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NEW HOTEL TO COST \$30,000

Mr. H. H. Anderson Will Erect Handsome Modern Hotel Building Corner Chestnut and Second Streets—New Hotel Will be of Brick, 3 Stories, 40 Rooms, and Will be Equipped With All Modern Conveniences—Old Buildings Being Torn Away and Work on New Building Will Begin At Once.

At last things look bright for Lumberton in the way of a new and up-to-date hotel. Already Mr. H. H. Anderson is placing brick on the grounds for the erection of a \$30,000 hotel on his lot, corner of Chestnut and Second streets. The old wooden stable buildings have been torn down and actual work will be begun on the building at an early date. The plans, which are being drawn by Mr. J. M. Russell, a local architect, have not been completed, but the building will be a three-story, 45 x 100 feet, and will have about 40 rooms. An electric elevator will be put in and each room will be fitted with electric lights and running water, steam heat and telephone, and practically every room will be connected with private bath room. This lot is well located and makes an ideal site for the kind of a hotel that Mr. Anderson will erect. It is expected that the building will be ready in 6 months.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson moved to Lumberton Monday from Fair Bluff and will board at the home of Dr. and Mrs. B. W. Page till the hotel is completed, when they will move to the new building. Lumberton gladly welcomes both Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and also welcomes the new hotel.

ROWLAND ELECTION

D. D. McLaurin Re-elected Mayor Over W. D. McCallum, the Regular Nominee.

Special to The Robesonian. Rowland, May 6.—In the election held here yesterday Mr. D. D. McLaurin, the present mayor, was elected mayor over Mr. W. D. McCallum, the regular nominee, by a vote of 49 to 40. There were many people who believed that it would not be long to elect a new mayor until the public improvements now going on are completed; they, therefore ran Mr. McLaurin as an independent candidate and he was elected as above stated.

Messrs. E. M. Hines, R. S. Dickson, C. D. Smith and A. W. Walker, the candidates nominated by the convention, were elected without opposition.

An unusually large vote was polled.

HOW MANY ACRES TO WHEAT

All Who Have Planted Wheat in Robeson Are Asked to Let No. of Acres be Known.

Mr. D. H. Britt of the Back Swamp section, president of the Robeson Division of the Farmers' Union, was among the visitors in town yesterday. Mr. Britt thinks it very essential that the number of acres of wheat planted in Robeson be made known in order that some arrangements for milling may be made. He thinks the best way to find this out is for all who have any wheat planted to inform The Robesonian of the amount. That is a good idea and The Robesonian will be pleased to have a letter from every farmer in the county who has planted any wheat giving the number of acres and the prospects for yields, etc.

Town Election Confirms Nominations

But little interest was taken in the general town election held Monday, this being of course only necessary to confirm the nominations made in the primary of April 27. In the election Monday 120 votes were cast each for Mayor A. E. White and Chief of Police H. H. Redfern; 116 each for Messrs. A. S. King, K. M. Barnes and W. S. Wishart, the nominees for town commissioner; 114 each for Messrs. L. R. Varsar, C. V. Brown and G. L. Thompson, the nominees for school trustees; 110 each for Messrs. Frank Gough, W. S. Britt and H. M. McAllister, nominees for the board of audit and finance. The total vote polled in the primary was 407.

Airship Passes Over Lumberton?

A number of people declare they saw an airship pass over the eastern part of town yesterday evening just after sunset. Mrs. Mathew Spano saw the aircraft and called the attention of Mr. Frank Wishart, who was passing along the street, and he says it was a sure-enough ship floating through the air. Those who saw it say it looked to be about 400 feet up in the air and the bottom was shaped like a boat—one of the kind that starts on the waters, no doubt. No one seems to have learned who was on board, where they started from or where they expected to spend the night. Lucky for the town no bomb was dropped hereabouts. The ship came from the south and was going northward.

