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WORK OF THE LEGISLATURE

With the Legislators at Raleigh—Bill to Limit State and County Salaries Officers to Two Terms—Other Bills of Interest

A resolution by Jones of Asheville to sanction the disbursement of prison funds, \$10 each to dependent families of State convicts, by Gov. Craig and the prison board, passed the Senate Thursday after long debate.

Senator Person introduced a bill to amend the constitution to limit all salaried State and county officers to 2 terms.

Senator Jones of Buncombe introduced a bill to require railroads to pay off engineers, conductors, firemen and other trainmen as well as shop employes every 15 days instead of every 30 days.

Both Senate and House Friday adopted resolutions paying tribute to Admiral Dewey and asking the N. C. delegation in Congress to officially represent the State at the Dewey funeral.

Senator Allen of Wayne introduced a bill Friday to abolish capital punishment except for criminal assault proven by more than one witness. A bill by Senator Long would give lodging-house keepers a lien on baggage of guests until bill is paid.

Adjournment Friday was in honor of Gen. Lee.

Gough Stirs Fun

Raleigh Cor., Jan. 19, Wilmington Star: Senator Gough of Robeson, stirred fun at the expense of Senator Person, of Franklin, the Senate's most dressy member, to regulate and amend the attire of Senator Person by prescribing that he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor should he appear in public without his red vest. Senator Brenizer offered an amendment that the Senator from Franklin be branded a "molloyceddle" should he violate the provisions of the bill.

Other bills of interest are as follows: Gough—Amend 1046, 1905 Revisal, relating to power of registers of deeds in releasing mortgages; amend road law of Robeson. Brenizer—Prevent registrations on hotel registers under assumed names; provide for sanitary inspection of hotels and restaurants. Beasley—Amend the constitution so as to exempt from taxation notes and mortgages incurred in purchase of homes up to \$3,000; elect county school boards and county superintendents of schools by vote of the people; prevent the Corporation Commission from raising county tax assessments without notice; amend the Revisal relative to carrying concealed weapons by prescribing that the punishment for such offense be fines of \$50 to \$200 or imprisonment from 30 days to 2 years in the discretion of the court.

Democratic Caucus Wednesday Night After argument as to fixing a policy as to appointment or county election of county boards of education, which sprang from a bill to give Bertie right to elect its board, the Senate Saturday decided to leave the issue to a caucus of Democratic members of the Legislature to be held Wednesday night of this week.

A resolution passed both houses asking the State delegation in Congress to work for the location of a government armor plant in the Cranberry or district.

The House voted 85 to 11, with little discussion, for the Senate resolution validating the Christmas gifts of \$10 each to dependent families of State convicts distributed by Gov. Craig and the prison board.

Oates in the Senate and McLendon in the House offered bills appropriating \$50,000 for a special campaign for elimination of illiteracy in the State.

Raleigh Cor., Jan. 20, Wilmington Star: Representative McRacken of Columbus amused the representatives immensely with a personal privilege resentment of having been placed in the attitude of minority leader by the Raleigh morning paper. He had been flooded with telegrams telling him that the place for him was the insane asylum. He was tempted to sue the paper before a Columbus jury for damages.

Superior Court Next Week

Superior court for the trial of criminal cases will convene next Monday. Judge Geo. W. Connor of Wilson will preside. The one-week term of criminal court will be followed by a week's term of civil court. Four negroes will be tried next week on the charge of murder. These are: Walter McNair, charged with killing Geo. Currie, colored; Foster McMillan and ArchBethune, charged with killing Neill Shaw; Will Marshall, charged with killing another negro with a piece of iron while working on the R. & C. railroad near town a few weeks ago.

CHANGE IN BANK OFFICERS

Messrs. Spaulding and Ford Resign Offices at Planters Bank & Trust Co. to Which They Were Recently Elected—K. M. Barnes Re-elected Treasurer—Geo. L. Thompson Becomes Trust Officer and G. E. Rancke, Jr., Secretary

At a special meeting of the directors of the Planters Bank & Trust Co. in the bank building, Chestnut and Fourth streets, Friday, Mr. K. M. Barnes was elected treasurer of the bank to succeed Mr. F. L. Ford and Mr. Geo. L. Thompson was elected trust officer to succeed Mr. O. C. Spaulding. Both Mr. Ford and Mr. Spaulding were elected at a meeting of the directors of the bank held on the 9th inst., but resigned Thursday. Mr. Ford never took over the duties of treasurer. Mr. Barnes had been treasurer of the company since it was organized more than a year ago and was cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank for four years before the new organization was perfected. Mr. G. E. Rancke, Jr., was elected secretary at the meeting Friday. The other officers of the bank are the same as elected on the 9th inst: president, C. B. Townsend; vice president, R. R. Barnes; Dr. N. A. Thompson and Messrs. R. C. Lawrence, S. P. McNair and D. H. Britt were elected to succeed Messrs. L. T. Townsend, G. M. Pate, J. A. McKay, E. F. Murray and L. E. Whaley on the board of directors at the meeting. These former directors having sold their stock in the corporation, and Dr. Thompson and Messrs. R. C. Lawrence and T. A. McNeill, Sr., were elected to succeed Messrs. L. T. Townsend, F. L. Ford and O. C. Spaulding on the executive board.

