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HOTEL HEATING AND PLUMBING CONTRACTS LET

Building Leased to F. A. Crabtree For One Year From Date of Completion

At a called meeting of the board of directors of the Lumberton Hotel Company yesterday afternoon the contract for heating the new hotel building to be erected on Chestnut street, between Fourth and Fifth streets, was let to Mr. W. C. Underhill of Raleigh. The contract for plumbing was let to Mr. D. H. Crane of Fayetteville. As has been mentioned in The Robesonian, contract for the erection of the building has already been let.

The building was leased for one year from time of completion to Mr. F. A. Crabtree, present manager of the Thompson hotel. Mr. Crabtree has had considerable hotel experience and since taking charge of the Thompson hotel has made many friends both locally and among the traveling public.

V. & C. S. REBUILDS ENGINE

New Engine Rebuilt in Shops at Hope Mills

Judging from its appearance one would think the Virginia & Carolina Southern passenger train was being pulled by a new engine. That would be judging about right, too. The engine was rebuilt almost entirely new right in the V. & C. S. shops at Hope Mills. An old engine used by this company up to the year 1910 as a wood burner, was during that year converted into a coal burner. The company continued to use the engine then up until last year, when it was taken off the road because it would not measure up to the requirements of the Inter-State Commerce Commission. Then some new parts were bought and the engine was taken to the company's shops, where an up-to-date engine was turned out. The new engine was put into use last week and is giving the same satisfaction of one turned out by any of the engine works. The work was done under the direction of Mr. W. L. Hurley, superintendent of the shops.

DOOR WAS STANDING OPEN

Front Door of Mr. R. T. Sanderson's Store on Fourth Street Found Standing Open Sunday Morning—Nothing Missed

Mr. R. T. Sanderson, who conducts a grocery store on west Fourth street, says one of his friends called him over the telephone early Sunday morning advising him that the front door of his store was standing open. He says he is sure he locked the door when he left the building Saturday night, and Night Policeman J. B. Boyle says it was closed a while before day Sunday morning. Nothing was missed from the store, but Mr. Sanderson thinks something must have been taken. He thinks the intruder had a key to fit his lock, therefore he had a new lock put on the door.

Superior Court Closes—Carlyle Will Case Continued

Superior Court for the trial of civil cases closed yesterday afternoon without a single case going to the jury this week. A number of judgments was signed. Judge F. A. Daniels who, presided, left yesterday afternoon for his home at Goldsboro.

The case in re the will of the late Miss Athesia Carlyle, which is being protested, had been set for Monday, but was postponed until May 15 on account of the illness of Mr. J. T. Biggs, a witness in the case. This is the second time this noted case has been continued. The first time a mistrial was ordered by the judge after quite a bit of evidence had been taken because it developed that one of the attorneys in the case was a witness.

Orrum School Commencement Postponed

Mr. I. H. Warwick, member of the board of trustees of the Orrum high school, called The Robesonian over telephone this morning and asked that it be announced in today's paper that the commencement exercises of that school had been postponed from tonight and tomorrow until Thursday evening and Friday of next week, April 20 and 21. The school will close tomorrow, but the commencement was postponed on account of the fact that some of those taking part might have more time to prepare.

Water Tank at Kingsdale Lumber Mill Burned

Fire of unknown origin practically destroyed the water tank at the plant of the Kingsdale lumber mill Tuesday afternoon. The loss was about \$500, partly covered by insurance. While the origin of the fire is not known it is supposed that it caught from a spark from a smoke stack.

Planting of Cotton

Mr. J. S. Brown, who lives near Buie, was among the visitors in town yesterday. Mr. Brown says the farmers up his way are busy sowing cotton seed. His idea is that the farmers are going to plant too many acres in cotton this year to realize a high price.