IMPROVEMENTS ORDERED

Town Commissioners, Acting on Suggestions Made by Ladies of Civic Association, Pass Orders for Improvements—Work That Will Make Certain Sections of Town More Beautiful and Sanitary—Ladies of Civic Association Active.

At a meeting of the town commissioners a few days ago the following ordinances were adopted: The public closets on the banks of the river behind the town hall must be removed and replaced with automatic flush toilets to be placed under the town hall.

The town stables must be painted white.

A retaining wall will be erected along the side of water street and wire fence placed along the water's edge.

An overflow well is to be placed at the river's side and cement steps made leading down to the well.

The billboard on Water street, near the town hall is to be removed.

A committee composed of Messrs. V. P. McAllister, Jas. D. Proctor and L. C. Townsend were appointed to see that these orders are carried out. Work will begin at an early date.

The Civic Association is responsible for steps being taken for the improvements mentioned above. A committee composed of Mesdames J. A. Sharpe (chairman), R. D. Caldwell and L. T. Townsend of the Civic League presented the recommendations to the commissioners.

The Civic Association also asked the commissioners to continue to clean up on the left-hand side of the suspension bridge at the foot of Fifth street and to clean up on the right-hand side. The commissioners have pledged their co-operation to the Civic Association.

The Civic Association has done a lot in the last few weeks towards cleaning up the town and the people owe a great deal to that organization. The ladies have had the cemetery on Elm street cleaned up and the trunks of the trees white-washed, which improves the looks of things a lot. Mayor White has received a check for \$5 from Mr. J. W. Carter of Maxton to help defray the expense incurred in cleaning up the cemetery. Mr. Carter has two sisters buried there.

If all will pull together and help the ladies out in their good work Lumberton will be made the cleanest town in the State.

BUIE NEWS BATCH

Philadelphia School and Community—Lonesome With School Closed—Spring Hill School Closes—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Buie, May 5.—The Philadelphia high school came to a close last Friday, and things look pretty lonesome around P. H. S. The teachers of his school the past year deserves credit for the great work they have done towards the higher advancement of education in this community; and not only they, but the progressive people that live in this community have made Philadelphia what it is today. The committee of his school is composed of men who believe in the very best to be had of everything, and under their guiding hand Philadelphia has been made one of the best rural schools in the State.

Mrs. J. F. McKay, J. B. Humphrey and Walter McMillan were Lumberton visitors Monday.

Messrs. I. T. Brown and Paisley McMillan of the Philadelphia community spent Friday in Lumberton.

Misses Lauri and Kitty Jones and Miss Mabel Currie, together with Messrs. Willie McKay, W. H. Brown and Sam McKay, attended commencement exercises of Spring Hill high school near Wagram, Friday night, which was fine in every respect. Mr. H. E. Stacey of Lumberton delivered the literary address, and as Mr. Stacey is known as Robeson's finest orator, there was a treat for these people.

MOTHERS' DAY AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

In honor the Memory of Mother by Wearing a White Flower Next Sunday.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. For several years the second Sunday in May has been observed as "Mothers' Day" in many quarters, and there are indications that the beautiful custom is about to become universal. The celebration of the day is very simple, on the part of each individual the wearing of a white flower as a symbol of womanly sweetness and purity, and on the part of churches and Sunday schools appropriate reference to the holy relation of motherhood. The day will be appropriately observed next Sunday at the First Baptist church. All persons who come will be requested to wear the flower, and to enter heartily into the spirit of the occasion. The sermon will not be a sermon to mothers but a sermon about mothers. If your life has been blessed by a good mother, use this occasion as one in which to revive sweet and hallowed memories.

