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WHERE NEW ROAD IS NEEDED

People of Globe Swamp Section Need a New Road and a Bridge to Relieve Isolated Situation—County Commissioners Will be Petitioned to Build Bridge

Mr. R. M. Phillips of the Globe Swamp section was among the visitors in town yesterday. Mr. Phillips lives in a section which is cut off by water from the balance of the world. If he rides to his nearest postoffice the distance is 9 miles. If he travels a public road it is 13 miles. There are 12 families that live in that immediate section. They can hear the roosters crow on the Creek road about Mt. Elham, but there is Lumber river to cross to get to that road, and no bridge. It would only require two miles of new road, about 1-2 mile of that through a swamp, and a bridge across Lumber river to put the people of that section in communication with the outside world. The people of that section would then be brought within two miles of a rural route and a telephone line and the distance to Lumberton would be reduced 3 miles. They could get to a railroad station at Orrum by traveling 6 miles.

The people of that isolated section would be willing to cut out the road, yes, glad to, and put it in traveling condition if the county would put a bridge across the river at the Juniper island, a place where a bridge stood many years ago. The county commissioners will be petitioned concerning this road at an early date.

That these people need relief of some kind is a fact.

Five Hams Stolen From Wagon in Back Lot

An Indian whose name has not been learned brought five hams to town to sell today and left them in his wagon back of Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son's store. When he went back to get the meat it had disappeared. The officers were put wise and began to look around for the meat. When Policeman Joe S. Thompson went into the store of Mr. J. A. Branch he learned that a negro boy had bought the hams. However, the negro went out and left the hams saying he would come back and get his pay. Up to 2:30 this afternoon he had not shown up for his pay, however. The four hams were recovered by the owner. The fifth ham is still unaccounted for.

Tuesday Morning Coldest in Over 5 Years

While Tuesday was not the coldest day that ever happened in this part of the country, it was the coldest experienced here since December 14, 1910, according to the records kept by Mr. B. M. Davis, special U. S. weather observer. On that date the thermometer registered 15 above zero, the same that it registered Tuesday morning and yesterday morning. On December 16, 1914, it registered 16 above zero. On February 9, 1907, it went as low as 11 above zero. There is a decided change in the weather today, however, the local weather station reporting 22 above zero this morning.

Interest Growing in County Fair for Next Fall

Interest is growing in the move made by the Robeson Poultry Association to have a big poultry exhibit—a county fair—next fall. Many are offering prizes. One farmer has put up \$10 for prizes, part cash and part in farm products. The premium list will be gotten out at an early date. If you wish to offer a prize and the committee fails to call on you, just make the fact known to Mr. E. B. Freeman of Lumberton. The exhibit held here last December was a decided success and no doubt a much bigger occasion will be held next fall.

Fire This Afternoon—Cotton Burned

The fire company was called out at 2 o'clock this afternoon when it was discovered that four bales of cotton in the lot back of Messrs. White & Gough's and A. Weinstein's stores were burning. The cotton belonged to Mr. Frank Gough. All four of the bales were burning all over when discovered. The damage to the cotton amounted to probably \$50. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Farmers' and Women's Institutes

The farmers' institute held at St. Paul's Tuesday was attended by a Robesonian reporter and a report was written for today's paper, but on account of the great amount of county correspondence that had to be set for this issue this is held over for Monday's paper. Farmers' and women's institutes are being held at Lumber Bridge today and will be held at Floral College, near Maxton, tomorrow.

Tobacco Plants Killed by Cold

Mr. B. L. Sutton of route 4 from Lumberton was among the visitors in town yesterday. Mr. Sutton says the recent cold weather has killed the tobacco plants down his way. Some say it is too late to sow the seeds over, while others say it is not.

Mr. Ernest Grant Mick, of Weaver-ville, Buncombe county, is the winner of the special prize of fifteen volumes of "Modern American Law," awarded by Chief Justice Walter Clark to the applicant for law license in North Carolina who should stand the best examination before the Supreme Court.

