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SEARCH FOR VILLA CONTINUES

Report That He is Wounded Again After Denial and Statement That It Was Merely Ruse to Help Him to Escape—Another Group of Villa Forces Surprised and 30 or More of His Men Killed

It was stated in a dispatch of the 3d from El Paso, Tex., that from reliable Mexican sources it had been learned that Villa had never taken part in any battle with Americans and that the story about his being wounded was concocted for the purpose of aiding him to escape. In a dispatch last night from El Paso, however, it was stated that the story that he was wounded and that his capture was imminent was asserted again by Gen. Gavira, Corranza commander at Jaurez.

In a dispatch of the 4th from San Antonio, Tex., it was stated that, surprised during their sista, one of the groups of Villa's forces driven from Guero was defeated Saturday by a squadron of the tenth cavalry under Col. W. C. Brown. In this, the second, engagement American troops have had with Villa's men the losses of the bandits were estimated at from 30 to 40 killed. No mention of American losses was made.

Jurors for May Term of Court

At the meeting of the county commissioners Monday the following were drawn to serve as jurors for the 2-weeks' civil term of court which will convene Monday.

First week—W. J. Smith, Wm. Lawson, W. P. Covington, J. D. Thompson, I. L. Caldwell, A. L. Hayes, McKay Byrd, B. W. Townsend, Foster Edwards, H. A. Ferguson, Joe Russ, R. L. McLeod, A. H. Rozier, N. W. Jenkins, J. B. McCallum, W. H. Humphrey, Hector Freeman, J. R. Harrington, W. G. Lewis, Wm. Hooks, T. Brown, J. I. Carter, D. W. McLean, Jr., Geo. F. Allen, D. L. Bullock, J. W. Warwick, Wm. Freeman, W. E. Floyd, J. S. Oliver, D. L. McLauren.

Second week—D. M. Rogers, Haynes Johnson, Ernest G. Jones, W. A. McNeill, W. D. Prevett, L. H. Britt, W. R. McLellan, Wm. Bullard, J. A. Burne, A. H. Mercer, O. P. Stanley, W. H. Allen, G. W. Boddie, J. M. Flowers, Daniel Marley, H. B. Ashley, Jr. E. McO. Surles, Chas. Bracy, G. F. Shooter, Archie Davis, H. K. Floyd, O. F. Bracy, R. A. Harden, W. O. Burns.

Much Clean-Up Work Has Been Done

A great amount of actual clean-up work has been the result of the call of Mayor A. E. White to observe the first four days of this week for cleaning up the town. The street wagon has hauled off loads of trash and rubbish out of town up to last night, all this being gathered in the back lots about town. Today the wagons are hauling out from the residential sections of the town. While many people have gathered up the trash about their premises and placed it out where the wagons can get it, still there are many who have not. If you have not cleaned up about your home, do so at once and the wagons will keep on moving till the last pile has been taken out of town. An active clean-up campaign not only means a more attractive town, but a healthier town.

Superior Court

Superior Court for the trial of civil cases has been in session since Monday. While a number of judgments has been signed, only two jury cases have been completed. These were—Jno. W. Williams vs. Francis Williams, divorce granted; A. J. and McK. Butard vs. R. & C. Ry. Co., judgment for plaintiff. Judge F. A. Daniels of Goldsboro is presiding. It is expected that court will adjourn for the week this afternoon. However, it will open up for the second week Monday morning.

Major McKinnon May be Candidate for Commissioner of Agriculture

In today's Wilmington Star it is stated that friends of Major A. J. McKinnon of Maxton are urging him to enter the race for the Democratic nomination for Commissioner of Agriculture and that it is understood he is giving serious consideration to the suggestion. Mr. McKinnon is in New York and nothing definite could be learned in regard to this today. He is a progressive, well-awake farmer and business man and well qualified for this office.

Setting Tobacco Plants—Some Cotton Planted

Some few farmers about through the county set some tobacco Monday and Tuesday. The fact that the cold weather thinned out the plants made them grow very fast and by next week many tobacco growers will be putting out their plants. Those who know say the earlier you set out the plants the better the crop.