DRAINAGE LANDS CASE TO SUPREME COURT

Judge Daniels Rules That Drainage District Lands Sold for Taxes May Be Resumed

Mention was made some time ago in The Robesonian of the suit instituted against the commissioners of the Back Swamp and Jacob Swamp Drainage District and R. E. Lewis, sheriff, by B. W. Townsend et al, to prevent the sheriff from executing a deed to the purchaser of Mr. Townsend's lands, which were recently sold for drainage tax. The tax for the current year amounted to about \$1300, and the land sold for about \$11,000. Mr. Townsend contends that he has a right to redeem the land in the same manner as if it had been sold for State and county taxes, and is seeking an order allowing him to pay the taxes for last year and redeem. The drainage law provides that when land is sold for drainage assessments and brings more than enough to pay the assessment then due, the surplus shall be paid to the treasurer and used for the payment of future assessments. The drainage commissioners are willing for the land to be redeemed, if they have the power to do so, but are afraid they do not have the power to allow the land to be redeemed.

The case was heard by Judge F. A. Daniels yesterday and he ruled that the land could be redeemed. Both parties are anxious to know what the rights of the parties are in such cases, and the drainage commissioners have appealed the case to the Supreme Court, in order to have this part of the drainage law construed.

Messrs. McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor represented the plaintiffs and Messrs. Johnson & Johnson represented the drainage commissioners. The drainage commissioners decided some time ago that in cases where the land brought more than the total assessments that the surplus should be refunded to the owner, and this has been done in one or two cases.

BUIE AND PHILADELPHUS NEWS

Philadelphus Won Two Prizes—Baseball—Personal

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Buie, Apr. 12.—The Philadelphus high school boys will play a game of ball this afternoon with the Raeford high school team.

Messrs. J. F. McKay, W. M. Pate, C. C. Baxley, Miss Annie Humphrey and Mrs. W. M. Pate, were Lumberton visitors Monday.—Mrs. Mattie McGoogan, of Rennett spent Monday and Tuesday with Miss Maggie Brown.

We understand that the Philadelphus high school came home with two of the prizes won at the commencement.

Mr. Paisley McMillan spent Tuesday evening in the Wakulla section.

News Notes and Personals From Bellamy

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Bellamy, Apr. 12.—Rev. W. R. Davis filled his regular appointment at Antioch Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. C. C. Taylor of Maxton visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Taylor, Sunday.—Miss Lottie Pittman of East Lumberton spent several days last week visiting at the home of Mr. J. B. McLean.—Mr. J. G. Todd of Wilmington visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Todd, Sunday.—Miss Pearl Freeman spent last week visiting friends and relatives near Old Kingsdale.—Mr. J. H. McLean left for Fayetteville Monday p. m. after spending the past week with home folks.—Mrs. Bettie Pittman of East Lumberton visited in this vicinity Sunday.—Mrs. J. D. Duncan was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday.

Quite a number around here who work for the Butters Lumber Co., have been idle the past two days on account of the death of Mr. E. B. Wright, general manager. He had been in failing health for some time, and was in a hospital in Philadelphia when he died.

Robeson county was well represented at the County Commencement last Friday. There was the largest crowd there this writer ever saw there at one time.

"Aunt Becky," come again, your letters are very interesting.

Thompson Hospital Notes

Mr. John T. Biggs, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Thompson hospital Monday, is getting along nicely. Mrs. K. M. Barnes, who recently underwent an operation at the Thompson hospital, is getting along well. Mrs. Wade Wishart, who recently underwent a serious operation at the Thompson hospital, is getting along as well as could be expected. Miss Beulah Prevatt of Orrum, who had been under treatment at the Thompson hospital for some time, was able to return home yesterday.

Much Snow in Watauga County—Snow Storm Lasts Three Days

Boone Dispatch, April 11.

An unusual snowstorm has been on in this section for nearly three days and nights. The average fall is about 6 to 10 inches, but the snow is drifted in some places to several feet. The temperature Monday was down to 25. There are fears that the fruit will be killed.

