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IRA TOWNSEND RESIGNS AS CLERK AND TREASURER

Has Served Town Efficiently For 4 Years—Will Take Up Other Work—Mr. J. P. Russell Succeeds Him—Ed J. Glover Succeeds Rowan as Fire Chief—Chief Barker Gets Salary Increase

The resignation of Mr. Ira B. Townsend as town clerk and treasurer was accepted by the mayor and board of town commissioners at a special meeting yesterday afternoon and Mr. J. P. Russell was elected to succeed him. Mr. Townsend handed in his resignation to Mayor Proctor Monday. The resignation will go into effect December 24. Mr. Russell will receive the same salary, \$150 the month.

Mr. Townsend has accepted a position as bookkeeper for Messrs. Carlyle & Bullard and will devote a part of his time to the Robeson Electric company, of which firm he is senior member. Mr. Townsend was elected town clerk and treasurer December 24th, 1915, and has held the position continuously since that time. The auditor's report shows that the outstanding indebtedness of the town is between fifteen and twenty thousand dollars less now than when Mr. Townsend took charge of the office. He took much interest in the erection of the municipal building, Elm and Second streets, while he was serving the town.

Mr. Russell is well fitted for the position and no doubt will fill the office in a satisfactory manner.

Mr. T. J. Rowan tendered his resignation as chief of the fire department and Mr. Ed J. Glover was elected to succeed Mr. Rowan. Mr. Glover was recently employed as driver of one of the town's fire trucks and will give his whole time to the fire department. The salary of the truck drivers was increased from \$60 to \$70 the month.

The salary of Chief of Police D. M. Barker was increased from \$100 to \$125 the month with fees allowed. The raise in salary is effective January 1.

A petition was presented asking that the sidewalk on South Second street be paved from Chestnut to Pine street. This matter was referred to Mr. J. Dickinson McLean, town attorney.

It was ordered that Mr. L. H. Caldwell be reimbursed for damages to his automobile when one of the town's horses ran away and struck it several weeks ago. The amount of the damages was not ascertained. Commissioner E. M. Johnson was out of town and did not attend the meeting yesterday.

THE COAL MINERS STRIKE IS ENDED

President Wilson's Proposal for Immediate Return to Work Accepted—Full Resumption of Operations Friday and Shipment of Coal From Mines Monday Predicted.

An Associated Press dispatch of the 10th from Indianapolis, Ind., gives the following:

The coal miners' strike is ended. With but one dissenting vote, the general committee of the United Mine Workers of America in session here this afternoon voted to accept President Wilson's proposal for immediate return to work pending final settlement of their wage controversy with operators by a commission to be appointed by him.

Telegrams were sent out tonight to the 4,000 locals of the union by international officers of the mine workers instructing the men to return to work immediately.

Operators tonight predicted full resumption of operations Friday and shipment of coal from the mines beginning Monday morning.

The action today ends a tie-up of the coal industry of more than five week's duration and one which was more far-reaching in its effects than any other in the history of the country. As a result of the strike the country was fast approaching a complete shutdown of industry and widespread suffering among its 100,000,000 inhabitants.

SUCCESSFUL SALE OF LOTS.

Bond Lot Sub-Divided Into Business Lots Brings \$44,525—Two Lots Retained by Owner of Property.

Mr. Simeon F. Caldwell Tuesday sold 14 business lots fronting on Chestnut, Second and Third streets for \$44,525. The 14 lots cover less than one-acre of ground and the lot, which was sub-divided before the sale, was known as the Bond lot and was recently purchased by Mr. Caldwell from the Bond heirs. The property had been divided into 16 lots, but the sale was called off when 14 had been sold, two being retained by Mr. Caldwell. The residence on the property was also retained by Mr. Caldwell and will be moved to some other lot. The sale was conducted by the Fort Realty Company of Raleigh.

Mr. E. F. Britt of R. 2, Fairmont, was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday.



HON. WILL D. UPSHAW

Who will speak at Chestnut Street Methodist church in Lumberton next Sunday at 11 a. m., and at the court house at 3 p. m. Subject, "Humanity's Greatest Victory, or The Sunny Side of the War." He will also speak in the Baptist church at Fairmont Sunday evening at 7:30.

RALEIGH & CHARLESTON PASSENGER TRAINS DISCONTINUED

Passengers and Mail Now Handled by Mixed Trains—Result of Fuel Shortage—Other Lumberton Trains Not Affected By Order.

As a result of the fuel shortage resulting from the strike of coal miners, trains Nos. 1 and 2 on the Raleigh & Charleston branch of the Seaboard between Lumberton and Marion, S. C., have been annulled. These trains carried passengers and mail and train No. 1 left Lumberton for Marion at 9:50 a. m., while train No. 2 arrived here at 5:45 p. m. from Marion.

