

MR. N. H. JONES PASSES

End Came Yesterday at Noon—He Had Suffered With Heart Trouble for Some Weeks and Death Was Not Unexpected—Funeral Tomorrow at 11 A. M.—Other Deaths.

Mr. N. H. Jones died at his home, Water and Third streets, yesterday at 12:30 p. m. after an illness of several weeks. He had been suffering with heart trouble and his death was not unexpected.

Mr. Jones was born on March 17, 1870, and was, therefore, nearly 46 years of age, and spent practically all his life in Lumberton. He was the oldest son of the late N. H. Jones, who died last June. He had been for a number of years book-keeper for Townsend Brothers and was most popular with a large circle of friends both in Lumberton and in the surrounding country.

The funeral will be conducted from the residence tomorrow at 11 o'clock a. m. by Rev. Chas. L. Greaves, pastor of the First Baptist church, of which deceased was a member. Interment will be made in Meadowbrook cemetery.

In the death of Mr. Jones Lumberton loses a valued and highly respected citizen.

Mrs. Flora A. Smith Passed Away This Morning—Funeral Tomorrow at 3:30 P. M.

Mrs. Flora A. Smith died at her home, Sixth and Pine streets, this morning at 8:55 o'clock. Mrs. Smith suffered a stroke of apoplexy last Monday afternoon, which was the immediate cause of her death. Deceased was 60 years of age. She is survived by five children—three sons, Mr. Jno. W. Smith of Charleston, S. C., Mr. Gaston G. Smith of Florence, S. C., and Mr. Roy Smith of Lumberton, and two daughters—Mrs. R. C. Birmingham of Lumberton and Mrs. W. E. Tomlinson of Quincy, Fla.—besides a number of brothers and sisters. All of Mrs. Smith's children were with her when she died.

FARM DEMONSTRATOR AND INDUSTRIAL AGENT

V. & C. S. Railroad Employs Man to Teach Farmers Along Its Lines in Robeson, Bladen and Cumberland Counties How to Grow and Market Cantaloupes, Watermelons, Irish Potatoes and Other Like Crops.

The Robesonian is informed by Mr. A. W. McLean, president and general manager of the Virginia & Carolina Southern Railroad, that the railroad has employed Mr. W. P. Gilchrist of Scotland county as its farm demonstrator and industrial agent, for the purpose of showing all who live in the territory contiguous to the lines of the V. & C. S., in Robeson, Bladen and Cumberland counties how to grow and market cantaloupes, watermelons, Irish potatoes and other like crops.

Already a large number of prominent farmers in this section have signified their intention of planting cantaloupes and watermelons. On account of the serious condition confronting the cotton and tobacco crops it seems imperatively necessary that some new products be grown in this section. The farmers in Scotland county have been making a large amount of money growing cantaloupes and watermelons and last year their success was even greater than usual.

From the Government bulletins it appears that this ought to be a good year to raise Irish potatoes, as the crop was very short for the past season and there seems to be a big demand for potatoes now at high prices. There is one advantage in planting Irish potatoes, and that is it does not interfere with the successful growing of corn on the same land for the same year—in other words two crops can be grown successfully.

Mr. Gilchrist will make his headquarters in Lumberton and he would like to hear from all who are interested in growing these new crops. A request made to him at Lumberton will receive prompt attention, and he will call on the parties interested at an early date. It is necessary that potatoes be planted by the middle of February, or earlier.

Messrs. Geo. B. Wilson and H. Diehrich, expert accountants of the firm of Geo. B. Wilson & Co., of Charlotte are auditing the books in the office of the town clerk and treasurer. This company also has an office in Richmond, Va.

POULTRY ASSOCIATION MEETS

Work Divided Into Four Separate Departments—Earnest Effort Will Be Made to Have Creditable County Exhibit Next Fall—Premium List Will Be Given Out This Spring—Officers Elected.

In accordance with a call, a good number met at the court house on last Thursday night with the Robeson Poultry Association.

After attending to the regular routine of business the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: president, V. D. Baker, vice president, Frank Gough; secretary-treasurer, Ed. B. Freeman.

