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HELP SAVE LUMBERTON'S SCHOOLS

Attend Mass Meeting at Court House Tuesday Evening at 8 O'Clock

A mass meeting of citizens of the town will be held at the court house tomorrow (Tuesday) evening at 8 o'clock to consider matters pertaining to the public schools. The schools will lose a number of their teachers and will have to be discontinued unless some action is taken at once.

APPOINTMENTS FOR ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT

Dr. Beaman Returns to Chestnut Street Church and Mr. Bruton to Lumberton Circuit.

Special to The Robesonian. Wilson, Nov. 24.—The Methodist conference adjourned at noon today with the reading of the appointments. Dr. Beaman and Mr. Bruton were returned to Chestnut Street Methodist church of Lumberton and Lumberton circuit, respectively. The following changes were made on the Rockingham district: Mt. Gilead, W. H. Benton; Rowland circuit, W. C. Merritt; Aberdeen, C. B. Culbreth, Biscoe, A. S. Parker; Caldonia, G. M. Daniels; Maxton, J. A. Harnady; St. Pauls, G. W. Starling; Rockingham, A. L. Ormond; Elizabeth et. H. L. Brown; Ellerbe, J. C. D. Stroud; Hamlet, J. H. Buffalo; Laurel Hill, M. B. Johnson; Laurinburg, W. A. Cade; Montgomery et., N. L. Seabolt; Mt. Gilead et. A. J. Groves; Raeford, R. P. Robinson; Red Springs, A. J. Parker; Robeson et., W. F. Traywick; St. John and Gibson, J. E. Underwood; Troy, J. T. Gross; Vass, L. H. Joyner; president Carolina college, R. B. John; Robert-dell, E. L. Hill; presiding elder, H. M. North.

Merchants and Food Administrator Page Fail to Agree

Raleigh News and Observer, 22nd: The merchants of North Carolina through their special committee, and Food Administrator Henry A. Page yesterday failed to agree upon a margin of profits to be put into effect in this State. The efforts of Mr. Page and the merchants to get together on a fair margin of profits were ended after the merchants had presented a proposition with a view of securing fair prices of uniform application throughout the United States.

Recorder's Court

Walter Inman submitted to the charge of being drunk before Recorder E. M. Britt this morning and judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost. Other cases, including that of Wade Bell, colored, charged with driving an auto while drunk and using the car over a white boy on Elm street a week ago Saturday, were continued until Saturday of this week.

Program for Rural Recreation Service

Shannon (colored) Monday night, Nov. 24. Orrum Tuesday night, Nov. 25. Rex Wednesday night, Nov. 26. Back Swamp Thursday night Nov. 27. Parkton Friday night, Nov. 28. Saddletree Saturday night Nov. 29.

—Mrs. Oliver A. Meares of R. 5, Lumberton, who underwent a very serious operation at the Cumberland General hospital, Fayetteville, some weeks ago, was able to return to her home Saturday. Mr. Meares went up to Fayetteville Saturday morning and she returned with them. He and his small son, Braxton, are Lumberton visitors today.

—The handsome new residence of Mr. Ira Bullard, with its beautiful furnishings and modern improvements, is a great addition to North Lumberton. Mr. Bullard and family moved into their home the latter part of last week.

—Special communication St. Alban's lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M., tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock. Work in second degree.

—Bridges on the Whiteville road across Jacob swamp, Wishart township, are badly broken up and can be crossed with difficulty. Mr. W. B. Baxley of R. 5 from Lumberton, who was in town this morning, reports to The Robesonian.

—The public cotton weigher-grader of Lumberton will not be at the cotton yards Thursday—Thanksgiving day. There will be no market that day.

Richmond, Va., dispatch, Nov. 23: Governor Westmoreland Davis left tonight for St. Charles, Lee county, Virginia, where he will take personal charge of the 500 militiamen sent from various State points this morning. It is understood Governor Davis will make a personal appeal on behalf of the State to the miners to return to work.

SPLENDID MEETING OF TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Nearly All the 119 White Teachers of the County Attended Meeting Here Saturday—7 Groups for Reading Circle Work—Trained Teachers Are Demanded.

Practically all the 199 white school teachers in Robeson attended the first meeting of the school year of the Robeson Teachers' association here Saturday. The meeting was held in the high school auditorium.

Rev. Dr. Chas. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church of Lumberton, opened the meeting at 11 a. m. with Scripture reading and prayer. This was followed by a beautiful solo by Miss Lillian Proctor, with Miss Agnes McLean at the piano.