All passengers and the mail are now handled by mixed trains Nos. 5 and 6. Train No. 6 from Marion is due here at 9:30 a. m., while train No. 5 leaves Lumberton for Marion at 11:30 a. m.

While a number of Seaboard trains have been annulled, the order so far does not interfere with the schedule between Wilmington and Hamlet. Seaboard train No. 13 due here at 6:25 from Wilmington does not go through to Charlotte, as heretofore, however, only going to Hamlet.

No trains have been taken off the Virginia & Carolina Southern.

INMAN AND McQUEEN APPEAL TO SUPERIOR COURT

Men Sentenced to Roads For False Fire Alarms Give Bonds.

Foy Inman, who was sentenced to 30 days on the roads by Recorder E. M. Britt on the charge of hiring George McQueen, colored, to turn in a false fire alarm, and McQueen, who was also given a 30 days' road sentence, have appealed to Superior court. They made bond in the sum of \$100 each.

As was stated in Monday's Robesonian, Inman, who at the time of the alarm was employed as driver of one of the town's fire trucks, was found guilty of hiring McQueen to turn in an alarm at Seven Pines in the northern part of town.

Cotton From 1 1/4 Acres Brought \$408.93.

Mr. H. R. West of the Allenton section received Friday \$408.93 for the cotton and seed produced on only 1 1/4 acres of land. This is the amount he received after deducting 15 bushels of seed.

Mail Your Christmas Packages Early.

Mail your Christmas packages early. This is the request of the local postoffice force. The fact that many trains have been annulled makes it the more important in order that the parcels may reach their destination before Christmas. A recent postoffice regulation provides that one sending a Christmas package may enclose in such a package a slip containing the name and address of the sender and that of the addressee. Nothing else must be written upon the slip, however. This is provided in order that in case the name and address on the outside of the package is disfigured the postoffice department can forward the package.

Farmer's Union Meeting.

To the Editor of The Robesonian. Ten Mile, (Lumberton, R. 1), Dec. 10.—All members of Ten Mile local Farmers' union are requested and urged to attend a meeting of the local Saturday, December 13, at 2:30 p. m. Election of officers for ensuing year and other matters of vital importance will demand attention at this meeting.

N. A. TOWNSEND, President
EMERSON WATSON, Sec-Treas.

Local Cotton Mills Will Be Operated 48 Hours a Week.

As a result of the government fuel restriction orders, the four cotton mills near Lumberton will be operated only 48 hours each week until the restrictions are lifted or modified.

LIGHT RESTRICTIONS LIFTED IN LUMBERTON

Mayor James D. Proctor received last night from the Yadkin River Power Company a telegram reading as follows: "Referring to our telegram of the 8th, fuel administrator has now changed our status from coal burning to exclusively water power plant. Suggest you be governed accordingly." This new ruling is welcomed by local merchants and other business men, as it lifts the light restrictions here.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Four Divorces Granted—Court is Expected to Adjourn Today or Tomorrow.

Four divorces have been granted in Superior court this week, bringing the total for the term up to ten. The following jury trials have been completed since the report of the proceedings published in Monday's paper was written:

French McNair vs. Addie McNair; divorce granted.
Dollie Calder vs. Willoughby Calder; divorce granted.

J. R. Blackwell vs. Florence Blackwell; divorce granted.
Mary Ammons vs. Neill Ammons; divorce granted.

Federal Sign System vs. First National Bank; non-suited.
It is expected that court will adjourn for the term this afternoon or tomorrow.

RENNERT NEWS ITEMS.

Missionary Society Will Have a Sale Dec. 19—Personal and Other Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Rennert, Dec. 10.—On the evening of December 19 the Woman's Missionary society of Rennert Baptist church will have a sale of miscellaneous articles, among which will be a lovely patchwork quilt, a handsome sofa pillow, a fancy cake and numerous other things. An evening of unusual enjoyment is promised to those who honor us with their presence.

Mrs. R. D. Graham spent last week at the home of her father, Mr. R. Humphrey of Saddletree.

Mr. B. Tolar was a Fayetteville visitor Saturday.

Mrs. A. M. Tolar and Miss Cora Ford spent Saturday in Lumberton shopping.

The appearance of our church is very much improved by a new coat of paint.

We are glad to welcome Mr. Mercer and family of Elizabethtown as residents of our town.

Miss Augusta Britt, a member of the faculty of Wingate high school, is spending the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Graham.

We greatly rejoice with the Baptists of the South that our purpose in the Baptist 75 Million campaign was more than accomplished, also that our State more than contributed her share and that our little church here at Rennert almost doubled its allotment.