FUNERAL OF MRS. SHARPE

Remains Interred in Beautiful Cemetery at Garnett, S. C.—Numerous Exquisite Floral Offerings Covered the Grave

The funeral of Mrs. Annie McDavid Sharpe, whose death at Garnett, S. C., at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wiggins, at 2 o'clock Monday morning was mentioned in Monday's Robesonian, took place Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock from Black Swamp Methodist church at Garnett, services being conducted by the pastor of the church, Rev. J. A. McGraw. Interment was made in the cemetery at the church beneath beautiful towering cedars of Lebanon. Numerous exquisite floral offerings, many of them from a distance, sent from a number of places where deceased was known and loved, completely covered, and were banked high upon the grave.

Mrs. Annie McDavid Sharpe was born in Greenville county, S. C., on March 12, 1834, and was, therefore, 82 years and 28 days old at the time of her death. She was the daughter of Allen and Theresa Acker McDavid. On October 2, 1860, she was united in marriage to Rev. V. A. Sharpe, who was at that time a member of the South Carolina Methodist Conference and later transferred to the North Carolina Conference, of which he was a member until his death in December, 1894. Four daughters and two sons survive.

Mr. J. A. Sharpe, editor of The Robesonian, attended the funeral of his mother and returned home last night.

Death of Small Son of Mr. and Mrs. Z. R. Lytton

Weldon, 10-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Z. R. Lytton, died yesterday morning at 5:30 at the home of his parents at the National cotton mill after an illness of 8 days. The parents, accompanied by a number of friends, left this morning with the remains for Gastonia, where interment will be made in the family burying ground. Mr. Lytton is superintendent of the National mill.

GADDYSVILLE GRIST

Address Saturday Night and Sunday—Real Estate Deal—County Commencement—New Negro Town—Personal

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Gaddysville (Fairmont, R. I.), Apr. 12.—E. L. Middleton, corresponding secretary of the Sunday School Board, will deliver an address Saturday night, April 15, also Sunday at Pleasant Grove. We are also expecting Mr. Frank Gough to make an address Sunday. Both speakers are well versed in Sunday school affairs and we are confident if you miss it you will miss a gold opportunity to hear Carolina's most polished speakers. Dinner will be served on the grounds Sunday. We extend to the public a cordial invitation.

Mr. J. W. Ward, a prominent merchant of Rowland, has purchased the J. W. Crawford farm here.—Mr. J. R. Burnes has purchased a Maxwell touring car. This is the first car for Gaddysville but not the last. Most everybody went to Lumberton Friday and enjoyed the day, if it did rain. Gaddysville was there about 25 or 30 strong, but by no means was this the full crew at Gaddysville, for we have about 25 or 30 more. A few of our number that were there didn't march, while others could not go on account of sickness in their homes. We liked the commencement fine, but it seems as if we had had some good speakers it would have been better.

Mr. Giles Robertson of Rowland and County Demonstrator L. E. Blanchard of Lumberton were here Tuesday a. m.—Mr. Stephens of Lumberton spent short while here Tuesday.—Rev. W. S. Ballard filled his regular appointment at Pleasant Grove Sunday and as usual preached a very strong sermon.

It seems as if the eastern corner of Gaddysville has emerged from God's own open country to a town. The Beaufort County Lumber Co. has there a colony of negroes. Some of our people have christened it "new Africa," but this spot or this end of Gaddysville will to your correspondent's delight remain God's own open country. Not but what we like town, for we like no other place on earth like town, save the country.

We have heard of the hotel for Lumberton, also the high school, and now we have seen these about accomplished and we don't see why Lumberton can't afford a daily paper. We don't see why as large a city, a prosperous county like Robeson, and not a daily paper within her bounds.

W. V. B.

Two Schools Not Mentioned

It is regretted that in the writing-up of County Commencement, when there were so many things to tell mention was omitted of the fact that Cedar Grove school, of which Mr. Claud Phillips was principal, and Sand Hill school, of which Rev. J. M. Fleming was principal, were combined in the parade and made a splendid show as to marching, order, etc.