The majority of the directors attended the meeting Friday and the new officers were unanimously elected.

STOCK LAW STILL IN FORCE

Agreement Among People of a Section to Let Stock Run at Large Does Not Make It Any Less a Violation of Law—Liable to Get Road Sentence—Pistol Went Off Accidentally

Aiken Locklear, Indian, was before Recorder E. M. Britt Saturday charged with letting his hogs run at large. Judgment was suspended upon payment of cost. Judging from complaints coming to the recorder, it seems that in many sections the farmers agree to let their stock run at large certain seasons of the year, which is a violation of the law. Recorder Britt asked The Robesonian to give fair warning that in future all who come before him and it is proven that they willfully let their stock run at large will be given a road sentence. The fact that all the people living in a community agree to turn out their hogs and cattle does not keep it from being a violation of the law.

Kaiser Lennon, colored, was before the recorder Saturday charged with shooting James Caesar, colored. The evidence was that Lennon was cooking at a lumber camp and took his pistol to scare some boisterous negroes away and the pistol was accidentally discharged, the ball plancing the arm of Caesar, who was standing near by. Prayer for judgment was suspended upon payment of cost.

\$30,000 FOR LUMBERTON P. O.

That Amount Included in Public Buildings Bill Passed by House of Congress

Among the items for North Carolina included in the public buildings bill just passed by the House of Congress was an appropriation of \$30,000 for Lumberton. A site was purchased here some time ago for a post office, Elm and Seventh, and Lumberton has been hoping to get \$75,000 for a building. Other amounts appropriated for public buildings in North Carolina were: Edenton \$25,000; Mount Airy \$55,000; Mount Olive, \$30,000; Morganton \$35,000; Lenoir \$30,000.

In Charlotte papers yesterday the American Trust Co. announced winners in its Christmas savings club ad-writing contest, and Mr. Elwood Whaley of Lumberton was the winner of the first prize, \$15. In the announcement it is stated that "nearly 200 advertisements from all parts of the Carolinas were submitted and nearly all showed such familiarity with the subject, originality, forcefulness and literary merit as to make it very hard to choose between them. Many of the advertisements were masterful and showed that the writers possess talent of a high order that is needed in the great field of publicity and if cultivated and developed would probably lead to distinction and rich rewards.

COST OF SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Receipts From Office During 12 Months Ending December 1, 1916, Amounted to \$342.43 More Than Combined Salaries of Sheriff and Rural Police

In the interview in Thursday's Robesonian with Senator Frank Gough, in giving cost of the sheriff's office, including rural police, for 19 months, receipts from that office were inadvertently omitted, which made the figures incomplete and therefore misleading. As a matter of fact, receipts from the office amount to more than the salaries of the sheriff and rural policemen combined, as the following figures, given The Robesonian by County Auditor McCallum, will show:

Statement of Cost of Sheriff's Office and Rural Police for 12 Months (From Dec. 1, 1915, to Dec. 1, 1916.)

Sheriff's salary	\$323.75 a month	\$3,885.00
6 Rural Police \$75 each a month		5,400.00
Total cost 12 months		\$9,285.00

Receipts From Sheriff's Office for Same Period

Commissions and fees	\$7,672.62
Fees collected by rural police	1,954.81
Total receipts 12 months	\$9,627.43
Less total costs as above	9,285.00
Net gain from receipts	342.43

When the salaries of the sheriff and rural policemen were fixed by the Legislature 2 years ago it was estimated that receipts from the office would take care of these salaries, and from the figures given above it will be seen that the receipts more than take care of the salaries.

Out of his salary the sheriff pays a clerk, all phone bills, and his expenses in getting about over the county. It is difficult to figure just what the expenses of the office will be—in fact the expenses of this office, unlike the expenses of other county offices, cannot be accurately estimated, because they vary. But that the sheriff does not get a large salary, as salaries of county offices go in Robeson, is indicated by the statement made by Sheriff Lewis that he would rather have the office at a flat salary of \$2,500 the year, the county to furnish the clerk and pay all expenses of the office, than to have the present salary and bear all expenses himself.