FUNERAL OF MRS. G. M. D. HOWARD

Conducted From Great Marsh Baptist Church Tuesday Afternoon—and Came Suddenly

The funeral of Mrs. G. M. D. Howard, of the mention of whose death was published in Monday's Robesonian, was conducted from Great Marsh Baptist church, near St. Paul's, Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. J. A. Snow, pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. K. E. Sentele of Lumberton, a former pastor of the deceased. The large church building was filled to overflowing with sorrowing friends and relatives. Interment was made in the family burying ground, near the church. The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful.

Mrs. Howard died suddenly Monday morning about 8:30 o'clock. She had been in the best of health, apparently for several months and ate a hearty breakfast Monday morning. There was no one at the home when her death came except a daughter, Miss Lelia. Heart failure was pronounced as the immediate cause of her death.

Among those who attended the funeral from Lumberton were Messrs. K. M. Biggs, Frank Gough, J. S. Thompson, Jasper Rowan, F. Grover Britt, G. E. Thompson, Miss Jeanette Biggs, Mrs. G. E. Thompson and Miss Pearl Howard, the two last named being daughters of the deceased.

Deceased was a little more than 60 years of age and was a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. E. D. Johnson. She is survived by her husband and 10 children—six sons, Messrs. C. H., W. D., A. E., Eugene and J. R. of St. Paul's and E. W. A. of Rockfish—four daughters, Misses Clyde and Lelia of St. Paul's and Pearl of Lumberton and Mrs. G. E. Thompson of Lumberton. Deceased was married to Mr. Howard on November 24, 1874. She had for a number of years been a member of Great Marsh Baptist church and took great interest in all church work. She was one who never tired in serving others. She did not live for herself alone. Her greatest pleasure was administering to the unfortunate. She was of a lovely, sympathetic disposition and this with her kind deeds won for her the friendship of all with whom she became acquainted. Truly she lived a model life.

THE FINAL SUMMONS

Wingate Lawson—Lived Near Barnesville

Wingate L. Lawson, aged 65 years, died at the Thompson hospital yesterday morning at 5 o'clock of pneumonia. Deceased had served about 3 months of a 6-months' jail sentence for shooting a man when taken to the hospital a week ago. The remains were taken to the Lawson home, near Barnesville, yesterday and interment was made in the family burying ground today.

RECORDER'S COURT

Mr. Prentiss Barker Licens Up the Court—Lawrence Davis of Long Branch On Good Behavior—Pressing Club Thieves

Mr. Prentiss Barker was before Recorder E. M. Britt Tuesday charged with breaking the speed limit with an automobile. Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost, which amounted to \$9. The warrant was sworn out by Mr. J. A. Raine. Mr. Barker acted as his own attorney in the case and proceeded to put Mr. Raine through a trying cross examination. It seemed from the evidence that the two men had had a slight auto collision some time recently and both claimed the other was to blame for the accident. It was pronounced by those who witnessed it as being the most interesting recorder's court held in many moons.

Lawrence Davis was before Recorder Britt yesterday charged with assault with deadly weapon. Prayer for judgment was continued upon the condition that the defendant pay the cost, which amounted to \$25.05 and make a bond in the sum of \$100 for his good behavior. He is also to report to the recorder each first Monday for 6 months and show good behavior towards all mankind, especially Gus Stephens, the plaintiff. Both Stephens and Davis live near Long Branch.

Joe and Wayless McLeod, two white boys who live in East Lumberton, were before Recorder E. M. Britt Tuesday charged with being connected with the robbery of the Lumberton Pressing Club some three months ago. The boys were released. The evidence brought out was that some small cotton mill Sunday afternoon after the pressing club robbery and found a suit case hid under a bush. The suit case was opened by the boys and the clothes, a part of those stolen from the club, were found in it. The boys carried the clothes to their homes and soon members of the families began wearing them. As stated in Monday's Robesonian, Joe McLeod was arrested while wearing a pair of the stolen pants. It was stated at the court that a negro was seen at the cotton mill a few days after the suit case was found by the boys and he was inquiring about a suit case which he claimed he had lost. It is expected that the negro will be brought into court.