SECOND PRELIMINARY DEBATE TONIGHT

Seventy-Five Schools Eligible to Enter—Robeson Heads the List With Four Teams—Many Girl Debaters—Final Debate Tomorrow Evening

University News Bureau.

Chapel Hill, N. C., April 11.—Seventy-five schools, having complied with the conditions regulating and governing the High School Debate, are now eligible to enter the final contest for the Aycock Memorial Cup. Each of these schools will send two teams to Chapel Hill on Thursday, April 13—one affirmative and the other negative. And once on the Hill the affirmative team and the negative team, which are to face each other in Memorial Hall Friday evening at eight o'clock, will be chosen by the process of elimination. From the seventy-five schools which will enter the first preliminary Thursday evening, about sixteen teams will be chosen to enter the second preliminary Friday morning. At this time and from this number the two teams which are to enter the final debate in Memorial Hall will be chosen.

One interesting phase of the debate is the fact that very few of the high schools win out in the triangular two years in succession, a fact which signifies that all schools enter the contest upon an equal basis and all have the same chance of winning the Aycock Cup. For instance, only ten of the schools which sent down teams last year will be represented again this year; and only eight of the schools represented here in 1913-14 will be eligible this year. Out of the 325 schools in the contest this year not a single one of them has sent down teams for four successive years. Eight schools, however, have been represented at Chapel Hill three times. Of that number three—Lumberton, Holly Springs and Stoneville—sent teams down for the first three years but lost out in the triangular contest this year. The other five schools achieving such distinction are Pleasant Garden, Wescott, Graham, Statesville and Stem.

Forty-five schools will be represented at Chapel Hill by one or more girl debaters. Eighteen of these schools will send down two girls; two—Vanceboro and Trenton—will send three girls each; while the teams representing Faison and Swannanoa will be composed entirely of girls.

Robeson county heads the list with four representatives among the 75 schools coming to Chapel Hill next Thursday. Seven other counties—Alamance, Buncombe, Gaston, Iredell, Scotland, Wake, and Wilson—have three schools each; and still three others—Guilford, Duplin and Johnston—will be represented by two schools. A curious coincidence occurs in connection with the counties which will be represented at Chapel Hill by three schools will also be represented by five girl debaters.

Out Rozier Way—Social and Personal Items

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Rozier, April 11.—Mr. Eli Ratley of Petersburg, Va., has returned home after spending several days here on business.—Mrs. H. H. Hase of Pomona, Fla., and little son Henry and Mrs. Mary Klapp of Statesboro, Ga., are visiting friends and relatives here.—Master Dennis Carlyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Carlyle, is very sick.—Miss Cleon Odum, a trained nurse, is with him.—Mr. Dennis Ratley left last night for his home at Bennettsville, S. C.—Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Barker are visiting at Mrs. Barker's brother's, Mr. George Ratley of Red Springs. It is expected that Mr. Ratley will return home from Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, Md., in a few days. He underwent a very serious operation there a few days ago.—Mr. and Mrs. Will Olpham of Fayetteville spent the week-end here.—Mr. D. S. Carlyle has purchased a new Chevrolet car from Mr. Frank Holloway of Lumberton.

Mrs. S. R. Rozier delightfully entertained a number of young folks at her beautiful home at Rozier Tuesday night. It was given in honor of Miss Mary McLean, the teacher at Rozier. Cake and cream were served.

Mr. D. S. Carlyle and two sisters, Misses Flora and Maggie, spent Wednesday at Mr. Regan's, near Tolarsville.—Mr. Alex Butler and son Mr. Ernest, are spending this week at their home at Fayetteville.—Mr. A. S. Pitman has purchased a new Ford car. He carries the mail with it.

DISEASE PREVENTION

Seventy-six out of eighty-seven cases of typhoid fever which occurred in a recent outbreak have been traced by the United States Public Health Service to infected milk. Had the first cases been reported to a trained health officer the outbreak could have been stamped out promptly. When will we learn that disease prevention is sure and cheap?