And no one could successfully contend that the rural policemen are paid exorbitant salaries.

Birthdays

Viola and Frank Edwards, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Edwards, were 11 years old today. They are being given a birthday party this afternoon by Messrs. R. D. Caldwell and Son. Their invited guests are Hazel Prevatt, May Johnson Poole, Nomi Wilkes, Lois Caldwell, Francis Poole, Flora Edwards, James Knoch, Morris Pope, Knox Edwards, James Poole. They will take their guests to the Lyric theatre and the Pope Drug Co. will serve refreshments.

Grady, son of Mrs. Cora McNeill, was 11 years old last Monday. He was given a birthday party by Messrs. R. D. Caldwell and Son. Those who attended his party were: Knox Andrews, Eugene Gray, Howard Linkhaw, Rowland McNeill, Role Kelly. The party saw the pictures at the Pastime theatre and refreshments were served by the Pope drug store.

Play by Local Talent Pleases

A fair-sized crowd was richly entertained by the presentation of the Japanese operetta "Princess Chrysanthemum" at the opera house Friday evening. Miss Irene McLeod, teacher of expression in the Lumberton graded school, played the role of Princess Chrysanthemum, supported by Mr. D. F. Holloway as Emperor, Abner Nash as Prince So-sli, and a chorus from the music department of the graded school. The costumes were beautiful and each one interpreted his or her part well. The play was much more entertaining than many of the "road" shows that come to town. An admission fee of 50 cents for grown-ups and 25 cents for children was charged. The proceeds will be applied to the piano fund.

Mr. W. C. Prevatt, who lives near Lowe, brought to The Robesonian office Friday some pieces of a log which he found 22 feet underground the other day while digging a well. How long do you suppose it had been since that tree fell, and how did it happen to be so far beneath the surface in this good year?

Mr. W. D. Lewis of Pembroke was a Lumberton visitor Saturday.

LEE-JACKSON DAY OBSERVED

Address on Gen. Lee by Rev. C. L. Greaves—Dinner Served 35 Veterans by Daughters of Confederacy—Favor Pensions for All—Camp Elects Officers

Thirty-five members of camp Willis H. Pope, of the Confederate veterans met in the court house here Friday to pay tribute to their honored chieftains, Robt. E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson. A business meeting of the camp was held at 10 o'clock a. m. At this meeting the old officers were re-elected as follows: Commander, J. A. McAllister; adjutant, M. G. McKenzie; lieutenant, F. A. Bond; chaplain, Rev. Wesley Thompson. Messrs. T. A. McNeill, Sr., W. H. Graham and T. J. Wooten were appointed a committee to urge Robeson's legislators to vote and work for the bills now before the Legislature which call for a raise in the pensions of the remaining few soldiers of the sixties. The camp also went on record as favoring the paying of all Confederate veterans pensions, regardless of their wealth.

After the business meeting the "boys" listened to a splendid and eloquent eulogy of General Lee by Rev. Chas. L. Greaves, pastor of the First Baptist church. Mr. Greaves was introduced in fitting manner by Commander J. A. McAllister. Mr. McAllister expressed regret that such a few met to pay respects to the great chieftain, General Lee.

After a few preliminary remarks, in which Mr. Greaves characterized General Lee as the greatest and most accomplished soldier in American history, he launched into a discussion of General Lee's life and history as a man and as a soldier. Even before the great commander began his record in the Civil war he had become famous as a soldier and engineer, the speaker said. Mr. Greaves spoke of the many traits about the life of Gen. Lee that made him the great and noble man he was. Purity, self-control and temperance, the speaker said, were preeminent in the life of this great Southern leader. The great chieftain was distinguished for his modesty. He went about among his soldiers as a plain soldier himself. When a battle was lost he was ready to take the blame upon himself and if a victory was won he was ready to give others the credit for it. But, with all this, the speaker declared, Lee was firm in his convictions. He was as unyielding as steel. It was his firmness that won for him the utmost confidence of his followers.

Lee never hated his enemies. Sherman said war was hell and tried to make it so. Lee would not even let his men rob a cherry tree when marching through the North. While the soldiers of the Confederacy could not boast of victory, there was no stain left by their actions at which the cheek of a Confederate soldier need blush. Even in defeat the conduct of General Lee was splendid.

Gen. Lee was a believer in God. In all his correspondence he breathed the spirit of piety and trust in God. In closing his masterly address Mr. Greaves urged the comrades to be ready to meet their great leader and general on the other shore.