After a free discussion on various subjects of interest to the association it was unanimously decided to divide the work of the association for the coming season into four distinct departments, as follows: poultry, farm products, live stock and ladies' department.

A committee was appointed on each of the above departments whose duty it will be to work up interest in that distinctive department. The organization is going to make an earnest effort to have an exhibit this coming fall that will be a credit to the county, and to this end we ask the co-operation of every good citizen to lend us their aid.

There will doubtless be those who are interested more in one department than another and for this reason we give the names of the different committees in order that those interested or who may become interested can see these parties and get any information regarding any department they may desire to give special attention.

Poultry—Rev. W. D. Comb, B. Sam Edwards, J. A. Carlyle. Farm products—Frank Gough, J. A. Carlyle. Live stock—W. O. Thompson, W. G. Nance, M. W. Floyd. To solicit premiums—W. O. Thompson, M. F. Caldwell. Ladies' department—Mrs. H. T. Pope.

Would like to say that the last-named department will cover canned goods, fancy needle work, domestic science display, and other branches where the ladies may see fit to put on display. We were gratified to have a goodly number of ladies present on the above occasion, which is added proof that our coming exhibit will be a success.

We hope to have the premium list out early this spring so that those who may wish to compete for the premiums offered may have ample time to do so. We expect to have an attractive list of premiums; something that will make the competitors "sit up and take notice".

Everyone who attended the exhibit here last fall pronounced it a success, but we want to exceed this effort. We can do it, so let us all as loyal citizens come together and show the outside world what old Robeson can grow. We want to convince the most skeptical that we have the best and most resourceful county in the State.

We will appreciate any assistance from any one in helping to make a great success of this effort, so keep it in mind and see the members of the different departments and give them any information you can as to what you may intend doing as to getting something ready for exhibition.

Log Caused Wreck on V. & C. S. Three trucks loaded with logs belonging to the Kingsdale Lumber Corporation were wrecked on the V. & C. S. road between Powersville and Bee Gee Thursday night. The trucks were being drawn with a number of others by the lumber company's engine and a log fell off on the track and caused the wreck. The three trucks were piled up on the track, which caused V. & C. S. passenger train No. 65, due here at 6:20 p. m., to come in three and a half hours late. The passenger train carries a telephone attachment and news of the wreck was sent to Lumberton. Automobiles went to Powersville and brought the passengers on to Lumberton. The only damage done was to the three trucks and the track thrown out of line.

Clyburnville Local Reorganized

Clyburnville Local of the Farmers' Union was re-organized here Friday night. The following officers were elected: president, W. P. Barker; vice-president, J. A. Sharpe; secretary-treasurer, F. Grover Britt; door keeper, M. G. McKenzie. Mr. W. K. Culbreth, county organizer was here and perfected the re-organization. All who wish to join this Local are urged to meet in the court house Friday afternoon of this week at 3 o'clock. There are a number of farmers near town who formerly belonged to this Local. They can be members again by paying their regular yearly dues.

Tobacco Warehouse Company Elects Officers—Success of Market Conceded.

The stockholders of the Farmers Tobacco Warehouse Co. held a meeting Thursday afternoon. The following officers were elected: president, K. M. Barnes; secretary-treasurer, W. O. Thompson; directors, K. M. Barnes, W. O. Thompson, D. H. Britt, Sr., C. V. Brown, K. M. Biggs, L. H. Caldwell, H. M. McAllister. It is now conceded that Lumberton will be one of the best tobacco markets in the South Carolina belt the coming season.

NO GROUCHY MAN WAS THERE

Oyster Supper Given by the Mayor and Town Fathers for the Fire Boys was an Evening of Rare Pleasure—Capt. J. D. McNeill, President of State Firemen's Association, Made a Rousing Address. There Were Other Speakers and Those Present Were Fortunate.

Invitations stated that the mayor and city fathers would give a "little oyster supper" at the town hall Thursday evening for the fire boys, but there was nothing in the wording of the invitation to suggest that it would be such a great occasion. True, one might have gotten some idea of what was in store from the wording of the invitation, which commanded, "Come and be happy; stay away and die with the grouchy; turn the loose on that sour disposition". But while everybody expected an evening of pleasure nobody was prepared for such a rousing good time.

