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TOWN POLITICS DUE TO WARM UP

Dr. W. A. McPhaul Says He is Out for Mayor—Dr. W. W. Parker Announces for Commissioner—Other Candidates for Commissioner Expected to Come Out

Town politics is due to take on life and movement from this date. Dr. W. A. McPhaul says that he is in the race for mayor on a platform of low taxes and a sanitary town. Mayor White is a candidate to succeed himself and everybody knows that Mr. Juddie Moore is in the race. So there is to be a three-cornered race for this office, and the apathy that has prevailed up to this good hour will be known no more until after the primary on the 25th inst. Dr. W. W. Parker announces that he is a candidate for town commissioner, and others are expected to come out for this office. There is a move on foot to put out an entirely new set of commissioners to succeed those whose terms expire.

Town politics will live up and get interesting from now on.

VILLA AGAIN REPORTED DEAD

His Disinterred Body Said to be in Possession of Carranza Troops—Accounts Apparently Reliable But Accepted With Reserve by American Officials

El Paso, Texas, Dispatch, Apr. 16. Francisco Villa is dead, and his body, disinterred some days after his burial, is in possession of the Carranza troops, according to a series of telegrams received in Jaurez today, by the Mexican officials.

For more than a week reports that Villa had died from wounds have been current here and in Jaurez. Today's accounts were the most circumstantial and apparently reliable yet received. They were accepted with reserve by American officials, including General Bell, but Mexican officials expressed confidence in their reliability.

DECIDES TO TAKE MEDICINE

Will Nance, Who Shot Up School Gathering, Begins Serving Sentence on Roads

Will Nance, who was sentenced to 4 years on the roads by Recorder E. M. Britt for shooting four people at a school closing at Smith's school house, Howellsville township, on the night of March 31st, last, has been carried to chain gang No. 1. After the sentence had been imposed Nance gave notice of appeal and the bond was fixed at \$1,000. This Nance failed to make and he later decided to go on to the roads. Accounts of both the shooting and the trial have been published in The Robesonian.

GROUND BROKEN FOR HOTEL

Work Begun Friday—Material for Building Has Been Bought and Work Will be Rushed

Work was begun on breaking ground for Lumberton's new hotel Friday morning. When the work was begun Mayor A. E. White drove two mules that were hitched to a scow while a load was being carried off the lot. He also unloaded the scow. It is understood that the material has been bought for the building, the dimensions of which have been published in The Robesonian, and the work will be rushed to completion.

ORRUM HIGH SCHOOL FINALS

Concerts Thursday and Friday Evenings, Commencement Proper Friday

Commencement exercises of the Orrum high school at Orrum will begin Thursday evening of this week with a concert, there will be exercises Friday and a picnic dinner, and commencement will wind up Friday evening with another concert. There will be no admission fee to the concerts. The public is invited. Commencement address at 11 a. m. Friday will be by Mr. Jos. W. Little of Wilmington.

Shot Himself in the Leg

Heath Herton, colored, was monkey kind of careless like with a big pistol lodged in his hip pocket yesterday morning and the weapon went off and sent a ball through his right leg. He walked from across the river to the office of Dr. W. A. McPhaul and when Dr. McPhaul told him the ball narrowly missed a big artery and that he would have bled to death if that had been struck. Heath went pale and got suddenly weak. He said he threw the gun as far as he could when it treated him that way. Heath has been working with the force at the filter plant.

Slight Change Seaboard Schedule

A slight change went into effect yesterday on the Seaboard. No. 13, west-bound passenger, is changed now to 6:19 p. m. instead of 6:25 p. m. No. 20, eastbound, is due at 9:45 p. m. instead of 9:55. No other trains are affected.

Cotton Up Big Enough to Plow

On a trip to Pleasant Hope, near Fairmont, and Pleasant Grove, near Rowland, yesterday, Mr. Frank Gough of Lumberton says he saw cotton up and growing to the extent that it has been plowed.

FEWER CASES MALARIA SAVES ROBESON OVER \$12,000

1600 Fewer Cases Malaria Last Year—Means Saving to County of Over \$12,000—Efforts Should Not Stop—3 Ways to Prevent Malaria (By Dr. E. W. Page, Robeson County Health Officer.)

Correspondence of The Robesonian. After visiting more than one hundred schools this session and collecting statistics in regard to malaria in various sections of the county I find that there were about 1600 fewer cases of malaria in Robeson last year than there were in 1912 or 1913. Estimating that a person loses eight days time as a result of an attack of this disease, we find that 12,800 days were saved. Estimating each day's value at fifty cents we find a total of \$6,400. The medical attention, drugs, loss of time in nursing, etc., would amount to an additional \$5,400. Robeson saved, then, more than \$12,000 last year, compared with former years, as a result of preventing this disease.

