetteville, died at a hospital in that town Tuesday after 3 days illness with pneumonia.

Senator Hugh Chatham of Forsyth in an interview in yesterday's News and Observer says that Senator O. Max Gardner of Cleveland will without doubt be a candidate for Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina in the next primary.

The General Assembly of 1915 adjourned sine die at 10:30 o'clock Tuesday night, the gavel of the presiding officers of the Senate and House, President Daughtridge and Speaker Bowie, falling simultaneously to proclaim that event.

Arrested at Rocky Mount Tuesday because he displayed an unusual amount of money for a negro boy not 14 years old, Will Hollowell confessed that he and 3 other negroes robbed the postoffice at West Durham last week and that the four were in the city to rob the safe of the Rocky Mount Savings & Trust Co. Tuesday night. His confession led to the arrest of 3 other negroes—Nat Thornton, Arthur Haywood and Jas. Rouse, alias Jesse Turner alias Jas. Robertson—who were also arrested and upon who was found certain property taken from the West Durham postoffice.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. M. N. Culbreth of route 1 from Raynham was among the visitors in town yesterday. Mr. Culbreth got on the "God-blessed" list by paying his subscription a year in advance.

—Mr. E. J. Dean of the Center section had his tonsils removed by Dr. R. S. Beam yesterday. Mr. Willie Bullock of the Back Swamp section also had his removed recently by Dr. Beam. Both are getting along nicely.

—Special rates to Lumberton on account of the county commencement April 9 over the V. & C. S. are being published in The Robesonian today. Special rates over the other roads no doubt will be announced soon. That is going to be a big day.

—One of the finest Famous Players feature pictures that has been offered to Lumberton motion picture lovers will be shown at the Pastime theatre tomorrow afternoon and evening when Mary Pickford in "Tess of the Storm Country" will be offered in five reels.

—After evading the officers since last June, Frank Stephens, colored, wanted for stealing a bicycle belonging to Mr. Daniel Webster here last June, was arrested at Laurinburg Tuesday and brought to jail here Tuesday night. The officers now fail to find the owner of the bicycle.

—In the recorder's court proceedings published in a recent issue of The Robesonian it was stated that Geo. McNeill was tried for being drunk and disorderly. This was true, but Mr. Geo. L. McNeill of Lumberton asks The Robesonian to say that he is not the "George," as some seem to think.

—And they say the pantalette style has come. Folk who gaped at the Pastime theatre the other night when a couple of maidens fair tripped out to meet their young lovers with most "beauteous" ruffled pantalettes showing below their frocks as plain as plain may see that sight so often in the days to come that there will be no gasps left.

—Mr. F. A. Crabtree, manager of the Thompson hotel, seems to be making a hit with the traveling public. In one of his lectures during the festival last week Dr. Sears spoke right out in meeting and said that that young man was the most accommodating and obliging hotel man he had ever struck and that he hoped he'd run the new hotel when it is built.

—Mayor and Mrs. A. E. White left yesterday morning for New York, where they will spend a week or ten days. They stopped yesterday in Richmond, where they were joined this morning by Mr. Frank Gough who left last night, who will accompany them to New York, where Messrs. White & Gough will purchase goods for their large department store.

—Now a lady's fancy just naturally turns to thoughts of hats. As will be seen from their advertisement elsewhere in this issue, Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son will have their millinery opening Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week, when the newest styles will be on display in their millinery department. Miss Josephine Breece's opening will begin next Wednesday and last through the week.

—The big "stock reduction sale" of L. H. Caldwell goes merrily on, as will be seen from his half-page ad in today's paper. This sale, which was opened several weeks ago, has proven a great surprise even to Mr. Caldwell, as even more people have been benefitted by taking advantage of the low prices offered than he expected would be. This sale will close April 6th, and it will be to your interest to visit this bargain emporium if you have not already done so.

—Mr. N. H. Jones, Jr., has been appointed registrar for the election to be held April 8, to decide whether or not the power plant now owned by the town will be sold to the Yackin River Power Co. As was mentioned in a recent issue of The Robesonian, Mr. Douglas McLean was first appointed, but since that time has left for Florida. The books will be found in Messrs. Townsend Brothers store, and if you expect to vote in this election you had better not put off registering.

—Dr. Stirewalt, assistant medical director of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Co. of Greensboro, spent Tuesday and yesterday in the office of Dr. W. A. McPhaul examining free of charge people of this section who hold policies in that company. Many people from the country came to town to be examined. Dr. Stirewalt will be at Red Springs today and tomorrow and at Maxton Saturday and Monday for the same purpose. This is in pursuance of the recently-adopted plan of this company to examine its policy holders at intervals and help to keep them well.