From the hour when Mayor White "sounded the alarm" to cut to the moment, more than two hours later, when the mayor had just started a few parting remarks and was interrupted by an alarm which the crowd took to be a fire alarm and which served to bring the meeting to a close, though it turned out to be nothing more than the phone bell, the fun was fast and furious; and the alarm served to show how quick the boys had slid down the pole before the alarm had ceased to sound.

After oysters galore, prepared after the manner of an adept at the are by Mrs. W. S. Wishart, assisted by Mrs. J. L. Williams, and "turned on" by Chief J. P. Townsend, had been put away by the 50 healthy men, Mayor White, with a few appropriate remarks about Lumberton, one of the best towns anywhere, its churches, schools, white way, and its fire company, "composed of men of character," introduced the principal speaker, Capt. J. D. McNeill of Fayetteville, the well-known and popular president of the State Firemen's Association. The mayor waxed poetic in introducing the speaker.

If he drinks from cut glass And rides in his Packard so fast It is from Lumberton he be, If he drinks from a gourd And rides in a Ford, He is from Fayetteville, N. C. Capt. McNeill admitted coming part of the way in a Ford, because he got in a wreck on the V. & C. S., and had to be helped out of a hole, but he declared that he came from the garden of Eden, at that.

Capt. McNeill's address was a gem, though he said it was not an address but just a little talk. Every moment of it was enjoyed. He paid glowing tribute to the fire boys, to their unselfish heroism which more than matches the heroism displayed on fields of battle by soldiers. To the fire-fighting lads no monuments are erected, no bands sign their praises in undying verse, but Capt. McNeill showed in words of burning eloquence that their heroism and unselfish service are unmatched, and deserve to be sung wherever deeds of valor are mentioned. He gave his hearers a new and broader conception of the worth of the men who offer their services to fight the most inhuman of foes, and no one could hear him without feeling a deeper appreciation of the service rendered by these brave volunteers. He related instances of heroism that thrilled his audience, and declared that the fire boys of Lumberton were ready to perform similar deeds should occasion arise.

Capt. McNeill said he wanted Mayor White to attend the approaching meeting of mayors in Newbern and Chief Townsend to attend the State Firemen's convention in Raleigh, for at these meetings important matters that would affect every town were to be considered.

Supt. R. E. Sentele of the graded school, Revs. I. P. Hedgpath, C. L. Greaves, J. F. Gorrell and W. B. North, Messrs. Frank Gough, W. S. Britt and J. D. Proctor and Dr. N. A. Thompson were called upon by Mayor White in the order named and each one responded with remarks appropriate to the occasion, each expressing appreciation for the unselfish and efficient service rendered the town by the fire boys. Nearly every one, too, had some joke to tell—the remarks were all rare and spicy.

The weather outside was not as pleasant and lovely as one could wish, but "it is always fair weather when good fellows get together" and this was a gathering of good fellows. And all were indebted to Mayor White, the town fathers and the fire boys for a most delightful evening.

Sow With 26 Pigs

People from different sections of the county have reported heavy pigs to The Robesonian, but up to this time nobody has reported more pigs in one family than Rev. J. I. Stone, who lives on route 4 from Lumberton. Mr. Stone says while down on Waxmaw swamp, near the coast, one day recently he saw one sow that had raised 26 pigs to the age of 4 months. While it is supposed that this particular sow is the real mother of all the pigs, this cannot be ascertained. The owner told Mr. Stone that the sow was in the swamp and came up with that number of pigs following her when they looked to have been about 4 days old. They all looked like they might have been brothers and sisters. However, the sow proved a mother, as she has raised all the 26 pigs to be 4 months old.

DEATH OF PRESTON LOCKLEAR

One of the Leaders Among Indians or Robeson, Died Friday—Funeral Yesterday Was Attended by Large Crowd Reported for The Robesonian.

