

NEWS NOTES FROM SMYRNA

Christmas Pranks—Box Supper—School Starts Today—Christmas Exercises—A Marriage—Preparing to Start Another Crop—Personal Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Smyrna (Lumberton, R. 4), Dec. 28—Christmas passed off very quietly, not much drinking. A crowd went around and played off Christmas a little. They went to a certain man's house and took a bale of cotton from under his shelter and carried it off and threw it into a rice patch. No damage was done, only a pound or two of cotton pulled out. There were also some wagons put in ditches. The guilty parties are not known.

There was a box supper Thursday night which closed the school. There was a big crowd present but it wasn't much box supper. We don't know what the amount of money was—about \$5 we think. Our school will start again next Monday at 8:45 if nothing happens.

In our last letter to The Robesonian we said our Christmas exercise would be at the church Sunday at 2:30, but that was a mistake we made, it was Monday at 2:30, and we were very sorry of it, because there were some people at the church Sunday expecting it. But there was a big crowd present Monday and our exercises were fine. The children did fine.

Mrs. Bun Tyler and children of Columbus county are spending Christmas with Mrs. Tyler's mother, Mrs. Julia Britt—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lamb spent Christmas in this section.

Mr. Dock Cox returned home last week from Bedin, where he had been for about three months and Sunday he went up in the Cedar Grove section and brought Miss Lizzie Allen back to Lumberton with him Monday and were married Monday p. m. at the home of Rev. J. F. Davis. Tuesday p. m. they returned to the home of the groom's brother, Mr. Dave Cox.

Mr. Donovan Williamson, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Williamson, who had been at the Thompson hospital for some time died Tuesday morning at the hospital and was taken yesterday to Marietta where interment was made in the family burying ground.

Wonder what has become of "Old 76"? We have quit hearing from him. Wonder is he dead? We hope not. We would be glad to hear from him and all the rest of the correspondents.

Farmers are preparing to start another crop.

Mrs. Perrie Campbell of Lumberton spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Singletary of this section.

Mr. and Mrs. Nash Lamb are all smiles: it is a girl.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

Semi-Annual Report of County Health Officer B. W. Page

In Thursday's Robesonian was given a report of the meeting Monday of last week of the county board of health. The board meets again today to elect a health officer for the ensuing year. Dr. B. W. Page, who no doubt will be re-elected, made the following semi-annual report to the board last Monday:

Post-mortem examinations 3. Examination for commitment to asylum 17.

Visits to county institution 114. Visits to county dependents 13. Paupers and hook worm cases treated 142.

Examinations for applicants for aid 27. Diseases investigated 32. Diseases quarantined 34.

Visits to schools 67. Physical defects to school children reported 628.

Typhoid vaccinations 1683. Doses vaccine administered 4689. Visits to 17 dispensaries for vaccination 83.

Health talks made 128. Newspaper articles furnished 19. Health bulletins distributed 8400. Miles traveled 3900.

"Results of health work have been reported from time to time through the columns of the newspapers. Comparison of vital statistics with those of adjoining counties indicates that Robeson has prevented more than ten deaths per month for the past three years without considering the amount of sickness prevented."

STATE NEWS At the Soldiers' home in Raleigh on the 1st Dr. W. T. Paul, 69 years old, committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart. He went from Pitt county to the home. He served with Co. E. Fifth battalion of reserves in the war.

Guilford county will have a new court house during the present year. Representative L. Clayton Grant of New Hanover has prepared a bill for the Legislature which convened Wednesday to give Wilmington commission form of government—mayor and 2 commissioners.

Attractive Calendars The Robesonian has received attractive calendars from the following local business houses:

Townsend Bros. This shows a colorful reproduction of "Whose Meat?" from original painting by Charles M. Russell. A hunter has wandered for days with his pack horse and his saddlehorse in search of mountain sheep, whose playgrounds are the waste places high up among the peaks of the Rocky mountains. Up above the timber line, among the snow and rocks, he has sighted a fine specimen and has killed it. Leading his two horses across a bad stretch of country, he has reached the spot where the animal fell just in time to see a grizzly bear rise up to contest the prize. The hunter is about to raise his rifle for the shot that means life or death when the horses begin to back and pull. He cannot let them go or he is lost in the wilderness. His heavy boots slip on the bare stones. Will the man get the bear and the sheep or will the bear get the sheep and the man. "Whose Meat?" Grantham Bros. Color picture of "A House by the Side of the Road" and a verse from Foss' exquisite poem: Let me live in a house by the side

of the road, Where the race of men go by— They are good, they are bad, They are weak, they are strong, Wise, foolish—and so am I. Then why should I sit in the scorners' seat Or hurl the cynic's ban? Let me live in a house by the side of the road And be a friend to man. Desk calendar from Mr. S. H.