Let us remember that each season takes care of itself so far as malaria is concerned and that the same efforts should be put forth again this season in order to protect ourselves against the disease.

There are three ways to prevent this mosquito-borne disease: by drainage, which means tin cans as well as ditches near the home; by screens to keep the mosquito from entering the home; and by taking quinine two or three times a week if malaria is prevalent in the community.

FIERCE FOREST FIRES

One Man Overtaken on Road and Burned to Death—Damage Will Run Into Thousands of Dollars

A fierce forest fire has been raging for several days and at last accounts Saturday was still raging in Beaver Dam and Cedar Creek townships in Cumberland county. Thousands of dollars worth of property has been destroyed. Daniel B. Carter, a well-known farmer, while walking along the public road was overtaken by the fire and burned to death. The home of Purdie Hall was burned with all its contents. An area 10 miles long had been swept through those townships up to Saturday and the fire had reached Clay Fork in Beaver Dam, where a large number of men had gathered to fight the flames. From other sections of Eastern Carolina come reports of fierce forest fires. One of the oldest churches in Beaufort county, St. James' Episcopal, has been burned, loss \$10,000. The mammoth storage yards and mill of the Roper Lumber Co. at Roper, one of the largest lumber plants in the South, caught fire Saturday. The damage has not been learned.

IF VILLA IS DEAD TROOPS WILL BE WITHDRAWN

Washington Dispatch, Apr. 16. American troops will be withdrawn from Mexico immediately if Francisco Villa is dead. Administration officials made this unqualified statement tonight, commenting on reports from Mexican sources that the bandit's body had been discovered and was being taken to Chihuahua City by special train.

The State and War departments were without confirmatory advices on the subject from American sources. Reports reach El Paso and other border points were forwarded for information, but neither American consuls nor military authorities in Mexico were heard from.

Small Boy Hurt When Horse Falls With Him

Annie Lou, 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Inman, who live in the eastern part of town, was taken violently ill Saturday night about 11 o'clock. The child had been apparently in the best of health up to the time she was so suddenly taken ill. Fay, a small son of Mr. and Mrs. Inman, got on a horse and rode up town to call a physician. He made the trip up town all right and summoned Dr. W. L. Grantham, who hurried to the Inman home. The boy started back home and the horse he was riding fell down on the pavement on Chestnut street. In the fall young Inman's left knee was severely cut, it taking 11 stitches to sew up the gash. Just after the arrival of the doctor at the Inman home Chief of Police H. H. Redfearn arrived and told Mr. Inman his son was badly hurt. Mr. Inman says it was a trying experience with him. One of his children at home in a diving condition and another up town badly hurt, and he did not know how badly his son was hurt. However, the girl's condition was greatly improved and the boy is getting along nicely.

Box Supper at Regan's Wednesday Night

There will be a box supper at Regan's school house Wednesday night of this week. The proceeds from the supper will go to the benefit of Regan Methodist church. Mr. Ertel Carls of Lumberton will make an address in addition to the box supper, and plenty of entertainment will be furnished those who attend. Mr. John T. Warwick of Lumberton is principal of the school.



County Commencement scene in Lumberton April 7. Orrum High School which won prize in parade, in foreground

LUMBERTON TOWNSHIP DEMOCRATS MEET

Executive Committee Re-elected—Delegates to County Convention April 22—Committee Will See About Holding Democratic Rally

At a well attended meeting called by Chairman H. E. Stacy of the Democratic committee of Lumberton township in the court house Saturday afternoon the old executive committee was re-elected. The committee is composed of Messrs. H. E. Stacy, R. D. Caldwell, Eli Phillips, E. E. Page, W. S. Britt.

The following men were appointed delegates to the county convention, which will be held in Lumberton next Saturday, beginning at 11 o'clock a. m.: A. E. White, T. L. Johnson, A. W. McLean, W. P. McAllister, S. McIntyre, W. O. Thompson, R. D. Caldwell, Charlie Bryant, A. J. Prevatt, E. L. Hamilton, J. A. Boone, A. B. Hayes, T. O. Britt, E. J. Fitt, R. A. McLean, T. A. McNeill, Jr., J. D. McLean, Frank Gough, C. M. Barker, L. B. Townsend, D. B. McNeill, G. E. Rancke, Forest Alexander, Geo. A. Barnes, J. S. McNeill, M. W. Floyd, J. I. Barnes, R. E. Lewis, J. J. Goodwin, E. E. Page, K. M. Barnes, C. V. Brown, H. M. McAllister, E. I. Britt, G. P. Higley, L. R. Varser, J. D. Proctor, J. M. McCallum, W. P. Barker, James E. Dial, T. A. McNeill, Sr., H. E. Stacy, W. A. McPhaul, W. S. Britt.