Also some cotton has already been planted in Robeson.

—Prof. L. B. Gunter, principal, and Miss Hattie Clark, one of the teachers, of the Rowland high school, and Misses Bessie McCormick and Sallie Graham of Rowland are among the visitors in town today, coming over with the exhibit of the Rowland high school for the County Commencement tomorrow.

BENEATH BANK OF FLOWERS

Remains of Mrs. J. A. McAllister Laid to Rest in Meadow Brook Cemetery Yesterday—Funeral One of Most Largely Attended Ever Held in Lumberton—Floral Offerings Exquisite and Numerous—End Came Tuesday Afternoon at Home Here

The funeral of Mrs. J. A. McAllister, whose death occurred at her home, Chestnut and Sixth streets, Tuesday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock, was conducted from the McAllister home yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. W. B. North, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, of which deceased had been a member for near 60 years, assisted by Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., of Maxton, a life-long friend of the McAllister family. The funeral was attended by a large crowd of sorrowing friends. Many from various parts of the county were here for the funeral. After a talk by Dr. North in which he paid tribute to the life and character of the deceased and a beautiful prayer offered by Dr. Hill, "How Firm a Foundation" and "Asleep in Jesus", two favorite hymns of deceased, were beautifully sung. The pallbearers were: active, Messrs. R. McA. Nixon, Alf H. McLeod, Jno. S. McNeill, W. I. Linkhaw, R. E. Lewis, Jno. D. McMillan; honorary, Messrs. C. B. Townsend, O. C. Norment, Robt. Chaffin, W. P. Barker, T. A. McNeill, Sr., M. G. McKenzie. After the services at the home the remains were taken to Meadow Brook cemetery and laid to rest; the services being concluded at the grave. Deceased had been sick for some time and death was not unexpected.

Perhaps never was a more beautiful array of floral offerings seen here than covered the grave. The flowers were many in number and artistically arranged. This grand floral offering showed in a small way the high esteem in which Mrs. McAllister was held by her numerous friends. In concluding the services at the grave Dr. North said in all his life he had never seen more numerous and beautiful floral offerings at any funeral, except perhaps in one instance, and on behalf of the family he thanked those who thus manifested their esteem for the departed "Abide With Me," "When Peace Like a River," and "Nearer My God to Thee," were sung at the grave.

Mrs. Florence Pope McAllister was the daughter of the late Maj. John T. and Caroline Pope and was born near Long Branch church July 1, 1842, and was therefore in her 74th year. She was happily married to Mr. J. A. McAllister February 10, 1870. She is survived by her husband and five sons—Messrs. A. P. W. P. H. M., J. D. and C. P. McAllister, all of Lumberton, and all of whom were with her when she died. She spent all her life in and near Lumberton.

Deceased joined the Methodist church in early life and remained a loyal and faithful member until her death. She was an ardent worker in the mission societies and other branches of church work; of a quiet unassuming disposition, and never tired in caring for and aiding those in need. She did not live for herself alone. Her quiet but pleasant disposition won for her the love and admiration of all with whom she came in contact, and she was easily one of the most loved women in this entire section. Not only did the members of her immediate family sustain a great loss in her death, but the town and community at large. She will be sorely missed. Her life was a blessing to others, and the world is better that she has lived.

Mrs. J. W. Crawford, near Rowland News has been received here of the death of Mrs. J. W. Crawford, which occurred at her home near Rowland last night at 11 o'clock. Deceased was about 45 years of age and died suddenly.

Mr. Colin Edens if Red Springs Dies Suddenly

Mr. Colin Edens of Red Springs died suddenly in his buggy last Friday afternoon while going to a field he was cultivating near the town limits. The Citizen states that it is supposed he died while seated in his buggy and afterwards fell to the ground, where his body was discovered by a colored woman. Deceased was apparently in good health at the time. Heart trouble. He was 72 years old. The funeral took place from Trinity Methodist church, of which he was a member, Saturday afternoon.

