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MURDER AT ST. PAULS

Hezzie Connor of East Lumberton Shot and Killed by H. Q. Beard of St. Pauls.

BEARD ADMITS THE DEED

Says He Had Right to Shoot But Did Not Intend to Kill—He Intimates Trouble About His Wife. In Jail Here.

Mr. Hezzie Connor of East Lumberton was shot and killed by H. Q. Beard at St. Pauls yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The fatal shot was fired while Mr. Connor was on the engine of a moving train. He was fireman on a V. & C. S. freight train and as the train was pulling into St. Pauls Beard shot him, using a breech-loading shotgun, loaded with No. 2 shot. The load took effect in the right side, after passing through the right arm of the unfortunate man, death resulting in a short time.

After firing the shot Beard went to his home in St. Pauls and was later arrested by Policeman M. P. Newton of that town. Sheriff R. E. Lewis went to St. Pauls last evening and brought the prisoner to jail.

When asked about the affair by a Robesonian reporter this morning Beard said he did the shooting and told about the gun used and the size of the shot with which the gun was loaded. He added, "I had a right to shoot but no right to kill. I had no idea I would kill him when I shot." When asked what his right was, he stated that he did not care to tell at that time. However, he intimated that the trouble started about his (Beard's) wife. Beard said he was a native of Bladen county, having been born near Tar Heel. He lived in Lumberton a short time some eight months ago.

Connor was about 23 years old, not married, and lived near Barnesville before moving to East Lumberton several years ago. The remains were taken in charge by Messrs. Stephens & Barnes, local undertakers, and interment will be made near Barnesville tomorrow.

Methodist Conference—Orphanage at Raleigh Has Had Good Year.

The North Carolina Methodist conference convened in its 82nd annual session in St. Pauls church at Goldsboro Wednesday, Bishop U. V. W. Darlington presiding. The report yesterday of Rev. A. S. Barnes, superintendent of the Methodist orphanage at Raleigh, indicated that this has been the best year in the history of the institution. Two hundred and forty-five children have been taken care of and more than \$67,000 has been received. Several thousand dollars have been added to the endowment fund.

American Navy Should Be Second to None.

Neither the end of hostilities nor proposals for a league of nations has altered the policy of the general board of the navy in regard to making the American navy second to none in the world. Rear Admiral Charles J. Badger, chairman of the executive committee of the board, yesterday told the House of Congress naval affairs committee that the navy should be equal to that of any other nation by 1925 and urged that sufficient appropriations be made to make this possible by that date.

Railroad Executives Oppose McAdoo's Suggestion.

Railroad executives representing 125 roads and 92 per cent of the mileage of the country, last night gave out a formal statement in which they declared that Director General McAdoo's suggestion that government control of the railroads until January, 1924, "would simply lead to delay and confusion, demoralization of the organization of the roads both on their corporate and operating side, and defer indefinitely a satisfactory settlement" of the railroad problem.

President Will Be Given Great Reception in Paris.

The U. S. S. George Washington, on which President Wilson made the voyage from the United States, was expected to arrive at Brest, France, this morning. The official party of Americans to receive the President left Paris yesterday by special train for Brest. It included Col. E. M. House, Ambassador Sharp, Gen. Pershing, Admiral Benson, Gen. Bliss, and Gordon Auchincloss, son-in-law of Col. House. A dispatch last evening stated that Paris was hanging out its flags and preparing to illuminate for the President's reception.

Minor Court Cases.

Ottis Duncan was fined \$15 and the cost by Justice M. G. McKenzie yesterday on the charge of driving an auto against a buggy belonging to Calvin Moore, colored. Ollin Johnson, colored, was before Recorder E. M. Britt yesterday on the charge of driving an auto against a lamp post near the court house, breaking down the post. He was required to pay for the post and the cost in the case. The total cost was around \$70.

The resignation of Charles M. Schwab as director general of the Emergency Fleet corporation was accepted Saturday by President Wilson in a wireless message from the transport George Washington.

NITRATE FOR FARMERS.

Cargo Stored at Wilmington Will Be Distributed to North Carolina Farmers at Cost.

The cargo of nitrate of soda stored at Wilmington will be distributed to North Carolina farmers, the War Department realizing the cost of the product without any profit thereon, states a Washington dispatch of the 12th. Secretary of War Newton D. Baker today notified Senator Simmons of the action taken, the War Department having abandoned its original intention of selling the soda to the highest bidder.