RED SPRINGS NEWS LETTER

Meeting in Interest of Proposed Wilmington-Charlotte Auto Highway—The Maxton Railroad Connection—Record-Breaking Cold Weather—Special Prayers For Mr. McLean's Recovery

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Red Springs, Feb. 16.—On Monday afternoon a large and enthusiastic meeting was held in Red Springs in the interest of the proposed automobile highway from Wilmington to Charlotte. It was the sense of the convention that inasmuch as the county commissioners of Robeson had agreed that the proposed highway be built through Robeson they would build the connecting link between Lumberton and the Bladen line that the ideal route for this highway would be from Lumberton via Red Springs, Antioch, Raeford, Pinehurst, Mt. Gilead and on to Charlotte, as the road from Lumberton to Charlotte by this route is already built. A committee composed of Dr. J. L. McMillan, Messrs. A. T. McCallum, B. W. Townsend, J. A. Singleton and Fred Brown was appointed to meet with a like committee from Lumberton and Raeford at Pinehurst Friday, February 18, and confer with Mr. Truitt with regard to this proposed route.

Dr. Whitman, professor of English in Rutledge College of Newark, N. J., is a Red Springs visitor, the guest of Col. A. T. McCallum. This is Dr. Whitman's first visit to this section of the South and he expresses himself as being very much pleased with Red Springs.

Mr. Jesse McCallum, Robeson's popular and efficient county auditor, spent the week-end with home folks near town.—Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Barnes and children of Lumberton visited Red Springs relatives Sunday.—Rev. Dr. J. J. Hill, Rev. H. M. Eure and Messrs. D. W. McNeill and G. R. Deputy represented Red Springs at the recent Laymen's Convention at Greensboro. They report a most pleasant and profitable meeting.

Rev. J. H. Hall, presiding elder of the Rockingham district, occupied the pulpit of the M. E. church here last Sunday at both morning and evening services and on Monday held quarterly conference for this church.

Mr. W. A. Blue, general superintendent of the A. & R. Ry., was a recent visitor in the city.

The long cussed and discussed Maxton connection seems to be somewhat improved, as we actually get our Charlotte Observers about three times a week the day they are printed and from our best information the fault lies with the S. A. L., whose trains we are told are usually from a half hour to an hour late. We do not like to fuss with the railroads because they are our best friends, but it does seem that there should be some remedy. Red Springs railroad officials are a clever bunch of fellows. Toon is always on the job, likewise Cooper and Pearsall. A. C. Huggins, our city ticket agent, also Southern Express Co. agent, always greets you with a smile and never seems to lose his equilibrium. He is very popular with the traveling public as well as the local patronage. Judging other railroad officials by ours, we are bound to throw over railroads the mantle of charity and believe the situation at Maxton will be relieved as speedily as possible.

Capt. M. A. Buie of Jonesboro, Fla., is shaking hands with his numerous Red Springs friends.—Mr. Raymond Corbett is spending this week at Ivanhoe on business.

Col. A. T. McCallum informs your correspondent that yesterday morning his thermometer registered 16 degrees above zero, which was a record-breaker for this section.

All of Red Springs and surrounding country join with Lumberton especially and the State at large in rejoicing that a kind Providence has restored to us all Hon. A. W. McLean. Special prayer services were held in all of Red Springs churches during Mr. McLean's extreme illness in his behalf and all rejoice that God has granted their petitions. F. B.

Among the Sick

Mrs. Sue McLeod left this morning for Richmond, Va., to be with her daughter, Mrs. Bethea, who has been in a hospital there for some time. Mrs. Bethea's condition is not any worse.

Dr. T. C. Johnson is still confined at his home on North Elm street with grippe. There does not seem to be much improvement in his condition.

The condition of County Treasurer M. G. McKenzie, whose illness has been mentioned in recent issues of The Robesonian, is somewhat improved today.

The condition of Mr. A. W. McLean, who has been confined to his room for two weeks with pneumonia, continues to improve, his condition today being the most favorable it has been since he was taken sick.

Odd Fellows Install Officers

At a special meeting Monday evening newly-elected officers of Lumberton Lodge 425, I. O. F., were installed as follows: J. O. McCallum, noble grand; F. L. Prevatt, vice grand; F. A. Crabtree, secretary; W. O. Edmund, treasurer. Mr. L. R. Varner, lodge deputy, presided. Refreshments were served. The next meeting will be held tomorrow evening and a large attendance is urged.