A motion was made and voted that Mr. Greaves furnish the dress with a copy of his splendid tribute to the great Southern chieftain.

After the address the veterans were invited to the commissioners' room, where the local chapter, U. D. C., had prepared a bountiful dinner. In the afternoon Manager Wishart of the Pastime theatre admitted all the veterans to the show free of charge.

As a whole the day was much enjoyed by the braves who met to pay honor to the memory of their lamented leader.

Notice of New Advertisements

Fertilizers and farm supplies—K. M. Biggs; first showing of new models in spring hats—R. D. Caldwell and Son; house and lot for sale—M. Biggs; great war pictures—Pastime Jan. 24; 64 acres land near Lee's Bluff for sale, also Frank Britt place near Evergreen—W. K. Fields, Boardman; 50 car loads of logs wanted—J. S. Scott, Elrod, N. C.; girl or boy wanted; the place to get perfect mechanical adjustment—Lumberton Motor Car Co.; notice of dissolution; program at Pastime; Buff Orpington cockerels and eggs—Jno. I. Newberry, R. 5, Lumberton; display of spring styles in men's tailoring—Chas. P. MacAllister; farmer's day Jan. 27 at R. D. Caldwell and Son's; salesmen wanted—Harvey Oil Co., Cleveland, O.; house in Orum for sale—Mrs. C. P. Williams; tenant wanted—White & Gough.

HONEYCUTT-LEWIS

Marriage of Miss Nellie Honeycutt and Mr. J. F. Lewis—Church Wedding at Tolarsville

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Parkton, Jan. 19—On January 17th at 7:30 p. m. Tolarsville Baptist church was the scene of one of the prettiest weddings of the season when Miss Nellie Honeycutt became the bride of Mr. J. F. Lewis of Parkton. A very large congregation had gathered, near the capacity of the new modern church building over the time for the ceremony. Two choruses by Misses Effie Britt and Lillian Lewis and Mrs. A. H. Graham—"Come and Meet Me" and "Wedding Bells"—also a solo—"O Promise Me"—by Mrs. G. F. Humphrey, and "I Love You Truly," by Mrs. A. H. Graham. To the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march rendered by Mrs. G. F. Humphrey the bridal party entered. Ushers, Messrs. Walter Smith and Jerald Willis. The first to enter was Rev. H. B. Porter, who took his position in front of the beautifully-decorated altar lighted with candles, color scheme green and yellow. Next came Mr. L. P. Johnson of Parkton, and Miss Francis Carter of Maxton, down opposite aisles; Mr. Claud Jergan and Miss Hattie Graham of Proctorville; next was Mrs. D. A. Cashwell, dame of honor, very beautiful in crepe meteor and carrying a bouquet of yellow daisies; the groomsmen with Mr. E. V. Johnson of Parkton as best man. The flower girls were Jessie Honeycutt and Elizabeth Pyrd. Next came the bride beautifully gowned in crepe-de-chine on the arm of her step-mother, Mrs. Annie E. Honeycutt, carrying a bouquet of bride's roses and ferns. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. B. Porter, pastor of the M. E. church of Parkton, in a most solemn and dignified manner. Immediately after the ceremony the bridal party left in automobiles for the home of Mrs. Annie Honeycutt, where a reception was enjoyed, and at 10:30 Mr. and Mrs. Lewis arrived at the home of the groom's father, Mr. J. T. Lewis, where a warm reception awaited them.

The groom is one of Robeson's best citizens, a progressive farmer, while the bride is one of Bladen's most attractive and accomplished young ladies and their many friends extend hearty congratulations, wishing them much happiness and success in life. While their invitation cards were delayed and failed to reach the office in time to mail out, yet they were the recipients of a number of valuable presents.

GREAT MOTION PICTURES

"On the Firing Line With the Germans" at Pastime January 24—Motion Pictures Taken in the Midst of Battle by Wilbur H. Durborough

Think of looking at an actual battle fought before your eyes! Think of sitting in a theatre 4 thousand miles from a battle front and seeing unroll before you the majestic panorama of war! Can anything be more thrilling—more vivid in its sense of realism? There will be exhibited at the Pastime theatre Wednesday the official war film of the German and Austrian Governments. It is not exaggeration to say that this series of motion pictures represents the most remarkable achievement of a film camera, taken by Wilbur H. Durborough, official press photographer, a man who feared nothing, who went under government authority into the thickest of the fight. Others have tried to accomplish what Durborough has done.

In seeing "On the Firing Line With the Germans", you wonder at these marvelous pictures, you get instruction, and enlightenment as to the actual conditions of the war.