Cargoes of soda having taken part upon the signing of the armistice, stored at other South Atlantic seaports, will likewise be distributed to the farmers under similar stipulation. Senator Simmons and other Southern Senators joined in an appeal to Secretary Baker that the soda be sold directly to the farmer rather than marketed to the highest bidder.

So, regardless of the ultimate policy of Secretary of Agriculture David F. Houston, in furnishing farmers soda at cost, the North Carolina farmers can be assured of obtaining some nitrates under the plan in operation last season. It was not known at the office of Senator Simmons the amount of the product stored at Wilmington, or whether it would suffice the needs of Eastern Carolina.

FINAL NOTICE TO REGISTRANTS

Time For Filing Questionnaires of September Registrants Extended To December 21st.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Red Springs, Dec. 11.—Enclose herewith a notice to all registrants that were 18 years old on the day of registration that we will thank you to publish.

By direction of the Board. W. F. LOVE, Local Board for Robeson County Division No. 2.

Final Notice to all Registrants 18 Years of Age on Sept. 12, 1918. The time for filing the questionnaires of the September registration has been extended by the War Department until December 21st.

All men that were 18 years old on the 12th of September were required to file with their local board a questionnaire. If you have not already done so you are hereby directed to file same at once. All men that fail to receive a questionnaire can get same by calling at the office of the local board having jurisdiction of their registration.

All men that fail to file their questionnaires before December 21st will be reported as deserters subject to one year in prison or \$1000 fine.

A. R. McEACHERN, Chm. G. B. SELLERS, Sec'y. B. F. McMILLAN, M. D.

LONG BRANCH LOCALS.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Long Branch (Lumberton, R. 4), Dec. 9.—People are about through gathering their crops in this section.

Thanksgiving passed off very quietly around here.

Misses Mae Branch and Henrietta Ammons spent Thanksgiving at McDonald visiting relatives.—Mrs. Martha Turner has returned from Beltsmore, Md., where she went to consult a specialist.—Mrs. John Bullock from near Lumberton spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ammons.—Miss Mae Branch, who is teaching at Dock Ridge, spent the week end with home folks.—Misses Suneal Thompson and Clara Britt, who are attending school at Lumberton, spent the week-end with home folks.

The quarterly which was to have been at Smyrna the 5th Sunday in December is expected to come to Long Branch. A large crowd is expected.

We think the wedding bells will ring soon. Misses Wilma Branch and Annie Ammons, who are in school at Orrum spent the week-end with home folks.

Remember next Sunday our regular preaching day. Everybody is invited to come.

Southern Commercial Congress Approves Wide Program.

The Southern Commercial congress practically closed its general sessions in Baltimore last night when, at a joint assembly on agricultural finance and shipbuilding, a wide program was approved. The platform included 12 cardinal points, the principal among which were the appropriation of the Bankhead measure for \$500,000,000 in five annual Federal appropriations for highway and post road facilities and a gigantic increase of merchant marine with equal distribution, terminal betterment and general economical trade conditions with the South as a meritorious beneficiary.

Farmers' Union Meeting Adjourns

The Farmers' Union annual convention adjourned at Wilson yesterday after a two-day session, the chief event of which was the re-election of President H. Q. Alexander after a bitter fight. Executive committee named were R. G. Maxwell of Duplin county, Orlando Crews of Rowan, Gray King of Nash, W. B. Gibson of Iredell, and I. L. Cherry of Edgecombe. Miss Gertrude Weil, of Goldsboro, addressed the convention on the subject of woman suffrage.

THAWING THE FRIGID

Evangelist McLendon is Hammering Away at Cold and Indifferent Church Members.

GOD SAYS "GET RIGHT."

Preaching Every Evening at 7:30—Three Services Sunday—Brothers and Sisters in Black Lift the Roof.

Evangelist B. F. McLendon is preaching every evening at 7:30 at the Big Banner warehouse. Three services will be held Sunday—at 11 a. m. and 3 and 7:30 p. m. Services next Monday evening for colored people.

At the service last evening Mr. McLendon called on the colored people, a considerable number of whom occupied the section reserved for them, to sing. And they did that same. They sang two hymns. The first was pitched on a low key but was sung with the spirit and the understanding. After that, when some portions of the congregation thought they were through, they "histed" a roof-lifting hymn, and the way those children of Zion's Hill sang "I'm Climbing Up Zion's Hill" was a caution. They put into it a melody and rhythm and lilt and go that caught one in its swing; nolen volens, and brought satisfied smiles of approval to every face.