PARKTON PARAGRAPHS

Death of Mr. J. M. Williamson at his home in Florida—Series of Meetings Postponed—Personal Mention

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Parkton, Feb. 15.—Rev. L. Smith of Fayetteville preached at the Presbyterian church here Sunday morning, preaching a most excellent sermon.

Rev. J. L. Jenkins, pastor of the Baptist church has been chosen by the members of Southport to deliver an oration at their annual celebration February 22nd. The celebration is given annually in honor of the ladies of that town. He will be away until Thursday.

Last Friday night at 11 o'clock Messrs. A. B. and C. D. Williamson received a telegram stating that their brother, Mr. J. M. Williamson, died at his home near Orlando, Fla., suddenly at noon and would be buried at Orlando Sunday at 12 m. Mr. A. B. Williamson left on train No. 85, which passes Parkton at 1:15 a. m. Mr. W. E. Allie, our clever operator, asked for permission at headquarters for the above through train to stop and thereby Mr. Williamson was enabled to reach his destination Saturday night and attend his brother's funeral and return home Monday at noon. Deceased was born in Cumberland county and made his home there until the age of about 25 years, and went to Georgia and held a position as bookkeeper for a turpentine firm in Dupont for a few years and then went to Florida and purchased a track of land and set an orange orchard and was a successful orange-grower until his death. He was taken suddenly and remarked to his wife that his right side was paralyzed and a physician was quickly summoned, but he died before the doctor reached him. He was in his 59th year. He is survived by his wife, who before her marriage was Miss Fannie Gray of Florida, two brothers and three sisters—C. D. and A. B. Williamson of Parkton, Mrs. Z. T. McMillan and Mrs. Sallie Butler of McMillans, and Mrs. A. G. Tolar of Fayetteville, R. 7. Deceased while in North Carolina numbered his friends by his acquaintances, and we are unable to recall a more consecrated and upright Christian gentleman. He was converted when a young man and joined the M. E. church and died a triumphant Christian.

Mrs. Amanda Thon and daughter Miss Annie of Chadburn, came up Saturday and are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Collier Cobb and other relatives.—Mr. and Mrs. A. C. McCormick and children and Mr. C. S. and Clarence McArthur motored over to Laurinburg Sunday for a brief visit to relatives and friends.

The evangelist Rev. Wm. Black's meeting that was to have commenced at the Presbyterian church here on the twentieth has been postponed and probably will be some time in April.

We report several fine fox races and several foxes captured. Parkton now boasts of the finest and safest packs in the State and they make music worth while.

Mrs. Justin McNeill and small daughter, Helen Marie, of Lumberton are on a visit to relatives in town.—Mrs. W. S. Bramble of Cumberland county is on a visit to her sister Mrs. J. A. Cashwell.—Mrs. J. D. Gillis and son Master Clyde returned today from a visit to relatives at Galatia.—Misses Marie McMillan and Annie Williamson spent the week-end in lower Cumberland county with relatives and report a fine time.—We are sorry to report Mr. E. V. Johnson on the sick list, also Druggist H. C. Jones.

Messrs. N. H. Perry and G. W. Bullard spent last week in Wilmington and Southport and Fort Fisher, sight seeing, and report a great time. Mr. Bullard served for a number of years in the navy. Mr. Perry says it was interesting to him to see the navy boys load and reload those huge cannon and many other maneuvers too numerous to mention. They motored to Wilmington in Mr. Perry's car. Mr. Bullard returned Friday night while Mr. Perry returned Sunday morning with his car, having left Wilmington Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock and arrived at Elizabethtown at 8, spent the night and arrived safely at home Sunday at noon.

A couple of cars loaded with town sports left Sunday evening for an outing to Montrose but only got as far as Raeford, as the storm and rainfall prevented their trip, and returned home safely after the rain.

Hon. J. A. Brown of Chadburn will deliver a Sunday school address at the Presbyterian church here on next Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m.

Full Exoneration for W. C. Hammer

Washington Cor., 15th, Charlotte Observer.