Raising Thoroughbred Poultry

The poultry raisers hereabouts are making preparation to exhibit some of the very finest thoroughbred poultry at the County Fair here next fall. Yesterday 25 eggs from thoroughbred cock were received here for setting purposes. Several hundred have been received here this spring already. It will be remembered by all who attended the exhibit here last December that no finer array of chickens has ever been seen together in this section, but a still bigger and better show will be seen at the coming County Fair.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Roy Stewart and Nellie Caddell; Jno. Heath and Margaret Bruce Williams.

Program County Commencement Friday, April 7th

11 O'clock a. m. Parade of school children
12 O'clock Elementary spelling contest
12:30 O'clock High school spelling contest
Delivering Diplomas
Recess.
2 O'clock p. m. Athletic contest
3 O'clock p. m. Baseball game, Lumberton vs Fairmont
Basketball game
3:30 O'clock p. m. School Exhibits on display at Court House
Music by East Lumberton brass band

PRIZES

Prizes will be offered for Contests and Exhibits as follows: each school to furnish only one contestant:
For the school making the best appearance in the parade, taking in consideration marching and order \$5.00 H. E. Stacy
For the best industrial exhibit \$5.00 Hon. H. L. Godwin
For the best exhibit for one-teacher school \$2.50 W. K. Bethune
For the best exhibit for two-teacher school \$2.50 R. E. Lewis
For the best exhibit for three-teacher school \$5.00 The Robesonian
For the best exhibit high schools 5.00 White & Gough
Best speller in the elementary grades \$2.50 C. B. Skipper
Best speller in the high schools \$2.50 M. W. Floyd
Best essay, not over 200 words, "Why Robeson County should have good Roads" \$2.50 Ira B. Mullis
Best specimen of penmanship (gold medal) Holmes Jewelry Company

ATHLETIC CONTESTS

100-yard race, \$2.00 McAllister Hdw. Co. Inc.
1-4 mile race, 2.00 McLean, Varser & McLean
1-2 mile race, 2.00 Johnson & Johnson
1 mile relay race, 5.00 McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor
Running high jump, 2.00 Freeman Printing Co., Inc.
Running broad jump, 2.00 J. D. McMillan & Son.

FATHER OF SMALL GIRLS ASSAILANT LYNCHED

Old Man is Alleged to Have Indulged in Talk That Provoked Greene County Folks to Fury

Kinston Dispatch, Apr. 45.

Joseph Black, a negro about 50 years of age, father of Will Black, the young negro held in the penitentiary at Raleigh charged with criminal assault on a little white girl in Greene county, was taken from Leasboro county jail here this morning a few minutes before 3 o'clock by a mob estimated at several hundred persons. Later the old negro's body was found between Maury and Lize, in Greene county. A fusillade of shots had been heard in the neighborhood, and it is believed the mob dispatched the elder Black there.

Last week Will Black, a boy not quite grown, attacked and viciously outraged a six-year-old white girl, Mattie Tyson, in Greene county. He beat her mother in order to accomplish the crime and afterwards shot two policemen in a gun battle. He was taken and hurried to Goldsboro, and from there was later taken to Raleigh.

Joseph Black, his father, furnished him with shotguns and a revolver, it is alleged. But not that so much as alleged threats and assertions by him caused the Greene county people to take his life. It is reliably reported that Black stated that the little girl was no better than his son; that he would burn the Tyson home and kill the child's father if he had anything to do with the prosecution. It is declared that by his actions in the neighborhood following the assault he provoked the residents to fury.

The Greene county sheriff got Joseph Black soon after Will Black was captured, holding him for furnishing the boy with weapons.

Closing of Public School at Iona
The public school at Iona closed with a concert last night. After the concert by the children, which was rich and entertaining, Mr. H. E. Stacy of the Lumberton bar, made a splendid educational address. A large crowd was present. Mr. L. McK. Parker of Lumberton accompanied Mr. Stacy. The teachers of the school were Miss Rebecca Ward of Iamberton, principal, and Miss Ada McCormick, assistant. The session was a most successful one in every respect.