"And I say unto you, unless your righteousness exceed that of the Scribes and Pharisees you cannot enter the kingdom."

Using this, with a number of other Scripture texts, last evening, Evangelist McLendon compared the righteousness of the scribes with that of the church members of today. In beginning his sermon the preacher declared that a person may apparently have much religion and then miss heaven and asked the question, Can you give better reasons than the Pharisees gave 2,000 years ago?

The Pharisees prayed loud and often, they fasted, gave a tenth of their possessions, they were the religious high-brows of their day. They kept the commandments. Takes More Than Church Membership to Save.

Being a member of the church will not save you. It is popular to belong to the church. Many join from a business standpoint. They have the idea it will give them a pull. Working in the church does not any more make you a Christian than working in a livery stable will make you a horse. What kind of church work do you do? Paying your preacher will not save you. The Pharisees gave tithes. We have robbed God. Most of us get all we can and can all we get.

Must Get Right. God curses the nation that desecrates the Sabbath. If ever a nation needed to be called back to the Sabbath it is America. The world says, act right and you are right. God says, get right. You must be born again. You cannot buy religion. Baptism will not save you. You can be baptized and go to hell. It is possible to taste the cup of communion and never taste the cup of salvation.

If you have not been born again the righteousness of the Pharisees exceeds your righteousness. We are losing the doctrine and experiences of the new birth. The preachers must wake up and preach the necessity of being born again.

Weighted and Found Wanting. "Thou art weighed in the balances and found wanting"—Daniel 5:27.

This was the text from which Evangelist McLendon preached a powerful sermon Wednesday evening. People who have no time for God may rest assured that they will have time to die. There are many throughout the land who are so wrapped up in business and worldly things that they have no time for the Bible and no thought of God. These should remember that death is on their road. Those who find no time to live for God will find time to die without Him. Men will not be weighed in the balances of self, but in balances of God. Things high in the sight of man are an abomination in the sight of God. A person is not weighed by human opinion, but by the word of God. If there is anything in God's word that damns you now it will damn you when the world is on fire.

Lovers of Pleasure.

Those who backslide break their marriage vows with God. The preacher told of the appalling condition of the churches today. There is but little attendance at the prayer-meetings. Go to the house of God and look in on a mid-week prayer meeting. Many are conspicuous for their absence. Go on down to a leg show or any place of worldly amusement and peep in and there you see a house packed with Baptists, Methodists and Presbyterians. These are absent at prayer meeting, but on the job at the places of amusement. Paul said, "In the last days men will be lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." That is why it is so easy to pack theatres and places of worldly amusement.

The Tide of Worldliness.

Speaking of authority in the homes, the preacher declared that there is as much authority there as ever, but that the authority has been shifted from the parents to the children. This tide of worldliness has paralyzed the earth. The church records are filled with the names of non-Christians. These do not want the old-time gospel preached to them. They want something to soothe them. Preachers hesitate to preach hell hot, sin black and

WITH ROBESON SOLDIERS.

Relatives of Mr. Johnnie McNeill, formerly of Lumberton, now "somewhere in France," have been advised that he came out of the big fight o. k.

Lieut. J. F. Love, who was stationed at Camp Taylor, Louisville, Ky., before receiving his discharge from military service is spending a few days at St. Pauls visiting friends. He will return to his home at Statesville in a short time. Lieut. Love is a former principal of the Lumberton high school and is well-known here. He was a Lumberton visitor this morning.

Mr. Jno. B. Martin of R. 1, St. Pauls, returned home Tuesday from Camp Jackson, having been released from military service. He is a Lumberton visitor today.

death certain because they are afraid it will cause strife. Better have a little strife than for all to go to hell in a rocking chair. A preacher should be a cross between a billy goat and a mule so he can kick at one end and butt at the other.

The lukewarm crowd will be weighed in the balances and found wanting. No man can be neutral in religion. He must be for God or against Him. Does your religion suit God?

You cannot love God and hate your brother. If you don't think it is hard to love your enemies, just try it.

Who is Wise? "He that winneth souls is wise." Prov. 11:30.

People will give widely different answers if you ask them who is the wise man, said Mr. McLendon, preaching from the text given above Tuesday evening. A banker perhaps will tell you he is wise who accumulates vast wealth; the mill man may tell you he is wise who learns all processes of manufacturing and works himself up to a good position; the politician, the military man, and so on down the list, each will give you an answer according to his particular ambition.