Washington April 11.—The Senate late today passed its substitute for the House free sugar repeal resolution, extending the present duty of one cent a pound on sugar until May, 1920. The vote was 40 to 32.

OPERETTA TOMORROW NIGHT

"The Wild Rose" Will be Presented at Opera House Friday by 30 Young Ladies From Maxton—For Benefit of School Building

Thirty young ladies from Maxton will give an operetta, "The Wild Rose", at the local opera house tomorrow evening beginning at 8:30 o'clock. The attraction is a high-class musical entertainment and made a decided hit at Maxton, where it was given Tuesday evening. Those who are at all familiar with Maxton's musical talent are assured that the entertainment will be well worth while. If you are a lover of music—good music—you will be well entertained by attending the operetta. Prices of admission will be 15 cents for school children, 35 cents and 50 cents. The proceeds will go towards furnishing Maxton's handsome new school building. The leading role will be sung by Miss Emma Louise Jones, musical instructor in the Maxton graded school.

Misses Katie Lee McKinnon, Emma Louise Jones and Marguerite Townsend of Maxton were here yesterday afternoon making arrangements for the occasion, which promises to be a rare treat for music lovers.

MARIETTA SCHOOL FINALS

Mr. J. A. Brown the Speaker—Declaration Contest and Concert

The Marietta high school closed yesterday with a splendid commencement. The speaker of the occasion, Mr. J. A. Brown of Chadbourn, was introduced by Mr. Frank Gough of Lumberton. In his remarks Mr. Gough stated that yesterday was the seventh time he had performed the introducing mission at a school closing and he declared that the people looked better and more intelligent each year. Mr. Brown made a splendid address. After the address a bountiful dinner was served in the yard near the building.

In the afternoon a declamation contest was entered by a number of the pupils of the school. Miss Mabel Adams won the prize—a gold medal—offered for the best girl declaimer, while Mr. Forest Hamilton won a like prize offered for the best male declaimer.

A concert given by the school Tuesday evening was largely attended and greatly enjoyed.

Among those who attended the commencement from Lumberton were Prof. J. R. Poole, Mr. Frank Gough and Mrs. F. Grover Britt.

Smyrna News Notes and Personals

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Smyrna (Lumberton, R. 4), Apr. 12.—Rev. J. M. Fleming filled his regular appointment here both Saturday and Sunday and preached excellent sermons both days.

Messrs. Dock Cox and John Stone of Lumberton spent Saturday night with Mr. Dave Cox of this section.

Mr. Francis M'White of Pembroke attended preaching here Sunday.

Our school closed the 6th. We regret to see the teachers leave, but we hope to have them back again.

Miss Reddin Britt of the Hog Swamp section spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Lamb of this section.

Mr. and Mrs. Nash Lamb spent a few hours Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Britt of this section.

Mr. and Mrs. John Williams of Gaddysville section spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. E. McQ. Rowan of this section.

Sorry to report Mrs. Pink Britt of this section unimproved.

Strawberry Growers Exchange Organized in Bladen

At a meeting of Abbottsburg and Bladenboro farmers one day last week a strawberry growers exchange to be a branch of the Chadbourn organization was formed. The object of the new organization is to standardize the output of the growers and secure a higher price for products. From the report of the meeting in a dispatch to the Raleigh News and Observer:

"In a recent letter received from Bladen county a leading citizen of Abbottsburg said, 'We think that something might be done to help our marketing conditions. A few years ago we shipped sixty cars of strawberries from Abbottsburg. Last season we only shipped ten or twelve on account of the poor prices received.'

"The growers about Abbottsburg and Bladenboro have about one hundred acres in strawberries—but on account of the low prices received for their crop during the past few years have been compelled to stop shipping them to the large markets."

Bluefield, W. Va., April 12.—Three persons were killed, one perhaps fatally injured, and two others less seriously hurt at the Nemours plant of the Dupont Powder Company, eight miles from here, today, when 4,000 kegs of black powder exploded. The plant was almost completely destroyed with a loss of about \$100,000.