PARKTON PARAGRAPHS

Hail Storm Does Considerable Damage—Commencement Begins Tomorrow Night and Closes Tuesday Night of Next Week—Then Follows Fayetteville District Conference—Entertainment Committee Up Against a Problem—Marriage of Miss Bernice Luther of Fayetteville and Mr. D. H. McCormick.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Parkton, May 4.—Our town was visited by a hail storm this afternoon about 3:30 o'clock but not much damage was done right in town or nearby, but we learn that a few miles above the cotton fields were almost totally ruined, and we hear of many farmers who will plant over their crops. The wind was quite strong, blowing down several green trees up near McNott's. We never saw larger hail stones fall, some near the size of eggs.

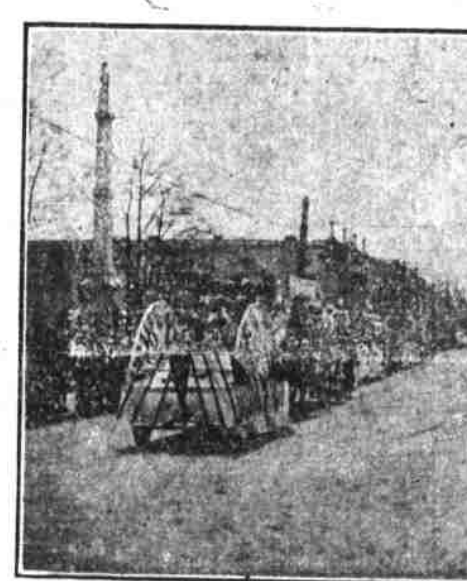
Commencement is fast approaching. Friday night will be the first of the exercises with the intermediate grades, which will be no doubt largely attended. Sermon Sunday morning at 11 by Rev. W. B. McCormick.



County Commencement at Lumberton April 9, 1915, showing small children in Parade.

Ilwano of the Presbyterian church of Maxon, literary address Monday, 10th, at 11 a. m. by Dr. Chas. Lee Hoper of Chapel Hill, dean of the graduate school of the State University. Monday afternoon at 2:30, baseball game, Parkton vs Fairmont, which promises to be an interesting game. (These crack teams played a double-header last week on Fairmont's diamond which resulted in a victory for each team. Monday night will be debate night, and Tuesday night the commencement closes with the high school.

On Monday night the Fayetteville district conference will convene in the M. E. church. Rev. J. H. Shore of Dunn will preach the introductory sermon. There have been about 120 visitors booked for our little town. Now this means something for a town of this size.



Scene Showing Parade at County Commencement at Lumberton April 9, 1915.

The size of Parkton and the lodging committee is getting busy. Of course the conference will be entertained. Denominations are not to be considered in these religious conditions, and are not by intelligent Christian men and women, but by the tight wads. They remind us of the sponge that Mr. Varsar was telling of in the last issue of The Robesonian. If you get anything out of them you have to squeeze it out. So much for the tight wads—and the world rocks on.

Mr. H. C. McMillan is repainting his beautiful residence, which is a beauty.

A grand stand at the ball park is being fast erected and will be ready for use Monday if not Friday. Galatia is expected to cross bats with the locals here Friday evening.

Mr. D. H. McCormick, one of our very best and accomplished young men, went over into Cumberland this afternoon in company with his brother Pemberton and Miss Queenie Luther, sister of the bride and was united in marriage to Miss Bernice Luther of Fayetteville. We extend many congratulations to these happy young people.

Snakes have made their appearance. Mr. L. E. Hughes killed a large pilot in his garden this week.

SADDLE TREE TOPICS

With the Farmers—Commencement of Saddle Tree Graded School—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Saddle Tree (Lumberton, R. 2), May 5.—Most of the farmers are through planting and are now waiting for seasons to set their tobacco.

Messrs. W. H. and Bruce Farmer spent last Sunday on Saddle Tree. Mr. Martin Powell and sister, Miss Hattie, attended the Raft Swamp commencement last week.

Mr. Dan Regan and Miss Margaret Johnson spent a few hours in Lumberton Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. W. H. Powell spent Thursday morning in Lumberton.