But God says that he that wins souls is wise. Every follower of Jesus should make the winning of souls the principal business of life. Jesus commanded, "Go ye into all the world and make disciples of all people." To be a follower of Christ is to have the same purpose He had, and He "came to seek and to save that which was lost." If that is not your purpose, what right have you to call yourself a Christian?

No matter who you are nor what your environment, God can use you. God can use anything—and here the preacher made it plain that he was not putting a premium on ignorance. But God takes the weak and foolish things of this world to confound the wise and prudent and the strong. In picturesque language he told, illustrating God's way of doing things, how David slew Goliath, how the walls of Jericho were brought down.

Incidental Expenses Too High.

The preacher told of Christ casting out the devils and suffering them to enter into the swine, which ran into the sea and were drowned. The folks gathered around, he said, and looked at the two fellows who had been converted and said, "Yes, there's been a revival, these two fellows have got religion, but thinking of the 2000 hogs that had been drowned, they said, 'but the incidental expenses were too high,' and they asked Jesus to depart from their coasts. They preferred drunkards and convicts and devils to Jesus."

"At the rate we are going as a church people," said the preacher, "we'll never get very far down the road."

Whittling Nothing to a Point.

Mr. McLendon paid his respects to church people who are busy fighting sham theological battles, "whittling nothing off to a point," jealous of each other, divided over small things. Illustrating the point that church people united could accomplish something, he told of 7 guards over a thousand inmates of an insane asylum, and when some one remarked how easy it would be for the thousand to overcome the seven if they would get together, the reply was that if they had sense enough to get together they would not be there.

"A lot of folks," said the preacher, "think religion is going down the road hitched to a horse, with a coffin under one arm and a tombstone under the other, with a face long enough to eat oatmeal out of a stovepipe."

He closed with a graphic picture of souls being swept on to perdition in a black tide, while some earnest men and women are pulling as many out to safety as they can.

McAdoo Favors Government Control of Railroads 5 Years Longer.

Extension of the period of government control of railroads for five years, until January 1, 1924, is recommended to Congress by Director-General McAdoo. Advantages of this, Mr. McAdoo said, are that it would take the railroad question out of politics for the present, give time for carrying out of an extensive program of improvements and provide opportunity for a fair test of unified control to indicate the permanent solution of the railroad problem.

"The President has given me permission to say that this conclusion accords with his own view of the matter," Mr. McAdoo concluded.

It's Other Name Is Lumberton.

Rev. C. H. Durham asked us to change his address "to the best town in the state." And the address has been changed accordingly.

OVERSEAS CASUALTIES.

Names of North Carolinians That Have Appeared Since Last Report.

Names of the following North Carolinians have appeared in the overseas casualty lists since last Monday: Killed in action: Lieut. W. C. Bailey, Woodsdale; Sergeants C. O. Freeman, Almond; Parks Morris, Nealsville; M. B. Hord, Shelby; Corporal W. A. L. Miller, Lexington; Richard Clinton; East Fruitland; Willie Carroll, Parkersburg; A. H. Hartsell, Locust; B. M. Johnson, Mount Holly; H. G. Logan, Hickory; Jim Huff, Spray; H. J. Ramsey, A. E. Essonville; James Hill, Goldsboro; Marshall Cox, Hendersonville; D. C. Foster, Mocksville; G. B. Hooks; Matthews; J. C. Sprouse, Lonsville; W. L. Bailey, Williamston; Heber Beachman, Bettie; J. H. Blaylock, Fremont; B. C. Keith, Durham; W. F. Ramsey, Bakersville; J. N. Wilder, Castilla; W. A. Auten, Belmont.

Died of wounds: Corporal Clifford Allen; Privates F. E. Cline, Hickory; C. D. Benton, Corapeake; John Harris Kinison; Henry Pinnex, Burlington; W. E. Towery, Forest City.

Died of disease: Corporal J. W. Griffith, Winston-Salem; Cook Nathan Byrd, R. 1, Fayetteville; P. M. Henderson, Odesa; W. J. Thornton, Stocksdale; John Torrence, Mooresville; Pressie Vaughn, Murfreesboro; T. E. Hamby, Wilkesboro; J. H. McDaniel, Winston-Salem; Ernest Dickson, Rocky Mount; Eli Norton, Laurinburg; F. R. Martin, Faison.