Miss Susie Fulghum, a member of the State board of examiners, talked on "Teacher Training," and after her address the teachers were organized into seven groups to take up reading circle work. The groups are made up of townships as follows:

- No. 1—Lumberton, Wishart, Back Swamp, Raft Swamp, Saddletree; leader, Prof. W. H. Cale, superintendent of the Lumberton schools.
- No. 2—St. Pauls, Howellsville, Parkton, Rennett; leader, Prof. T. S. Teague, principal of the St. Pauls graded school.
- No. 3—Red Springs, Shannon, Burnt Swamp, Lumber Bridge; leader, Prof. J. O. Overcash, principal of the Philadelphia high school.
- No. 4—Maxton, Smith, Pembroke; leader, Prof. J. H. Workman, superintendent of the Maxton schools.
- No. 5—Rowland, Alfordsville, Thompson, Gaddy; leader, Prof. E. S. Bennett, principal of the Rowland graded school.
- No. 6—Orrum, Britt; leader, Prof. R. L. Pittman, principal of the Orrum high school.
- No. 7—Fairmont, White House, Stirling; leader, Prof. Thos. G. Bryce, principal of the Fairmont graded school.

The first book to be studied by the teachers of the various groups is "The Work of the Teacher," by Davis. Meetings for study will be held as often as the various leaders and their classes may decide.

In her remarks Miss Fulghum told of the importance of the teacher being trained and declared that the time has arrived when the people demand that those who teach the children shall be trained.

While the organization of the groups was being perfected, Mrs. W. R. Hollowell, of the State Insurance Commission, made a short talk on the North Carolina Safety league. Mrs. Hollowell told of the necessity of teaching the child the preservation of body first and property next. A number of teachers intimated their intentions of organizing "safety leagues" in their respective schools.

Prof. E. T. Hines, principal of the Parkton graded school, told of the importance of having good libraries in the school. He declared that there is no better way of improving a school or community than to improve the libraries. Prof. Hines' remarks were timely and well received.

Miss Fulghum explained the plans for teachers to have their certificates renewed.

As a whole the meeting was one of the best ever held by the association. Out of the nearly 200 white teachers in Robeson, not more than twenty are males. This goes to prove that it is up to the women to train the boys and girls to be the men and women of tomorrow. Here it might be added that the teachers of Robeson (less the few males) are as good-looking as could be found anywhere. They are good to look upon.

It was not decided when the next meeting of the association will be held.

Box Supper at Ten Mile

Correspondence of The Robesonian. A box supper will be given at Ten Mile school house on Friday, November 28. Proceeds will go for benefit of school. Everybody is cordially invited.

Home From the Army

Mr. Joseph B. Blake arrived home Thursday from Camp Gordon, Ga., having been given an honorable discharge from the army.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. D. Eakes of Aberdeen spent the week-end here visiting at the home of Mrs. Eakes' mother, Mrs. I. L. Pope, Second and Walnut streets.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Felts Jr., expect to go Wednesday to Charlotte to visit at the home of Mr. Felts' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Felts, Sr. Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Bracey left last evening for Baltimore, Md., where they will spend several days. Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Biggs and 2 children, Charles and Ellen, and Miss Berta McNeill spent yesterday at Rowland visiting at the home of Mrs. Biggs and Miss McNeill's parents, ex-Sheriff and Mrs. E. C. McNeill. Mrs. McNeill accompanied them home and will spend several days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Biggs, Elm street.

THANKSGIVING IN LUMBERTON

Schools Close Friday and Saturday—Services in All Churches and Collections Will Be Taken for Orphanages.

The graded school will suspend work Wednesday afternoon for Thanksgiving and will begin work again Monday of next week, taking two days off.

Services will be held at the various churches and collections for orphanages will be taken, as follows:

- First Baptist—Sermon by the pastor, Dr. C. H. Durham, at 10 a. m., collection for Thomasville orphanage.
- Presbyterian—Sermon by the pastor, Dr. G. E. Moorehouse, at 10:30 a. m., collection for Barium Springs orphanage.
- Gospel Tabernacle—Services at 11 a. m., collection for the Compton orphanage at Asheville.

GOVERNMENT AGAIN IN CONTROL OF FOOD SUPPLY

Authority of Food Administrator Transferred to Attorney General Palmer—Will Try to Avert Sugar Famine and Put Down Cost of Living.

President Wilson Friday placed the government again in control of the nation's food supply by transferring the authority of food administrator to attorney general Palmer.