Preston Locklear, one of the Indian leaders among the Indians of Robeson, died Friday afternoon at 6 o'clock at his home in Smith's township, near Wakullah. The funeral, took place, yesterday at 11 o'clock. It was conducted from the home and interment was made in the family burying grounds, near the residence. The services were conducted by Rev. O. R. Sampson, assisted by Rev. Z. B. Brooks and Rev. Gilbert Locklear. The occasion was a most impressive one and was witnessed by several hundred people, among them being a large number of white folks, which evidenced the respect entertained for deceased. Preston was a good Indian and bore this reputation by all who knew him.

Decceased is survived by his wife, ten sons and two daughters. The sons are Plyler, Utley, G. W. Patrick, Harley, Daniel, Preston, Jr., Harrington, Gaston and Leak; all of whom reside in the county. The daughters are Mrs. John Bullard and Mrs. R. H. Lowrey, both living near Pembroke. Wade Locklear, another son, died about two years ago and still another son died in infancy, making in all a family of twelve sons and two daughters.

The pallbearers were A. S. Locklear, W. D. Oxendine, Wellington Wilkins, E. M. Dial, E. B. Locklear, W. C. Davis, J. J. Chavis and W. E. Locklear. The pallbearers were all members of the Confederate Order of Red Men, of which order deceased was an honorary member, and they all wore costumes of the order.

Decceased had been in poor health for the past year and his death was not unexpected. Preston Locklear was born March 16, 1839, and was therefore 77 years old. He was born in the county and had lived here all his life. He was deeply interested in education and always took an active part in anything that pertained to the advancement and uplift of his race. It was Preston Locklear that made the first move for separate schools for the Indian and negro races in Robeson county. Just after the Civil War, while serving as trustee of a local school for Indians and negroes, in Smith's township, he went before the township school committee, which was composed of John Walker, Angus Leach, Wm. Stewart and Matthew Locklear, and succeeded in getting the races separated in his township, and later he aided Mr. Hamilton McMillan, while in the Legislature, to get separate schools for his race throughout the county. He served as one of the first trustees of the Indian Normal at Pembroke, being appointed by the Legislature. Preston had the distinction of being the father of the only practicing Indian physician in the county, Dr. G. W. Locklear of Pembroke.

Among those from Lumberton who attended the funeral were Senator Geo. B. McLeod, Messrs. C. M. Fuller, H. H. Anderson, C. M. Barker and W. K. Bethune.

STEALING COTTON

Negroes Bought to Jail Saturday Night From St. Pauls to be Tried On That Charge—Others May be Arrested. Sheriff R. E. Lewis brought 9 negroes to jail from St. Pauls Saturday night. Last night another was brought on the same charge of stealing cotton. There is still another in jail in Fayetteville, and still there may be others to come. The negroes are charged with getting four bales of ginned cotton and a quantity of seed cotton from the St. Pauls gin. The negro arrested at Fayetteville carried the cotton to market there Saturday and was caught while in the act of selling the cotton. He then told of the others who were interested in the stealing. It is said that cotton stealing has been a common thing about St. Pauls for a good while. Ed Flagg, one of the negroes brought to jail Saturday night, was taken back to St. Pauls this morning to answer to the charge of having broken into a store at St. Pauls about a month ago. Quite a bit of the stolen goods were found in Flagg's house by officers Saturday night. The negroes will be given a hearing on the charge of stealing cotton at an early date.

PRIMARY TEACHERS MEETING

All Primary Teachers of County Are Urged to Attend Meeting at Red Springs Saturday. Correspondence of The Robesonian. The primary teachers of Robeson county are urgently requested to be present at their next teachers meeting, which will be held in Red Springs January 29th at 1 p. m. in the graded school auditorium. Will all papers in the county please copy this notice. ELIZABETH DEXTER, President of Primary Dept.

PAY YOUR TAXES BEFORE FEBRUARY 1

All who have not paid their State and county taxes by February 1—Tuesday of next week—will have to pay 50 cents cost. Sheriff R. E. Lewis says he hopes not a man will have to pay that extra 50 cents. Better pay them now. The sheriff is completing his last round today. He says collections have been very good but still there are many receipts in the books.