Wounded severely: Lieuts. E. C. Harpiss, Wendell; Ira Ball, New Bern; R. B. Monteith, Forney; P. H. Harrell, Sunbury; H. L. Hudson, Shelby; W. J. Parker, Lexington; Corporals R. D. Bishop, Roxobel; M. H. Moore, Snow Hill; C. R. Huneycutt, Concord; J. B. Murray, Shelby; D. B. Johnson, Norwood; C. L. Green, Robersonville; Glendon; Bugler Wm. Brigman, Durham; Privates Herman D. Fulford, Supply; Mack Hensley, Burnsville; Jay Cade, Kinston; J. F. Lentz, Roberdel; A. Henson, Camden; W. P. Hoey, Shelby; C. F. Ward, Maysville; M. L. Gibson, Old Hundred; J. W. Kincaide, Lenoir; W. A. Martin, Hayesville; Carlyle Thomas, Charlotte; J. W. Denton, Lenoir; M. K. Little, Rockingham; Guy King, Folkstone; J. C. Lyndon, Raleigh; L. L. Smith, Campbell; W. C. Smith, Whitnel; H. A. Boone, Seaboard; Drew Garner, Lykesland; W. R. Goble, Yadkin Valley; H. A. Harris, Blounts Creek; J. P. Elmore, Goldsboro; R. L. Ross, Richfield; J. L. Sawyer, Camden; T. L. Selby, Lake Landing; Farris Weathers, Neuse; R. G. Wilkinson, Lenoir; L. B. Simpson, Burlington; T. A. Boddie, Durham; W. L. Woodward, Statesville; E. L. Carter, Deep Run; Roby Lankford, Cricket; Albert W. Williams, R. 2, Shallotte; William W. Grantham, Fayetteville; Floyd Venable, Madison; R. N. Brown, Spray; Alfred Crocco, Marshville; Mitchell Stone, Rockingham; Oscar King, Reidsville; J. H. Laughlin, Concord; Columbus Myers, Robersonville; J. E. Whitaker, Stem; Andrew Best, Goldsboro; B. L. Rush, Draper; D. H. Green, Lillington; I. S. Hunter, Richlands; E. A. Murphy, Newton Grove; N. H. Vanhoy, Walkertown.

Wounded, degree undetermined: Privates Harvey Walker, Mount Airy; H. C. Dobbins, Rutherfordton.

Wounded slightly: Capt. A. B. Ray, Leaksville; Sergeants W. A. Rankin, Reidsville; Corporals C. W. Chatham, Durham; Clarence Barnett, Henderson; A. L. Blalock, Graham; Privates Jesse L. Inman, Freeland; R. S. Ramsey, Marion; Frank Dewey, Goldsboro; F. J. Flynn, Uree; P. I. Corbin, Norton; Wm. Laughlinghouse, Greenville; Missing in action: Privates H. R. Houck, Jefferson; C. F. Hornbuckle, Gibsonville.

Wounded severely: Privates A. N. Boyette, Matthews; J. R. Joyner, Walkertown.

Died of wounds: Sergeant W. R. Minish, Lenoir.

Wounded, degree undetermined: Lieut. C. V. Brown, West Asheville; Sergeant G. S. Sandlin, Elliott; Privates B. J. Yates, Salisbury; J. B. Clemmons, Thomasville; H. V. Bailey, Neuse.

The War Department gave out Saturday for publication corrections for previous casualty lists, among them being the following North Carolinians: (Previously reported died of wounds) Lieut. Eliot B. Clark, Weldon.

Missing in action (previously reported wounded severely): Sergeant Willie Arnold, Roebuck.

Wounded, degree undetermined (previously reported killed in action): Private E. R. Jones, Middleton.

Killed in action (previously reported missing in action): Corporal J. W. Hoggard, Windsor; Privates A. L. Coleman, Merry Mount; L. H. Dillon, Jerry; D. Y. Greer, Gilkey; M. D. Harris, Mason.

Wounded severely (previously reported missing in action): Corporal R. G. Adair, Clinton.

Wounded slightly (previously reported missing in action): Privates Earl Banks, Cane River; L. W. Doney, Maecy; C. D. Stallings, Mooresville.

Sick in hospital (previously reported missing): Private G. W. Buchanan, Hayesville.

Returned to duty (previously reported missing): Privates Johnnie Johnson, Windsor; W. T. Jones, Youngsville; Charles Lassiter, Edenton; John W. Mills, Winnabow.