Revival of the wartime functions of administrator Hoover resulted directly from government efforts to avert a famine in sugar, but the powers delegated to the head of the Department of Justice will be used also to help put down the ever-mounting cost of living. For the present the Attorney General will not put into operation all of the machinery permitted under the executive order signed by the President but should conditions arise to make it necessary the full pressure of all the broad power vested in him will be exerted to meet them, states a press dispatch.

STATE AND GENERAL NEWS

Word came from the White House Thursday that President Wilson would not rescind the "dry" act until peace formally had been declared. This was expected to set at rest the rumors that the dry ban would be lifted by the President irrespective of early ratification of the treaty of Versailles.

Wallace Baynes, a negro, was taken out of his house and shot to death in Morgan county, Ga., last Wednesday night after he had killed Kay Ozburn, railroad agent at Madison, Ga., who was aiding an officer in arresting the negro.

A preliminary meeting to arrange for a world conference of all Christian churches will be held next year in September; at Geneva, Switzerland, the North American councils to propagate a union of all Christian communities decided in a meeting in New York on Nov. 20th.

John M. Morehead, of Charlotte, was unanimously appointed by the Republicans of the ninth district, at Newton Thursday as a candidate to succeed E. Yates Webb, who recently resigned his seat in Congress to accept the appointment as United States district judge of the western North Carolina district.

An order of mistrial in the case against Charles L. Lacey, charged with the murder of Capt. Robie E. Corkum was entered in Federal court at Wilmington Friday when the jury, after more than 26 hours consideration, reported that they were hopelessly deadlocked and unable to arrive at a verdict. The prisoner was remanded to jail for another trial at the spring term of Federal court, to be held in Wilmington next May.

Wilmington Star, 22nd: In the face of evidence piled on to evidence against them, three of the Bozemans, alleged Brunswick county moonshiners, on trial in the federal court here, threw themselves on the mercy of the court yesterday morning and accepted sentences of four years each in the federal penitentiary in Atlanta. The aged father of the three sons was allowed to go home. Tasker, Spencer and Babe Bozeman will be taken to Atlanta today.

Atlanta, Ga., dispatch, Nov. 23: Through a hoax perpetrated by an unknown person here tonight an address by Vice-President Marshall before an audience of several thousand persons at the auditorium armory was broken up by the false announcement that President Wilson was dead.

Margaret Alice Davis, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Davis, of Fayetteville, died Tuesday of burns suffered Sunday night when her clothes caught fire from the flames in a fireplace in her home.

Major Gordon Smith, assistant adjutant general, Tuesday announced the location of another coast artillery company in Salisbury, the commissions for a number of new officers for the national guard, and the splitting of an infantry company between Edenton and Plymouth.

Mr. H. F. Hardin of Barnesville was a Lumberton visitor Saturday.

SETTLEMENT OF COAL STRIKE EXPECTED TODAY

Garfield Expected to Clear Way Today for Speedy Settlement of Coal Strike—Coal Scarcity Has Reached Famine Stage

The intervention of Fuel Administrator Garfield today in the lagging negotiations of the bituminous operators and miners of the central competitive field was expected last night, according to a Washington dispatch, to bring to a climax long-drawn-out conflict and clear the way for speedy settlement of the strike situation which has put the country on the verge of a coal famine. The dispatch states that both sides recognize that a settlement could not be long delayed.

Reports received by operators from middle western states showed that the coal scarcity had already reached the famine stage and that the cold weather had brought suffering and hardship.

New Roller Mill at Maxton

Among the charters issued by the Secretary of State Friday was one for the Liberty Milling company, Maxton, roller mill and flour business; authorized capital \$50,000 and \$15,000 subscribed by J. P. Wiggins, E. E. Chandler and John D. Blue.

Nation-Wide Campaign Conference

Correspondence of The Robesonian. The Rev. W. R. Noe of Wilmington will hold a nation-wide campaign conference at Trinity Episcopal church, Monday night, November 24th, at 7:30 p. m. All are cordially invited to be present.

PERSONALS

Mr. S. A. Powers of R. 1, Lumberton, was in town Saturday.

Miss Helen Oliver of Marietta was one of the many teachers who attended the meeting of the Robeson Teachers Association here Saturday.

Mr. C. W. Sessions of R. 7, Lumberton, was among the visitors in town Friday.

Mr. Gen. Douglas and grandson, Rennie Douglas, of Red Springs, R. 4, were Lumberton visitors Saturday.

Mr. F. M. Ammons of R. 4, Lumberton, was among the callers at The Robesonian office Saturday.