Hamilton, agent of the American Insurance Co. of Newark, N. J. Beautiful calendar from Mr. M. N. Folger, grocer.

Found a Sure Thing I. B. Wixon, Farmers Mills, N. Y., has used Chamberlain's Tablets for years for disorders of the stomach and liver and says "Chamberlain's Tablets are the best I have ever used." Obtainable everywhere.

Best wishes to all Robesonian readers.

ALONG ROUTE ONE

Moving is the Order—Personal and Other Items

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Lumberton, R. 1, Jan. 2—It seems that moving is the order of the day mostly now.

Mr. S. J. Allen and family have moved from their farm near Bee Gee to Clyburn. Hope they will like their new home.

Mr. Newton filled his appointment as he had promised Sunday at East Lumberton church. Every one seemed to enjoy the service.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Britt spent Sunday p. m. visiting at Whaley's lumber plant near Bee Gee.

Miss Gussie West and Miss Bessie Allen were visiting Sunday p. m. at the home of Mrs. L. L. Lewis, whose son, Master Earl, has been sick with cold. Hope for him a speedy recovery.

Well, it is 1917 once, never to be any more. Wonder do people ever think about 1916 just as they should. It is gone never to return.

Christmas was real quiet—no drinking but shooting-matches. People ought to take Christmas different from what they do.

Mr. Harvey Taylor visited Sunday at the home of his sister, Mrs. A. M. West.

Cotton mills seem to be making full time now as they have got all the money the farmers have made. There is a lot of marrying.

Hope "Aunt Becky" is better as I do enjoy reading her letters.

Hope for The Robesonian many long and happy years.

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Measles T'ins Attendance at Schools—Robeson Union Meeting—Sad News—"Aunt Becky" is Improving—Personal

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Lumberton, R. 5, Jan. 4—Welcome New Year!

The schools are re-opening for the spring sessions, but rather thinned in attendance due to the unmerciful intrusion of measles. We are fortunate, however, in our Meadows school to have enough immunes to keep us busy in spite of the epidemic. It is our sincere hope that all the sick ones may soon be well.

Rev. W. D. Combs, pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle, Lumberton, visited our school, Friday, December 22, it being the occasion of our holiday closing, and delighted us with a very excellent speech. It will be a privilege to have him visit us again. The following won a place for themselves 2nd month on the honor roll: Crosson Bryan and Howard McDonald of the 7th grade, and Mike L. Davis of the 5th grade.

The Robeson union held with the church at Singletary's X Roads last week was quite a success in every way. Despite the rains Friday morning, fifteen churches answered to roll call. The sermon by Rev. J. F. Davis and the speeches by Revs. I. P. Hedgpath and J. R. Miller were good and the singing was splendid. Dinner was served on the grounds and was in keeping with all that goes to make a well-rounded Robeson count-sumptuous repast. It was super-abundant and almost made us wish we were twins, so we could eat some more. We could not stay for the sessions Saturday and Sunday, being under obligations to the union meeting at Center Roads church in Bladen Saturday, and the church at Elizabethtown Sunday; but we heard good things about the services which were indeed gratifying. Our people were highly entertained and well pleased.

Two letters from Alcorn, S. C., bring the sad intelligence that our only aunt was buried Friday. It is sad only from an earthly consideration; for she was a ripe Christian and we feel sure our loss is her incomparable gain. She was in the 81st year of her age, and had never married. The last conversation with her was most sweetly assuring; said she was just waiting the call to come up higher.

We are delighted to hear that "Aunt Becky" is improving. An exchange of letters with her since the news of her first illness has been a source of real satisfaction. Our letter was one of encouragement and condolence; hers was an appreciative reply, and was greatly enjoyed. May her sunlight continue golden.

Miss Maggie Pitman of route 3 from Lumberton, who spent Christmas with her mother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Pitman, returned home Friday afternoon. Misses Emma Fleming, Eureka Pitman and Annie Blake, went to Fayetteville yesterday on a visit to friends in that goodly city. They will return home tomorrow.

J. M. FLEMING.

BLADENBORO NEWS BATCH

Deaths From Measles and Several Are Sick—School Begins Again Today—New Freewill Baptist Church—Personal

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Bladenboro, Dec. 30—Dr. J. S. Norman spent Christmas with his father in Alabama, returning home the 29th.

We sympathize with Mr. C. C. Carter in the death of his two boys about 11 and 13 years old, who died this week with measles and pneumonia.

WHAT TO DO FOR BAD COLDS

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