Killed in action: Lieut. H. M. Smith, Hendersonville; Sergeants Garfield Butts, Morrisville; M. P. Tate, Marion; Corporals J. A. Culherson, Greensboro; A. A. Holmes, Henderson; Privates E. F. Carr, Lenoir; J. T. Edwards, Fountain; A. L. Ewing, West

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COTTON MARKET.

Middling cotton is selling on the local market today for 24 3-4 cents the pound.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. and Mrs. Joe Biggs and Misses Many Tiddy and Amelia Powers of the Saddle Creek section attended the McLendon meeting here last evening.

—Mr. Abner Nash, a member of the S. A. T. C. at the State university, Chapel Hill, arrived home Wednesday night, having been released from military duty. He will probably return to the university after Christmas.

ROBESON CASUALTIES.

The overseas casualty list for 10 today contains the name of Private Bruce McRae, R. 3, Maxton, wounded severely.

MORE SOLDIERS ARRIVE.

Tales of Doughboy Heroism and Sacrifice Parallel Incredible. Welcomed home as heroic sons of the nation, 7,740 more soldiers, sailors, marines and aviators representing virtually every State in the nation entered New York harbor Wednesday on 6 large transports from European ports. A New York dispatch states that the tales these men told about one another were narrations of American high courage on French battlefields, on the open seas and in the air above France and England. Hundreds of the men, maimed for life by wounds received in some of the war's heaviest fighting, were hurried to hospitals, and the others went to camps where they will be demobilized.

Many stories were told by the troops who had escaped the war's dangers. A press dispatch states: "Illustrative of Yankee heroism was the account given of Captain C. E. Glazebrook of Washington, D. C., a member of the 12th field artillery. Shot in the lung, gassed, wounded in the leg, removed to a hospital, Captain Glazebrook, arrivals said, stole away from his cot, assembled a uniform, attached a captain's bars, climbed through a window, rode thirty-six hours on an army truck without letting his companions know of his condition, and entered action in the American advance on the St. Mihiel salient. Four days later, once more gassed, he was back in the same hospital."

"Asked about this incident, Captain Glazebrook said: 'The chief surgeon gave me hell. 'If you don't die,' he said, 'and you probably will, you will be court-martialed.' But outside the door I heard him laugh and I knew it was all right."

"Behind the crosses of war which many of the returned soldiers wore—gifts from the French government—lie incidents of dough-boy grit and sacrifice which parallel the incredible, and the telling of which would fill pages of newspapers."

ROZIER NEWS ITEMS.

Christmas Soon—Preaching Saturday and Sunday—Farmers Holding Cotton—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Rozier (Lumberton, R. 2), Dec. 10.—Soon after Christmas will be here with its joys for both the tots and the old. This season is always one that is looked forward to as a time of joys, and may it be to every one.

Several ladies from here attended the W. M. U. which was held at East Lumberton Baptist church Wednesday of last week and reported a splendid meeting.

Next Saturday and Sunday is our regular preaching time. Everybody is cordially invited to come.

Lots of the farmers through this section are holding their cotton. Some are keeping it at home while others are storing theirs in the warehouse for higher prices. We don't see how the speculator thinks the farmers are going to live and sell their cotton at the present prices. When farmers are having to pay such high prices for the things the merchants have to sell. Of course it is speculation the reason that cotton is selling at such a low price and every one knows it.

Mr. Parnell and Mr. John Willis and little son Merten, of Maxton, were visitors in this section Sunday.—Messrs. Bennett Martin and Frank Seals of Ten Mile were visitors in this community Sunday.—Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Britt and family visited friends and relatives near Fayetteville recently.—Messrs. Durham and Thurman Rice of Long Branch were visitors in this section recently.—We are glad to report Mrs. G. L. Willis, who is in a hospital at Fayetteville, improving.—Mr. W. K. Bethune of Lumberton was in this section today on business.

Box Supper at Baltimore School House.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Fairmont, R. 1, Dec. 12.—There will be a box supper and entertainment at the Baltimore school house Friday night, Dec. 20th.

Proceeds will go for the benefit of the school. Everybody is cordially invited to come.

Mr. W. D. Johnson and small son, Duncan, of St. Pauls are Lumberton visitors today.

DR. WILLIAM W. PARKER.

Optometrist. Expert Knowledge of Eye Diseases and Fitting Glasses.