Saddle Tree graded school closed with the commencement exercises Thursday night, Friday and Friday night. The primary grades gave a concert Thursday night which was very good. Friday morning Mr. M. N. Folger from Lumberton made a short talk. Mrs. Folger was one of our former teachers. Then a picnic.

AN ERROR CORRECTED

On page 17, third section, of this edition, will be found an excellent article under the caption "Robeson Leads State in Progress During Past Ten Years." This article was written by Mr. L. E. Blanchard, Robeson county farm demonstrator. Too late to correct the mistake in the proper place it was discovered that his name had been omitted as author of the article. This is regretted and attention is called to the matter in this way to make what amends it is possible to make for the omission. Mr. Blanchard's article is one of the best in the entire edition.

MEMORIAL DAY MAY 10

Regular Annual Meeting of Veterans of Camp Willis H. Pope Will be Held in Lumberton—Dinner Will be Served by Daughters of Confederacy—Exercises by Children of Confederacy.

Confederate veterans, members of Camp Willis H. Pope, will hold their annual meeting in Lumberton on Memorial Day, May 10, Monday of next week. As is their custom on this day every year, the ladies of the Robeson Chapter, U. D. C., will serve dinner for the veterans.

Immediately after the transaction of the business of the Camp, the following program of exercises will be rendered by the Alfred Rowland Chapter, Children of the Confederacy.

Music—Tramp, Tramp Tramp the Boys are Marching. "The Death of Mrs. Stonewall Jackson," by Miss Marie Russell. Music—Dixie—by Alfred Rowland Chapter. Benediction by Rev. Wesley Thompson, Chaplain of the Camp.

Commander J. A. McAllister has issued the following order: Headquarters, Camp Willis H. Pope, Lumberton, N. C., May 5th, 1915.

You are called to assemble in regular annual meeting on Memorial Day, May 10th, 1915, at 11 o'clock a. m.

The meeting is important as we must appoint delegates to the Annual Reunion in Richmond and a full attendance is desired.

After the business meeting, dinner will be served as usual by the ladies, members of Robeson Chapter U. D. C.

By order of J. A. McALLISTER, Commander.

M. G. McKENZIE, Adjutant.

Recorder's Court

The following cases have been disposed of before Recorder E. M. Britt:

Charlie Jones was found guilty of stealing a pair of shoes from Townsend Bros. Saturday night and sentenced to 10 months on the county roads.

Truss McNeill, charged with being drunk and disorderly on the streets, was found guilty. Judgment was continued on good behavior with payment of cost.

Lacy Rhodes, a white boy whose father lives out in the country, was before the recorder charged with vagrancy. The evidence brought out at the trial was that young Rhodes was persuaded by some negroes to leave home and come to Lumberton, where they were going to board the train and go to Wilmington to pick strawberries, but when they got to Lumberton they left young Rhodes. He was given 30 days on the county roads. This sentence was changed to payment of cost provided he would return home to his father.

Among the Sick

An infant child of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Sanderson has been very ill with pneumonia for several days.

At the Thompson hospital: Miss Evelyn Sentelle, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. R. E. Sentelle, underwent an operation this morning for appendicitis and is getting along nicely. Miss Quessie Prevatt, of the Back Swamp section, underwent an operation yesterday and is getting along nicely. Miss Lizzie Prevatt and Mrs. H. G. Bullock, both of whom underwent operations 3 weeks ago for gall stones, were able to return to their homes in Lumberton yesterday.

Mrs. N. A. McLean went Tuesday to Wilmington to attend a meeting of Colonial Dames yesterday and today, and yesterday developed a case of diphtheria. A letter received this morning, which was written yesterday afternoon, stated that it was thought Mrs. McLean would be better today.

Civil court next week. The calendar is published elsewhere in this issue.

The county commissioners will meet again Monday, May 24, for the purpose of transacting some business they were unable to get to Monday.

Middling cotton today 8 3-8 cents today. In Monday's Robesonian the price of middling cotton was reported to have been 9 3-4, when it should have been 8 3-4.

WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

Issued by the U. S. Weather Bureau, Washington, D. C., for the Week Beginning Wednesday, May 5, 1915.

For South Atlantic and East Gulf States: The weather will be fair the greater portion of the time with somewhat lower temperatures for a day or two over the interior districts. There is some prospect of showers in a day or so over the East Gulf States.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

License has been issued for the marriage of Mr. Henry Bullard and Miss Mary Surles, both of route 1 from Orrum.

The Ten Mile public school will close Friday, May 14, with an all day picnic. There will be an educational address at 11 a. m. The public is invited.

A majority of the stores of Lumberton began May 1 closing at 6 o'clock evenings. That is a fact well to keep in mind when one has shopping to do.

Messrs. Robert and Clarence Collins and their families, who moved from Lumberton to Fayetteville some months ago, are moving this week back to Lumberton.

Messrs. Hezzie Phillips and D. F. Parker, of Orrum, route 1, are among the visitors in town today. They report the farmers down that way through getting tobacco.

Messrs. O. L. Henley and J. S. Oliver of Marietta were among the visitors in town Tuesday. They report fine rains down that way, and much putting out of the "weed". As has been its custom for the past five years the Pastime theatre finished this week entertaining the classes and teachers of the graded school. The school is entertained twice the year at the Pastime.

The Lumbee tent number 18 of the K. O. T. M. will hold its regular meeting Wednesday evening, May 12, instead of Tuesday evening, May 11, as was given out. This is done on account of the Masons, who will use the hall Tuesday evening.

Messrs. J. A. Nye, E. M. and J. S. Floyd and Mrs. H. L. Floyd and daughter, Miss Lula, of the Nye section are among the visitors in town today. They came over in Mr. Nye's auto. They report the farmers of that section all through setting tobacco.

Dr. John Knox, who returned recently from a hospital near Baltimore, where he was under treatment for some time, has sufficiently regained strength to resume his practice. After being out for some time his professional card appears in The Robesonian again today.

Mr. C. V. Brown went last night to Rocky Mount to attend this afternoon the funeral of a close personal friend, Mr. J. W. Aycock, who died yesterday morning. Deceased was cashier of the Planters' National Bank of Rocky Mount, in which bank Mr. Brown formerly was employed.

Mr. Tillman C. Britt, who had been a student at Dell school, Sampson county, passed through town Tuesday en route to the home of his father, Mr. Nathan Britt, who lives on route 1 from Orrum. Mr. Britt finished high school work this year and will enter Wake Forest College in the fall.

Invitations have been received by friends here to a voice recital which will be given at Meredith College, Raleigh, Saturday afternoon, May 8, at 5 o'clock by Miss Mildred McIntyre, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. McIntyre of Lumberton. Miss McIntyre is a pupil for graduation of the Meredith College School of Music.

While making his rounds during the wee sma' hours one night recently Night Policeman J. B. Boyle heard something in the grocery store of Messrs. Gilmore & Martin, Elm street, which he was sure was a robbery. Mr. Boyle stationed himself for the purpose of arresting the intruder, when he left the building, but later learned it was only rats on the inside of the building.

Mr. W. B. Cooper, of Wilmington, one of the biggest business men in the State, who is president of a number of business enterprises in and about Wilmington, among them being a large fertilizer concern, was among the business visitors in town yesterday. Mr. Cooper says his plant only sold about half the amount of fertilizer this year that it did last. Mr. Cooper thinks the business outlook is growing brighter.

In remitting \$1.50 to pay his subscription for the year 1915, Mr. E. K. Stone of Lockhart, Fla., a former Robesonian, says he has been gone from his native county 22 years, but still enjoys reading The Robesonian very much, as it is almost like getting a letter from home to receive a copy. Mr. Stone is among a large number of Robesonians who have gone out into different parts of the world that enjoy the semi-weekly visits of the old reliable Robesonian.