Senator Overman had a meeting with Attorney General Gregory today and was informed that the charges against District Attorney Hammer regarding alleged election frauds in Randolph county had been investigated by representatives of the department and that the discovery had been made that the charges were not sustained by the evidence. The findings, it was stated, fully and thoroughly exonerate Mr. Hammer.

MT. ELIAM MATTERS

Literary Society Doing Fine Work—Box Supper at Beulah School House—Marriage of Miss Eva Britt and Mr. Oscar Hinson—Personal Mention

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Mt. Elham (Lumberton, R. 4), Feb. 14.—The cold wave which began here last night is the severest we have had this winter and the folks around here are busy today putting more cover on their tobacco beds to protect the small plants from the cold. It has been warm so long the plants were doing fine.

Our school is progressing nicely under the management of Prof. E. L. Phillips. Our literary society is doing fine now, we are glad to say, with E. L. Phillips president and Forest Y. Stone secretary. We have a good debate every Tuesday night. We invite all the boys and men to come and join. The query for next Tuesday night is, "Resolved, That cigarettes have destroyed more lives than strong drink."

It was our pleasure last Friday night to be at the box supper at the Beulah school house. Mr. Will Bullock, who has just moved into that section, sold the boxes in a very tasteful manner. The next thing was a voting contest on the prettiest girl present, in which Miss Ida Britt was the lucky one; which was saying a lot, for there were some good-looking girls there.

Mr. Oscar Hinson and Miss Eva Britt were married Sunday p. m. at the home of the bride, who is the highly esteemed daughter of Rev. P. T. Britt of Mt. Elham. Mr. Hinson is a popular young man of Boardman, where Mr. Hinson holds a position with the Butters Lumber Co. We wish them a long and happy married life.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hilburn of Bladenboro spent Sunday and Sunday night with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Britt; and, by the way, Mr. Hilburn preached for us Sunday p. m. on missions. Mr. and Mrs. Grover Britt and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bullock, all of Lumberton, spent Sunday on the Mount visiting relatives. They came down on Mr. Bullock's car.

Miss Minnie Stone of Onkton was on the Mount Sunday.

Messrs. Bruce Nye and Toone Britt of Orrum spent Sunday p. m. in this section.

Sorry to report Mrs. J. Z. Stone and also Mrs. E. B. Stone sick with colds.

The Bible puzzles given by Aunt Becky and Mr. Fleming are interesting and helpful.

SHANNON NEWS NOTES

Series of Meetings—Grippe Victims Improving—Personal

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Shannon, Feb. 16.—Miss Bessie McMillan, who has been visiting at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Klapp, has returned to her home at Dundarrack.

Rev. J. J. Hill filled Rev. Mr. Dixon's appointment here on the first Sunday on account of Mr. Dixon being sick. His sermon was very instructive and much enjoyed.

Rev. Thomas C. Delaney of Aberdeen conducted a series of meetings at the church here last week, beginning on Monday night and closing Saturday morning. Mr. Delaney is a very able preacher and all of his sermons were very earnest and instructive and much enjoyed by all fortunate enough to hear them. There were a number of professions and we hope much good was accomplished. Rev. Mr. Delaney made many friends during his stay here who will always be glad to welcome him here at any time.

Mrs. Delaney and her mother, Mrs. Levin, came over Saturday and spent the day here, returning with Mr. Delaney to Aberdeen that afternoon. While here Mrs. Delaney and Mrs. Levin were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Walters.—Little Miss Mary Laura Hinson is on the sick list.—Mr. James MacLean came back one day last week from England, where he went about two months ago.—Mrs. J. D. Gibson is on the sick list but is improving.

There has been much sickness in this community for the last six weeks; seemed to be an epidemic of influenza, but most of the victims are better now.

Mrs. John McKay of Red Springs was the guest of Mrs. D. O. Currie last Thursday.—Mr. John Powell has moved his family from Parkton to the Johnson farm about a mile beyond Shannon. We hope they may have a pleasant stay among us.