The matter of holding a Democratic rally was discussed and Messrs. H. E. Stacy, T. A. McNeill, Jr., T. L. Johnson, E. J. Britt and A. E. White were appointed a committee to determine the advisability of holding a rally and at what time and report at the county meeting next Saturday.

All the townships in the county were called upon to hold like meetings Saturday and elect delegates to the county meeting.

DEMOCRATIC PRECINCT MEETING

White House Township
Correspondence of The Robesonian. Marietta, Apr. 15—At three o'clock this p. m. Mr. C. A. Oliver, chairman of the Democratic executive committee, called the meeting to order and stated the object of the meeting. On motion of C. K. Morgan, the former members of the executive committee, were re-elected, viz: C. A. Oliver, G. E. Morgan, A. W. Harrington, Timothy Page, W. T. Jenrette.

Delegates to the county convention to be held in Lumberton April 22nd were elected as follows: C. A. Oliver, G. E. Morgan; alternates, G. E. Morgan, D. J. Oliver. On motion of C. A. Oliver, J. S. Oliver was unanimously endorsed for the Legislature. The executive committee met and elected C. A. Oliver chairman of the Democratic executive committee of White House township.

Candidates for State Offices Getting Busy

Mr. Jas. E. Carraway of Waynesville, one of the managers of the campaign of Lieut. Gov. E. L. Daughtridge for the Democratic nomination for Governor, spent Thursday in Lumberton. He seems well pleased with Mr. Daughtridge's prospects for the nomination. It is a fact pertinent to all observers that Mr. Daughtridge has made wonderful strides in popular favor recently.

Mr. J. S. Mann, superintendent of the State prison, spent some time in Robeson last week in the interest of his candidacy for the office of State Treasurer to succeed Mr. B. R. Lacy and was in Lumberton Saturday. Mr. Mann is making claim for the office chiefly on his record and the fact that Mr. Lacy has held the office 16 years and it is time to give it to somebody else.

—Mrs. H. B. Jennings returned Friday morning from the Union Protestant Infirmary, Baltimore, where she underwent an operation. Her health is greatly improved.

—Rev. F. R. Lowrey's Indian school in Back Swamp township closed last week. Prof. Lowrey was in town Saturday.

TOWN FATHERS MEET

Satisfactory Settlement Made With Tax Collector Redfearn—Ditch-Cleaning Contract Renewed—Water Meters to be Put In—Other Matters

At a meeting of the town commissioners Thursday night the committee recently appointed to make settlement with Chief of Police H. H. Redfearn, who is also town tax collector, reported that a satisfactory settlement had been made and the report was accepted. This committee, which was composed of Mr. Ira B. Townsend, town clerk and treasurer, Mr. Woodberry Lennon, town attorney, and Mr. James D. Proctor, a member of the board, was appointed at a recent meeting of the board to make a settlement with Mr. Redfearn, it appearing that he was due the town \$226.50, an amount collected by him for license from various persons in town between the dates of June 23 and November 20, last year, and not turned over to the town clerk and treasurer. In settling the account Mr. Redfearn endorsed a salary check paid him by the town and turned it back to the town clerk and treasurer and gave his personal check for \$26.50. Mr. Proctor explained that while Mr. Redfearn had not turned the money over to the town that the town owed him \$200 on his salary, which fact Mr. Redfearn says caused him not to turn in the \$226.50 collected by him.

A contract made a year ago between the town and the S. A. L. Ry. Co. with reference to cleaning out the ditches in the southern part of town, was renewed. This contract deals with ditches in which both the town and railroad company are mutually interested.

A petition was presented to the board signed by a number of citizens in town asking that the section south of the Seaboard railroad be not used in future for a dumping ground for litter, and it was ordered that the litter be carried to the southern end of Water street and there burned. The petition was also referred to the street committee with instructions to see that such undesirable conditions as outlined in it be remedied.

A request that First street be opened up from Elm to the Seaboard railroad was referred to the street committee for investigation.

A complaint was made to the board with reference to a cow lot belonging to Mr. W. H. Kinlaw in the eastern part of town. The matter was referred to the town health officer with instructions that he investigate and report to the board.