BUIE NEWS BATCH

Attempt Made to Break into Store—Expert Road Builders Needed—Personal Mention. Correspondence of The Robesonian. Buie, Jan. 22—The store owned at Buie by Mr. R. A. Melvin a futile attempt was made by unknown parties Thursday night to enter. The only damage done by them, one pane of the glass front was broken. Nothing with the exception of a few apples was missed.

Miss Maggie Brown of the Philadelphia community returned home from Birmingham, Ala., where she spent several days visiting her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Brown, at their home near Glen Iris park.

Mr. C. C. Baxley spent Friday in Lumberton. Miss Katy McCallum was a Red Springs visitor Friday. We heartily endorse all the recent articles in The Robesonian concerning good roads. By having an expert road builder we believe Robeson would soon come to the front in the way of good roads.

Miss Clelia Britt spent Friday evening in Red Springs. Mr. Bun Tolar of Renner is spending this evening in town. Messrs. John McLeod and Lem Melvin spent Thursday in Fayetteville attending the Methodist Bible convention.

Mr. A. C. McLeod and family who were poisoned some time ago from eating sauce meat, are now getting on nicely. Mr. Lacy McCormac of Renner is spending this evening in town. Mr. R. A. Melvin was a Fayetteville visitor today. Mr. S. B. Williams has started a new saw mill within 3 miles of town.

West Lumberton News Notes

Correspondence of The Robesonian. The ladies of West Lumberton enjoyed an old-time quilting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bennett last Thursday night. The guests were met at the door and ushered into the parlor by Master Murphy Bennett and quilting, laughing and talking progressed for an hour, after which Miss Agnes Johnson delightedly entertained with several piano selections.

The Sunday school is progressing nicely; good attendance, also good collection. We feel sure our church will grow and prove a blessing. We have such a faithful pastor, Rev. R. N. Cashwell. Our prayer meetings are growing too. Glad to have our pastor attend the prayer service. The audience at prayer service were delighted with a duet sung by Master Murphy Bennett and little Miss Susie Davis.

Sorry to report the illness of Mr. D. S. Wilkins, also Mr. Haynes Barnes is on the sick list. School is progressing nicely. Miss Agnes Johnson teacher. Everybody seems to be in good cheer out at the National, all looking forward to making this the best year of our lives. Wishing The Robesonian a successful year and all its readers.

BROAD RIDGE NEWS ITEMS

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Orrum, R. 1, Jan. 22—Prof. E. B. Graham is spending the week-end at his home near Proctorville. Sorry to report Mr. Lewis Britt, who has been sick for some time, unimproved. Miss Henrietta Ammons of Long Branch spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Jane Britt. Mr. S. B. Willoughby, who has been sick for some time, is somewhat improved.

Mr. T. H. Bissell spent Saturday at Lumberton on business. Dr. Page and Prof. Poole made a welcome visit to our school Friday a. m. There is some talk of organizing a moonlight school here at an early date. Miss Nina Bryan, who has charge of the primary department of our school, is spending the week-end at her home near Lumberton. Mr. A. H. Bissell spent Sunday p. m. at Mt. Elam.

MOONLIGHT SCHOOL

One Will be Started in East Lumberton Tomorrow Evening. Correspondence of The Robesonian. On Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock all who are really interested in night school work are asked to meet at the East Lumberton auditorium. Prof. J. R. Poole and others will be here to help the teachers of the East Lumberton school organize a moonlight school for the benefit of those who, for various reasons, have been unable to get as good an education as they would like to have. The school is also meant to help those who have never attended school at all and who wish to learn to read, write, spell and work arithmetic. It is hoped that a large number will respond to this invitation.

CORNELIA A. STEELE

Principal East Lumberton School. Meeting of Robeson High School Teachers Association. A successful and well-attended meeting of the Robeson High School Teachers' Association was held in Rowland Saturday. Subjects of great importance pertaining to school work were discussed by various teachers. It is regretted that on account of a mishap of other matter a full report of the meeting, which has been written for The Robesonian, must be held over for Thursday's paper.