Mr. Jesse Scott of route 1 from Elrod is among the visitors in town today.

Rev. B. E. Stanfield of Fairmont is a Lumberton visitor today.

BRIEFS ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—License has been issued for the marriage of Stacy Edwards and Ovelia Conner.

—Middling cotton is selling on the local market today for 11 9-16 cents the pound.

—The Robesonian has not learned of any damage done in this county by the recent cold spell.

—Mr. C. M. Fuller returned Tuesday from the West, where he went to buy mules for his large sales stables.

—Mrs. T. L. Johnson, who recently underwent a serious operation in a hospital at Columbia, S. C., is expected to return home Sunday.

—Mrs. Sallie Thompson has been seriously ill at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Thompson, Chestnut street, since Monday night.

—Mr. E. A. Carlyle of St. Paul, R. 2, was among those to call at The Robesonian office Monday and pay his subscription. He says The Robesonian is a paper that he just can't get along without.

—Mr. W. F. Livingstone has sold the fixtures of the Carolina Pressing Club, of which he was proprietor, to Mr. W. N. Smith. Mr. Livingstone has accepted a position with the Lumberton Tribune.

—Rev. Marvin Hoyle, formerly pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, spent Tuesday and yesterday in town on business. Mr. Hoyle is now located at Cornelius, Western part of the State. The many friends of Mr. Hoyle were pleased to see him again.

—The National Bank of Lumberton has recently installed the Rand visible signature system. This puts the signature of depositors before the cashier at all times and will play a big part in protecting depositors against having their names forged to checks.

—The following Lumberton people attended the Wells-Highsmith wedding at Fayetteville Tuesday night: Miss Christine Gower, Mrs. R. C. Lawrence, Messrs. J. J. Goodwin, S. K. Nash and Dr. R. S. Beam. The marriage took place in the First Baptist church.

—Mr. G. S. McKenzie of Lumberton went Tuesday to Fayetteville, where he has accepted a position with the Cape Fear News, Fayetteville's new morning paper. Mr. McKenzie has had considerable newspaper experience and no doubt will make good in his new work.

—At the meeting of the county board of education held Monday of last week the time was taken up in matters pertaining to the County Commencement. Quite a bit of time was taken in signing the more than 200 diplomas presented to pupils from the various schools Friday.

—The brick work on Lumberton's new \$20,000 school building has been completed. While the contract, which was awarded to Messrs. Harris & Poe of Durham, calls for the completion of the building by August 15, it is thought that the building will be completed long before that time.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Glover, who were married here Friday of last week, mention of which was made in Monday's Robesonian, passed through town this morning en route to Marietta, where they will make their home. Mr. and Mrs. Glover have been in Wilmington since Saturday.

—Mr. John C. Fuller left last evening for Durham to investigate a proposition for selling automobiles.

Messrs. C. M. Fuller & Son are contemplating handling autos in addition to other vehicles of all kinds at their large store rooms adjoining Mr. Fuller's sales barn at the corner of Chestnut and Second streets.

A false fire alarm was turned in from box No. 37, Seventh and Walnut streets, about 7:45 last evening. The fire company and many others responded to the alarm, but found no fire. The man who turned in the alarm must have forgotten that at all times there is a reward of \$100 for the arrest and conviction of anyone turning in a false alarm in the town of Lumberton.

Notice of New Advertisements

Lumberton Bargain House can supply your wants for Easter.

C. M. Fuller has just received his last shipment of mules for the season.

Mary C. McCormick has qualified as administratrix of the late Henry K. McCormick.

Dunlop flour and shipstuffs—Whitfield & French.

Top dressing talks; Arcadian sulphate of ammonia.

Have you tried Columbia double disc records?—Lumberton Music Store.

Put your money in the bank and grow a fortune—First National Bank.

J. S. Oliver announces candidacy for House of the Legislature.

Program at Pastime.

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