Mr. H. E. Stacy, former town attorney, appeared before the board with reference to a bill the town has against the old firm of Lennon & Stacy for light, which he claimed had been paid in settlement with former town clerk and treasurer Mr. G. T. Page in settling with him for his services as town attorney. The present clerk and treasurer was instructed to take the matter up with Mr. Page and endeavor to adjust it.

It was made known to the board that in some instances two offices were using water and light from the same lines, while only one office was being charged for the same. It was ordered that meters be placed in all these offices as early as possible.

A number of rebates was allowed, also a number of bills was approved.

Recorder's Court—Belligerent Colored Divider of the Word
"Reverend" J. D. Lewis, colored, was before Recorder E. M. Britt Saturday charged with assault with a brick upon another man of the same color. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost.

Mexico Stephens, colored, who recently hired a horse and buggy from Messrs. Beasley Brothers livery stables to drive to Fairmont, and who drove to Bennettsville, S. C., and tried to sell the horse, was bound over to Superior Court by Recorder Britt. He was placed under a \$300 bond, which he failed to make, and is resting in jail.

L. L. Williams was before this recorder this morning on the charge of being drunk on the streets. Judgment was suspended upon payment of cost.

BARKER'S SCHOOL BUILDING AND RESIDENCE BURNED

Fire Caused by Kerosene Lamp Explosion—Prof. Norman West Badly Burned—Misfortune Probably Will Close School for the Term

Prof. Norman West, principal of the public school at Barker's, was painfully burned about the face and the school building at that place and the residence of Mr. D. F. Kinlaw near by were burned to the ground late Thursday afternoon.

The fire started from a lamp explosion, the lamp being in the hands of Prof. West when it exploded. Mr. West was putting oil in some lamps and preparing them for use Thursday night, when the pupils of the school were to give a rehearsal of the exercises to be given at the end of the school, which was to have closed in about two weeks. One of the lamps failed to burn like it should and after it had been worked over by Prof. West he tried to light it, when it exploded. The flames quickly enveloped him, burning his face and neck very badly. All his efforts to control the flames, which spread rapidly, proved useless and he had to leave the building through a window. From the school building the flames spread to the residence of Mr. Kinlaw. Mr. Kinlaw saved most all his furniture.

The school building was a large wood structure, formerly used for a high school. The county bought the building some three years ago and since that time it had been used for a public school building. The residence was used for a dormitory.

There was no insurance on the school building. Mr. Kinlaw had some insurance, but not near enough to cover his loss. The total loss is estimated at \$2,000.

Mr. Kinlaw had the misfortune to lose his residence by fire about two years ago.

The school at Barker's is a two-teacher school. Miss Lena Russ of that section was assistant teacher. It is thought the school will be discontinued as there is no available building near except the Methodist church, near by.

BUIE AND PHILADELPHUS NEWS

Baseball—Farmers Have Made Good Use of Good Weather—Much Small Grain, Cantaloupes and Watermelons Planted—New Store for Buie—Play at Philadelphia Next Friday Night

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Buie, April 14—The Philadelphia high school boys defeated Raeford in a game of ball on the Raeford diamond Wednesday evening, the score being 7 to 4. They are playing against the Red Springs boys this afternoon. We have not learned now they came out. On next Wednesday evening they will play a game with Raeford at Philadelphia.

Mr. J. E. Purcell was a visitor up in the Wagram community Friday.—Messrs. I. T. Brown, J. L. McMillan, J. F. McKay and others are gone to Albermarle today in connection with the road affairs.—Mr. Alfred Britt who had been confined to his bed for some time, is able to be up again.

The farmers in this section have never enjoyed a better spring for farm work, and they have certainly taken advantage of it.

Mr. Walter McMillan spent Saturday near Parkton.—Mr. Q. K. Nimocks of Fayetteville visited through this section last week in the interest of his candidacy for Congress.

There is a good deal of small grain, cantaloupes and watermelons, being planted in this section this year.

Messrs. W. M. Pate and Mr. J. F. McKay visited in the St. Paul section Saturday.—Miss R. D. Buie spent Wednesday in Lumberton.

Mr. C. C. Baxley will shortly, he says, build a new store in Buie. Having done business here before, he will have a great many of his old customers.

Rev. N. L. Seabolt filled his regular appointment here last Sunday. There will be given at Philadelphia next Friday night a play by the name of "Hiawatha".

Notice of New Advertisements
Leonard cleanable refrigerators—Lumberton Furniture Store.