Don't fail to see these great war pictures at the Pastime theatre Wednesday, January 24, from 1 p. m. to 11 p. m., under auspices of The Robesonian.

Colored Teachers Meet in Lumberton Saturday

Correspondence of The Robesonian. The Colored Teachers Association will meet at Lumberton January 27 at 11 a. m. Program: "Preparedness" in the Teachers' Equipment—Lottie Mosely and M. D. Lenton.

Teaching Fractions—Prof. H. W. Pope

The Place of Writing in the Public Schools—Prof. G. H. Leach. A Method of Teaching Geography—Prof. R. H. Johnson.

W. J. McLEAN, President.

The Collonade club will move at an early date from the Bond house, Chestnut street, to the Millsaps house, Elm street. The club has ten members.

COTTON AND COTTON SEED

Middling cotton is selling on the local market today for 16 cents the pound. Seed 75 cents the bushel.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

Six new "white way" light stands have been erected on South Chestnut street.

Licenses to wed has been issued to Gregory Pittman and Hattie Wiloughby; Spurgeon Ivey and Della Brisson; J. E. Burchett and Naomi Ivey.

Lumberton chapter U. D. O. E. S., is called to meet Thursday night (Jan. 25), at 7:30 in Masonic hall. By order of worthy matron. Be present.

Mr. D. R. Shaw returned Thursday from Lillington, where he went to attend the funeral of a two-year-old son of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Shaw. The child had pneumonia.

Gen. and Mrs. F. A. Bond have planned to bring their guests from Hunters' lodge, near Lowe, to the Pastime theatre this evening and after seeing the pictures they will have supper at the Lorraine at 9:30.

Rev. W. R. Davis, pastor of East Lumberton Baptist church, had his right arm broken Saturday afternoon when his automobile backfired while he was cranking it. The arm was broken just above the wrist.

Mr. Stephen Wilson, who lives on R. 7 from Lumberton, brought to The Robesonian office Saturday an unusual colored ear of corn, which he gathered from his farm last year. The corn is purple in color and the grains are unusually large.

Mr. A. C. McMillan and son, Mr. D. T. McMillan, of McMillan, were Lumberton visitors Saturday. Mr. McMillan, senior, who was a caller at The Robesonian office, told of a hog which Mr. Malcolm McMillan, who lives near him, killed some time ago weighing 530 pounds.

Mr. A. Odum of R. 1 from St. Paul was among the callers at The Robesonian office Friday. Mr. Odum is near 84 years old and served in the Civil war. He is still spry and says he could plow if it was not for a bad leg. It is interesting to hear Mr. Odum tell about the war.

Lieut. Edward B. Dennis, recruiting officer, visited the local station Jan. 18th and accepted the following applicants for service in the infantry: Benjamin T. Blake, R. 1, Lumberton; Livingston J. Prevatt, R. 1, Pembroke. Corp. Vogt returned Saturday night from visiting postmasters in this territory.

Mr. H. M. Beasley has bought the interest of his brother Mr. W. B. Beasley in the livery business which they have conducted jointly here for several years. Mr. W. B. Beasley will put his attention to his blacksmith shop, West Fourth street, while Mr. H. M. Beasley will look after his livery business and wood and coal yard.

Just when a game of cards, which was being played with money up, was getting interesting to Walter Smith, Furman Freeman and Albert Hughes, all white, last night about 7 o'clock, Chief of Police Alf McLeod nabbed them. The game was being played in Smith's pressing club, Fourth street. They were not locked up but were cited to trial before Recorder E. M. Britt this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Dr. K. E. Miller of the U. S. Department of Health, Washington, D. C., spent part of last week in Robeson inspecting the work of County Health Officer B. W. Page. Dr. Miller visits the counties where whole-time health officers are employed throughout the country. Robeson was the first county he visited in this State. He expressed himself as being highly pleased with the work of Dr. Page. He went from here to Greensboro.

Mr. W. C. West completed Saturday a 2-room public school building in the Meadows, about 3 miles east of Lumberton, and left on the same day to pay a short visit to his home folks on . 2 from Chadbourn. He goes today to Shannon to begin building a 3-room modern public school house at that place. The Robesonian goes to Mr. West's home but as he will be engaged at Shannon three months he paid for an extra copy to go to him there.

Miss Amelia Linkhauer has resigned her position as manager of the millinery department of Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son's store. Miss Linkhauer had been in that department for 16 years and is favorably known to the ladies of this section generally. She expects to open up a millinery store herself in the near future. Miss Mary Moore, who has held a position in the millinery department of the Messrs. Caldwell's store, has charge of that department now.

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