Mr. C. B. Williamson of R. 4, Lumberton, was among the visitors in town Saturday.

Mrs. J. M. Terry is expected home tonight from Barnwell, S. C., where she spent two weeks visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Blanton. She will be accompanied by her sister, Mrs. J. B. Black of Barnwell, who will spend some time here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Terry, Third street.

Mrs. J. T. Hamilton of the Marietta section spent the week-end here visiting at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. F. Grover Britt, Seneca street.

Mr. C. W. Smith of R. 4, Lumberton, was among the visitors in town Friday.

Mr. R. F. Martin of Rowland was among the visitors in town Friday.

Mr. A. B. Smith of R. 3, Lumberton, was among the callers at The Robesonian office Friday.

Mr. H. M. Duncan of R. 6, Lumberton, was among the callers at The Robesonian office Friday.

Mr. W. and Mrs. W. F. Evans, Mr. P. W. Evans and Miss Lula Louper of the Oakdale section were among the shoppers in town Friday.

Mr. Edward Sandling of Wilmington was among the business visitors in town Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Townsend and daughter, little Miss Eunice, of R. 6, Lumberton, were among the visitors in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jones of Lattimore arrived Saturday night and will spend a week here visiting relatives.

Little Miss Agnes Welch of Gastonia arrived Saturday night and will spend several days here visiting relatives.

Mr. Will Crichton of Charlotte spent yesterday here. Mr. G. F. Humphrey of the St. Pauls section is a Lumberton visitor today.

THE RECORD OF DEATHS

Mrs. Miles Mercer of Howellsville. Mrs. Miles Mercer, aged 83 years, died Friday night at her home in Howellsville township. Deceased is survived by her husband and several children, among them Rev. S. E. Mercer, a well-known Methodist minister. Interment was made in the Regan cemetery yesterday at 22 p. m. Mrs. Mercer was a member of Regan Methodist church. She lived a beautiful Christian life and will be missed in her community.

A month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Moore of R. 4, Lumberton, died Saturday. Interment was made in Meadowbrook cemetery yesterday at 11 a. m.

Miss Hattie Britt

Miss Hattie Britt, aged about 35 years, died Friday night at her home at Orrum. Interment was made in the family burying ground, near Mt. F. n., yesterday. Deceased had been ill for several months.

Father of Mrs. T. F. Costner of Lumberton

Mr. Samuel Gatewood, father of Mrs. T. F. Costner of Lumberton, died Friday at Wadesboro after an extended illness. Deceased was more than 80 years old and served throughout the Civil war. Mrs. Costner was with her father when he died. Dr. Costner went to Wadesboro Saturday to attend the funeral.

"Dial's Half and Half" has been decided on as the name for the oats from which Jim Dial, a well-known and prosperous Indian farmer of R. 1 from Lumberton, made a yield of 60 bushel to the acre, this year and for a name for which he advertised in The Robesonian. Many suggestions for a name were sent in, but the above, suggested by W. B. Lowrey, was selected. Dial, who was in town this morning, informed The Robesonian.

—Mrs. H. C. Freeman has been ill at her home, Fifth street, for several days.

—The condition of Mr. M. G. McKenzie, who has been seriously ill for several weeks, is not as favorable today as it had been for the last few days.

—Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of public instruction, will go tonight to Raleigh to attend the State Teachers assembly. Prof. Poole is on the program for an address tomorrow evening. His subject is, "Should the Law be Changed so as to allow Counties to Issue More Bonds?" Quite a number of Robeson teachers are expected to attend the assembly.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Forney Prevatt and Missouri Parnell; Norman Bullock and Evelyn Prevatt.

—A paper by Mr. A. W. McLean of Lumberton and Washington on Walter Hines Page, late ambassador to Great Britain, under the title "A North Carolinian at the Court of St. James During the World War" was read before the North Carolina Literary and Historical society in Raleigh Thursday night by Judge J. Crawford Biggs, Mr. McLean being in Washington and unable to attend the meeting. This and an address by Dr. James Sprun, of Wilmington were the features of the opening session of the annual session of the society.

—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Stone, Thursday night, an 8-pound daughter.

25 Persons Perished in Burning Building

Twenty-five persons, mostly women and girls, perished in a burning building at Ville Platte, La., Saturday night, states a dispatch from that place, when 300 people attending a dance became panic-stricken and stampeded down a narrow stairway and were crushed to death or burned. Fifteen are known to have been dangerously injured. Ten were burned to death, their features being unrecognizable. While people were fighting like wild beasts at the one narrow exit, mothers hurled their babies over the heads of the struggling mass of men, women and children to the outstretched arms of men below.