COTTON AND COTTON SEED

Middling cotton is selling on the local market today for 11 5-8 cents the pound; strict middling 11 7-8; seed 60 cents the bushel.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

The condition of Mr. W. J. Frevatt, who has been sick for some time, is improving. Special meeting St. Alban's Lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M., tomorrow evening 7:30. Degree work. Mr. R. W. Shelby returned last week from Charlotte, where he spent two or three weeks resting and undergoing treatment, much improved in health. Mr. D. W. Biggs, proprietor of the Lumberton Furniture Store, has sold his undertaking supplies to Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son and will discontinue the undertaking business.

License has been issued for the marriage of Nash Lamb and Clyde Baitt; Jac. D. Tolar and Kittie Ivey; Dr. Raymond L. Pittman and Mrs. Grace B. Blue; Sam Gore and Lillie Stocks. Will Thompson and Amelia McNeill, a highly-respected colored couple, were married here yesterday afternoon by Rev. J. D. Harrell, colored. The couple left last night for a Northern bridal tour. Mr. H. B. McPhaul arrived last week from his home in Alabama and is visiting at the home of his brother, Dr. W. A. McPhaul, Elm street, "Hog", as he was known here, formerly lived in Lumberton and has many friends in town.

After the old veterans had all been bountifully fed here last Wednesday quite a bit of food was left over. This was taken to the county home and given to the inmates. The dinner was prepared by the local Daughters of the Confederacy. Contractor J. L. Cooper of Red Springs began this morning to remodel the Griffith building, corner Elm and Fourth streets, occupied by Grantham Brothers Drug Co. A new plate glass front with a corner door will be put in and the floor will be lowered level with the sidewalk.

Mr. J. C. Maxwell and family returned last week from City Point, Va., where Mr. Maxwell held a position for some months with the DuPont Powder Company. Mr. Maxwell says he likes Virginia all right, but Lumberton is good enough for him. Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell are loading for the present with Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Sipher. Mr. W. K. Culbreth, who lives near Pembroke, was in Lumberton Friday on business connected with the Farmers' Union, as mentioned elsewhere in this paper. Mr. Culbreth returned just a month ago from Johns Hopkins hospital in Baltimore, Md., where he underwent an operation for a serious stomach trouble, and he has a host of friends throughout the county who will rejoice to learn that he is regaining his weight and strength.

Messrs. C. V. Brown, Jno. T. Biggs and Ed Rancke and Dr. N. A. Thompson attended last week in Raleigh the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina. They left Lumberton Tuesday afternoon and returned Thursday afternoon, making the trip in Dr. Thompson's auto. Special emphasis was laid at this meeting on orphanage work of the order and the Lumberton delegation were proud to realize that Lumberton leads all towns in the State of anywhere near its class in contributions to this work.

Mr. Ellis Miller of route 1 from Fairmont was among the visitors in town Friday. Mr. Miller got on Tae Robesonian's God-blessed list by paying his subscription a year in advance. Mr. Miller says he has been taking his county paper, The Robesonian since the first issue and now more than ever he enjoys its semi-weekly visits. He says his family all enjoy reading it and through it keep up with what is going on throughout the county, and the world at large. His opinion is that every citizen of the county should take The Robesonian. He's right.

The following Lumberton people left this morning for Raleigh to hear Miss Geraldine Farrar sing this evening: Messdames L. R. Varsar, B. W. Page, Jno. S. McNeill, A. H. McLeod, E. K. Proctor, J. D. Proctor, R. C. Lawrence, the last-named being accompanied by her small daughter Anna; Misses Anna Burt Stanback, Mildred McIntyre and Irene McLeod. Dr. R. S. Beam and Mr. S. K. Nash went to Raleigh yesterday and will remain for this concert. Mrs. J. D. Proctor will go from Raleigh to Graham to visit at the home of her parents and Mrs. McLeod will go to Henderson to visit relatives. It is expected that the balance of the party will return this evening.

The South Carolina Legislature Friday asked President Wilson to come to Columbia and address the body on preparedness. An effort to include William Jennings Bryan in the invitation was unsuccessful.

DR. W. W. PARKER LUMBERTON, N. C. Superior service for the relief of eye troubles and the many disorders arising therefrom. To see well seek us.