Thompson Hospital Notes

Mrs. Wade Wishart was operated on at hospital this morning. She is getting on nicely.
Miss Eva McNeill was operated on for acute appendicitis this morning. She is doing as well as could be expected.

ROBESON COUNTY BAR ENDORSES SINCLAIR

Strong Resolutions Adopted Endorsing Candidacy of Sixth District Man for Attorney General

At a meeting of the Robeson county bar held in the court house here Monday, Hon. N. A. Sinclair of Fayetteville was unanimously and strongly endorsed for Attorney General. Mr. S. McIntyre of the local bar presided and Hon. G. B. Patterson of Maxton acted as secretary. Mr. Patterson and Messrs. L. R. Varser and W. S. Britt of the local bar were appointed a committee to draw up the resolutions which endorse Mr. Sinclair in the strongest terms for his ability as a practitioner, his experience in office as solicitor of this judicial district for eight years, his service to the party and his entire record as a lawyer and Democrat.

Handsome tribute is paid Mr. Sinclair and he is assured the united and hearty support of the bar of this county. Mr. Sinclair was in town attending Superior Court and this meeting was held after court adjourned, during his absence from the court room, and he knew nothing of the meeting until after it had been held. Mr. Sinclair has already received the unanimous endorsement of the bars of Cumberland, his home county, Bladen and Hoke counties. He will no doubt receive the endorsement of the bar of every county in this judicial and also this congressional district. He has received many assurances of support from all sections of the State.

Notice of New Advertisements

I. Leak Smith announces candidacy for office of sheriff.
Order new clothes and get ready for Easter—K. M. Biggs.
Legal notice of sale and land—E. M. Johnson, commissioner, Johnson & Johnson, attorneys.
Legal notice of sale of land—E. D. McNeill, mortgagee, Johnson & Johnson, attorneys.
Legal notice of sale of land—Stephen McIntyre, commissioner, Johnson & Johnson, attorneys.
Legal notice of sale of land for Sheriff R. P. Lewis.
Piano tuning—Prof. S. Scull.
Careful men and their money stand behind the First National Bank.
R. E. Lewis announces candidacy to succeed himself in office of sheriff.
"The Kaven", great 6-act feature play, at Pastime Apr. 11.
Ruin of keys lost.
M. L. Marley announces candidacy for county commissioner.
Notice to banks of the county.

Wounded Able to Leave Hospital Yesterday

Misses McKellar Barnes and Olivia Smith and Mr. Marcus Allen, all of whom were shot by Wm. Nance at Smith's last Friday night, an account of which was published in Monday's Robesonian, were able to leave the hospital here yesterday. They all seem to be improving. Nance will be given a hearing as soon as the injured persons are able to attend the trial.

Bible Verse Containing All Letters in Alphabet Except One

Little Miss Pauline Flowers, who lives on R. 5, from Lumberton sends The Robesonian answer to the question asked recently as to which verse in the Bible contains all the letters of the alphabet save j alone. She says it is the 21st verse of the 7th chapter of Ezra.

—Mr. A. L. Bullock, of Rowland, a former member of the board of county commissioners, also a member of the read commission of the county at one time, was a Lumberton visitor yesterday. Mr. Bullock is still much interested in all public affairs and in upbuilding the county in every way and he is an advocate of township bond issues for roads. He is inclined to think that would solve the road problem for Robeson.

For County Commissioner

(Received too late to be classified)
I hereby announce myself a candidate for county commissioner subject to the action of the Democratic voters at the coming primary. If nominated, and elected I pledge myself to serve the people of the county to the best of my ability.
M. L. MARLEY.