Mr. S. R. Hendrix of the Ten Mile section was a Lumberton visitor Saturday.

Miss Minnie Lee Rowland of Maxton spent the week-end here visiting relatives.

Mr. John Edwards of Marietta was a Lumberton visitor Friday.

Mr. H. C. Bruce of R. 1, Buie, was a Lumberton visitor Saturday.

Mr. W. B. M'White of R. 1, Lumberton, was in town Saturday.

Misses Mittie Lawson and Rettie Stone of the Orrum section were among the shoppers in town Saturday.

NEXT CALL WEDNESDAY

The next issue of The Robesonian will be published Wednesday afternoon in order to give the composing room force opportunity to enjoy Thanksgiving day. The day is always observed in Lumberton, all business being practically suspended, and The Robesonian usually gets out the day before. Another paper will be published Friday of this week if anything important enough to justify it breaks loose. If not, then the next call after Wednesday will be Monday of next week.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—There will be a box supper at Saddletree school house Thursday night of this week.

—Miss Nettie Hedgpeth of Orrum has accepted a position as saleslady in the Lumberton Bargain House.

—All members of Cypress camp No. 125, W. O. W. are invited to attend an oyster stew in the hall Thursday evening.

—Mr. W. H. M. Brown of Buie expects to give an account of his conversion at White Pond Baptist church on the 5th Sunday.

—Red Springs Scotch Seion: Some acres in this section produced two bales of cotton this year. That is some money, \$400 per acre.

—Red Springs Scotch Seion: Mr. Fred Brown, of Antioch, fell from the barn loft while he was feeding the stock Sunday evening and was badly hurt.

—There will be a box supper at Mt. Elm school house, near Orrum, Friday night of this week. The proceeds will go to the benefit of the school. Mrs. J. G. Stephens is teacher.

—Mr. B. Tolar of Rennett is a Lumberton visitor today. Mr. Tolar says he has the finest corn and potatoes crops he has ever raised and is almost through gathering cotton and corn.

—Miss Nina Beber resigned Saturday the position she had held for several months in the local office of the Southern Bell Telephone Co., and today began teaching in the public school at Smyrna.

—Mr. D. Bass of R. 1, Marietta was a Lumberton visitor Friday. Mr. Bass says his section is blessed with an unusual number of hogs this year and that the farmers have plenty of corn to make them ready for killing. Good news.

—Mr. Fred Brown of Antioch, Hoke county, was taken to the Thompson hospital Saturday as a result of injuries received a week ago yesterday when he fell out of a barn loft at his home. No bones were broken, but Mr. Brown was severely shaken up.

—Charity and Children: A pleasing and touching incident, at the Robeson association was the tribute paid to Mrs. R. R. Barnes, who with her son will erect the Administration building in memory of her husband. The association paused in its business to do her honor.

—At the Methodist conference at Wilson last week, among those appointed on committees were the following: orphanage, Maj. A. J. McKinnon of Maxton; district conference records, J. C. Lentz, St. Pauls; memoirs, Rev. H. M. North, presiding elder of the Rockingham district.

—Danie Crawford and Willie Williams, a colored couple, were married in Messrs. White & Gough's department store Saturday at 11 a. m. Justice A. E. Justice officiated. In his ceremony Justice White cautioned Danie of how scarce and hard to get husbands are and she promised to "be good to Willie."

—Miss Georgia Mack Antley, who has been teaching one division of the first grade at the graded school, resigned Friday and left this morning for her home at Cordova, S. C. No place has yet been found for the teachers to room and board after Christmas and Lumberton is in danger of having to close its public schools because no place can be found for the teachers to live.

—Mr. J. L. Humphrey of Saddletree, R. 2 from Lumberton, brought to The Robesonian office this morning four of the finest Dixie yams that ever grew anywhere, the four weighing over 20 pounds. Mr. Humphrey says he has the finest sweet potato crop he has ever raised and that it is that way generally in his community. Five potatoes like those Mr. Humphrey brought in make half a bushel.

—Don't fail to read the advertisement in this issue telling about the Redpath Lyceum course. Six of the best entertainments that have ever come to Lumberton are included in the course. Mr. Richard Norment of Lumberton saw the Krys orchestral sextet and the Great Lakes quartet at Greenwood, S. C., last summer and says they are as fine as he ever saw. The price of a season ticket for all these attractions is no more than the price of single admission to many entertainments that are no better than one of these.

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