The following have announced for office: Town commissioner (Lumberton), W. W. Parker; recorder Rowland district, A. T. McKellar; for county commissioner, E. E. Page. Campaign lie nailed.—F. A. Wishart.

Program at Pastime.—Lumberton Columbia grafanola.—Lumberton Music Store.

Opening sale of fancy work and Eastern baskets Tuesday at Newman's.

Seaboard rates to Birmingham account Confederate reunion.
Top market price for beef cattle—A. H. Hinds.
Legal notice of sale of town property under mortgage.—Mrs. Geo. C. McArn, admx., McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor, attorneys.
Strong endorsement of Daughtridge for Governor.
Notice of administration of late J. E. Price.

BRIEFS ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

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

—License has been issued for marriage of H. H. Baxley and Miss Ethel Edge.

—Mr. E. N. Prevatt and family moved last week from Keysville, Va., where they lived for a year, back to Mr. Prevatt's farm near Clybornville church.

—Mrs. T. L. Johnson returned last night from Columbia, S. C., where she recently underwent a serious operation at the Columbia hospital. She is getting along nicely.

—Mr. R. L. Collins says he set out an acre of sweet potatoes on Mr. L. H. Caldwell's place, Meadow farm, 3 1-2 miles from Lumberton on the Elizabethtown road, Saturday.

—Mr. E. F. Lamb, who lives near Hog Swamp church, was among the visitors in town Friday. Mr. Lamb says he set his tobacco crop on April 3 and the plants are alive and looking well.

—Mr. B. M. Sibley, bookkeeper for Mr. K. M. Biggs, returned last night from Albemarle, where he was called Thursday night on account of the death of his grandfather, Mr. L. Lowder. Deceased was 81 years old and was a Confederate veteran.

—Mr. A. P. McAllister went last week to the Hygeia hospital, Richmond, Va., for treatment. He was accompanied by his brother, Mr. C. P. McAllister, who returned home Friday. He said Mr. McAllister was getting along well when he left Richmond.

—Forty-three people left here on the early Seaboard train this morning for Whitey to work on a new alum plant at that place. Forty-two left last Monday, making a total of 85 for the two weeks. Common laborers are paid \$1.50 per day to work, it is said.

—The many friends of Mrs. Sallie Thompson will be pleased to learn that her condition, which has been considered very serious for several days, is somewhat improved. Mrs. Thompson is at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Thompson, Chestnut street.

—Mr. Archie Collins, formerly of Robeson, now a prosperous lumber dealer of Charlotte, was a Lumberton visitor Friday. He says they are making big preparations in Charlotte for the May 20th celebration and that it is confidently expected President Wilson will be there.

—One of the most pleasant trips one can take is down, or up, Lumber river with Capt. J. T. Glover in his large motor boat—"May". The boat is well made and equipped with the best engine to be had. Mr. Glover can carry 10 passengers on his boat, and has many calls for a ride on the Lumbee.

—The following stores in town will close at 6 o'clock, except on Saturdays, after May 1: White & Gough, Holmes Jewelry Store, K. M. Biggs, A. Weinstein, Townsend Brothers, Stephens & Barnes, W. W. Parker, R. D. Caldwell & Son, Lumberton Furniture Store, Jno. T. Biggs, L. H. Caldwell, McAllister Hdw. Co. This is done in order to give the salesmen and salesladies a little time off in the afternoon during the hot summer months.

—A blaze on the roof of the wooden building, Fourth street, occupied by Sam Lee, a Chinese laundryman, was quickly extinguished by the fire company yesterday afternoon about 1:15 o'clock. The alarm was turned in from box No. 31, located at the corner of Elm and Fourth streets. It is supposed the roof caught from a spark from a chimney. Had it not been for the quick work of the fire company quite a bit of damage would have been a quick result.

—The iron foundry department of the Lumberton Motor Car Company is constantly receiving orders for castings of various kinds. Capt. J. T. Glover, who has charge of the foundry, has recently cast a 1400 box solum. The job is as complete in every detail as if it had been done in any foundry anywhere. The town has recently placed an order with the foundry for 115 water meter boxes. They also have an order for 13 "white way" stands to be used in town.

—The Planters Bank & Trust Company is distributing a beautiful and valuable calendar. On the front of the calendar is a splendid picture of the bank's home, Fourth and Chestnut streets, also the likeness of many of the famous Confederate generals of the Civil War, the "White House" of the Confederacy, one \$100 and one \$50 Confederate bill, several monuments, etc. On the back are several poems relating to the Civil War. The calendar not only covers the balance of this year, but all of 1917 as well. It makes a most beautiful calendar.

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