There have been many visitors here since our last writing, some of which were Mr. Ed Gaitley and little daughter Catharine of Allendale, S. C., Miss Clara Cobb of Statesboro, Ga., and Mr. A. T. McLean and Miss Annie C. McLean of Rowland.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—License has been issued for the marriage of Ausley Kinlaw and Mary Quick.

—Mr. Grady Hayes has accepted a position with the Carolina Tailoring Company.

—Mr. D. A. Singletary has accepted a position as salesman in Messrs. Bullock Brothers grocery store.

—Miss Josephine Breece will leave Monday evening for the Northern markets to purchase spring and summer millinery for her store on Elm street.

—The condition of Martha Blackwood, the 60-year-old colored woman who was shot from ambush some two weeks ago, is not very favorable today.

—Mr. D. R. Shaw of Wilmington has accepted a position in Grantham Brothers drug store. He began work Tuesday. Mr. Smith will move his family here soon.

—Messrs. White & Gough bought yesterday the stock of goods of the late John P. McNeill. The store has been conducted by Mrs. McNeill since Mr. McNeill's death.

—Mr. Lindsay Norment of Purvis was among the visitors in town yesterday. Mr. Norment says the folks about Purvis are making preparation for the meeting of the Robeson County Baraca-Philathea Union, which will be held there Sunday.

—Miss Ida Mae Sessoms, who had held a position as clerk at the local postoffice for more than three years, has resigned, her resignation going into effect yesterday. Miss Sessoms is succeeded by Mr. Leon McGill of Lumberton. Miss Sessoms was ever accommodating to the public and her many friends will miss her from her accustomed place.

Mr. N. J. McRimmon Thinks He Will Offer for State Senate Again—The Fertilizer Question

Mr. N. J. McRimmon, who lives on rural route 3 from Rowland and farms extensively, is inclined to believe farmers would be better off if they knew now they could not get any commercial fertilizers at all. As it is they are undecided what to do and find it hard to break away from dependence upon commercial fertilizers, upon which they depend too much, Mr. McRimmon thinks. He quoted a man who remarked recently that three-fourths of the merchants of this section who fail to do so on account of bad fertilizer debts, indicating that it is not always so easy to pay for fertilizers when they are bought with the progalry with which they have been purchased in former years.

Mr. McRimmon was a candidate for the State Senate two years ago and gave a good account of himself in the primary against the successful candidate, Mr. Geo. B. McLeod. When in Lumberton Tuesday Mr. McRimmon was asked by The Robesonian man if he would be in the race this year and he said he thought it very likely that he would be in the race again, that he had been urged by many friends to offer again.

Russians Capture Turkey's Chief City in Armenia

Ezerum, Turkey's chief city in Armenia, is in the hands of the Russians. Heavy assaults by the Russians against the long line of detached forts protecting the city, lasting over a period of five days and described by Grand Duke Nicholas, the Russian commander-in-chief, as "unprecedented," have resulted in the capture of the fortress.

Unofficial reports early in the present month said the German Field Marshal von Der Goltz, with 80,000 men, was besieged in the city with provisions for only a fortnight.

The capture of Ezerum is considered of great strategic importance. From it radiate roads leading in all directions. Over those to the south-east and south it will be possible for the Russians now to fight their way toward their compatriots operating against the Persians and Turks in Northwest and West Persia, or proceed south toward Bagdad, to the relief of the British bottled up in Kut-el-Amara, on the Tigris, southeast of Bagdad.

Notice of New Advertisements

Tires, all sizes, guaranteed; genuine Ford repair parts; place your order for Ford cars—Robeson Auto Co. Just a few Elgin watches at special prices—Holmes Jewelry Co. Fifty acres of good land for sale or rent—D. B. Humphrey.

Residence for rent. Two shares National Bank of Lumberton stock for sale. Best home-made molasses—M. N. Folger.

Great variety of new fresh groceries—M. N. Folger. Fostoria Mazda lamps will save you money on your light bills—L. H. Caldwell.

Good 8-room dwelling and large lot on Pine street for sale. Program at Pastime.

Legal notice of re-sale of land—H. E. Stacy, commissioner.

My glasses were fitted by Dr. Parker, the only specialist in Lumberton licensed by State Board Examination for this important work. HIS SERVICE SATISFIES.