NOTICE TO THE BANKS OF ROBESON COUNTY

Notice is hereby given, that on the first Monday in May, 1916, the board of commissioners of Robeson county will meet at the court house in Lumberton at 12 o'clock, m., for the purpose of receiving and opening bids for the deposit of the public funds under the provisions of chapter 645 of the Local Public Laws of North Carolina, 1911. All bids shall be sealed bids and shall be endorsed "Bids for deposit of public moneys" and shall be addressed to the chairman of the board of commissioners of Robeson county and may be filed with him at any time prior to 12 o'clock noon of the above date.
This the 3d day of April, 1916.
A. J. FLOYD,
Chairman Board of Commissioners.
F. J. BRITT, County Attorney.
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IT COULDN'T BE HELPED

Quite a number of The Robesonian's live and valued correspondents who sent in letters for today's paper will fail to see them in this issue, and this is the reason: It required much work and took considerable time to put in type the notice of sale of land for taxes, which takes up more than a page, and an accident to the linotype machine caused considerable delay while repairs were being made. The Robesonian never likes to make excuses, but we feel that it is proper to mention this combination of circumstances which makes it necessary to hold over much interesting correspondence for the next issue of the paper, a fact which we regret but which could not be avoided. It is especially regretted just at this time because in almost every news letter mention was made of how the folks are looking forward to the County Commencement tomorrow and are planning to come. The folks will be here, barring accidents as serious to them as the accident in The Robesonian's shop which made this explanation necessary.

BRIEFS ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Lumberton Chapter No. 77, Royal Arch Masons, will meet Friday night, the 7th, in regular convocation. All companions of this chapter are urged to be present.

—The condition of Mrs. T. L. Johnson, who recently underwent a serious operation in a hospital at Columbia, S. C., continues to improve. Mrs. Johnson expects to be able to return home in two weeks.

—Deputy U. S. Marshal T. Leak Smith of Maxton was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday. Mr. Smith is a candidate for the office of sheriff of Robeson and has his announcement card in this issue of The Robesonian.

—Two foreigners with a monkey and hand-organ each spent Tuesday in town. The monkeys were well trained and many people witnessed their doings. It had been several years since that sort of show struck Lumberton before.

—Messrs. J. J. Goodwin, W. K. Bethune, E. A. Thompson, L. McK. Parker, S. K. Nash, W. W. Davis and Frank Holloway attended a reception at Flora McDonald College, Red Springs, Monday evening. They report a most pleasant occasion.

—Mrs. Ida Steele has just returned from Brunswick, Ga., where she was called to her sister, who was very ill. She brought back with her a 10-months old infant to keep until her sister was able to care for it. She was accompanied by her daughter, Miss Cornelia.

—It came on to rain in torrents last night, a regular downpour, and it develops that the reason it rained so hard was that Messrs. Enoch McConnell and Frank H. Wishart went down the river for an all-night fishing frolic. It is understood that they got damp but had lots of fun.

—Mr. Thos. Sanderson of Pate's was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday. The Robesonian has a number of subscribers who have been taking the paper since the first issue was published in 1870, and Mr. Sanderson is one of them. He was 82 years old last September and gets about like a man not over 50 years of age.

—Mention has been made in The Robesonian of the great improvements Messrs. A. H. Hinds has made recently in his meat market. A Mr. Russell who travels between Charlotte and Wilmington for Armour & Co. told Mr. Hinds the other day that he had the most sanitary and up-to-date market between those two cities.

—Mr. J. W. H. Fuchs, proprietor of the Lumberton Bargain House, came up Tuesday afternoon from Wilmington, where he conducts a large department store. Mr. Fuchs says he is well pleased with his business here, business being even better than he had anticipated. Mr. Fuchs returned to Wilmington Tuesday night.

—Mrs. N. A. McLean shipped Tuesday to Washington, for exhibition at the national museum, a collection of rare and valuable heirlooms handed down from Revolutionary War times. They were collected by Mrs. McLean from families in various sections of the county for exhibit in Washington by the North Carolina Colonial Dames of Wilmington.

—Mr. W. W. Whaley arrived yesterday from Petersburg, Va., where he and Mrs. Whaley had made their home for some time, and will spend a week in Lumberton at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Whaley. Mrs. Whaley has come to the home of her parents at Fletcher, near Asheville. Mr. Whaley expects to go from here to Asheville, where he will be joined by Mrs. Whaley and where they will locate.

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