IMPORTANT MEETING DECEMBER 17TH

A meeting of importance to cotton-growers will be held in Raleigh Wednesday, December 17, when the North Carolina Cotton association will be organized. A number of prominent speakers have been secured and the meeting promises to be largely attended. Farmers generally are urged to attend the meeting which will open at 10 a. m.

Must Still Save Coal.

Expressions by government officials of the nation-wide strike of oil and satisfaction and relief at the settlement of the Washington dispatch, with warning to the American people that early relaxation of the drastic restrictions on the consumption of coal must not be expected.

Republicans Will Meet in Chicago June 8th.

The Republican national committee in Washington Wednesday selected Chicago and Tuesday, June 8, as the place and time for the national convention at which the party's 1920 candidates for President will be nominated.

Possum Weighed 16 Pounds.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Curtis Jones treed a possum Wednesday night. Luther Hunt and Willie Smith caught the possum and cooked it Thursday. It weighed about 16 pounds.

Rev. D. C. Barnes of Barnesville was a Lumberton visitor this morning.

Mr. J. Z. Stone of R. 1, Orrum, is a Lumberton visitor today.

SMALL BOY CAUGHT IN GRIST MILL SHAFTING

5-Year-Old John McRainey Severely Injured—Clothes Stripped Off—Diphtheria—Baptists Exceed Quota—New Residence Nearing Completion—Other Items.

BY C. D. WILLIAMSON.

Parkton, Dec. 9.—A great calamity occurred at McMillan's station Monday morning when little John Thomas McRainey, 5-years old, was caught in the shafting or pulley of the new grist mill which was in motion. No one knew the child was present and the little fellow was bruised up badly. When found his clothing had all been torn off and he was lying on the ground nearby unconscious. He was picked up and placed in an automobile and hurried to the Cumberland General hospital, where Drs. Pittman and Gainey bound up his wounds, and while he is suffering from broken leg and shoulder and a deep gash in back of his head, and his body also bruised and scarred up badly, yet the doctors think his skull not fractured; and to the surprise of every one who knew of the accident he is yet alive, and improving nicely late this afternoon. He is a son of Mr. John McRainey, who lives near the station.

Little Sarah Cobb, who has been suffering from diphtheria since last Friday is improving nicely. So far no other cases have been reported. There was no school Monday and Tuesday for fear of the spread of diphtheria.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Watson of Riverton, father and mother of Mrs. J. L. Jenkins and Mr. Leland Watson, enjoyed their 29th anniversary at the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Jenkins on Friday of last week.

The Baptist congregation of our town has made their canvass in the 75 million drive and while the church's quota was \$10,000 it has already subscribed \$10,846.25 and several members to report yet. This means that somebody has been hustling.

We have been unable to obtain the figures from the M. E. church collections for the orphanage on Thanksgiving day but we fear it far below the other two churches of our town.

We place the following on the honor roll: Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hall, on the 4th, a fine boy; also a ten-pound boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Campbell, on R. 1.

Mr. W. R. Ivey, R. 1, reports one porker as weighing 375 pounds, one year and 2 days old. If any one can beat this, please report. There are some fine ones in this section to report yet, of class A.

Mr. A. C. Canady has returned to our town and is now rushing one of the most up-to-date pressing clubs yet. He is at his old stand in the rear of J. T. McNatti's store.

The other pressing man has moved to Lumber Bridge.

Mr. W. J. Everett is fast completing his nice residence. It is located on the spot where the old school building was burned several years ago. Mr. J. C. Lancaster has moved into the Culbreth house on Second street, while Mr. J. S. Jernigan now occupies where Mr. Lancaster moved, having bought the place.

Mrs. S. M. Odum, with her little daughter, Mary, is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. C. D. Williamson. Mrs. Odum has been ill for several months and unimproved.

The bazaar and oyster supper of last Friday night was all to the good. Ten gallons of oysters were disposed of and some of the ladies continued serving dinner Saturday. Proceeds something more than \$100.

Mr. R. B. Hutson, our clever agent, is enjoying a week off—bagging quail some, you bet.

What is more aggravating than for your neighbor to own one pet goat? Report or phone No. 37.

TO OBSERVE NORTH CAROLINA DAY

Special Exercises By Graded and High Schools—Other Features.

The program for observing North Carolina Day, or Aycock School Improvement Day on Friday, December 19 in the graded and high schools of Lumberton has been completed. As has been stated in The Robesonian, special exercises will be rendered by the schools and Mr. L. R. Varsar will make an address on "The Life and Works of the Late Chas. B. Aycock." Other features on the program will be a Christmas story by Mrs. H. M. Baker and a story of the life of Aycock by Miss Lillian Proctor for the primary grades.

The exercises will last during the regular school hours and Mr. Varsar will speak at 11 a. m. All patrons of the school are urged to visit the schools during the day and to hear Mr. Varsar's address. A collection will be taken for the Aycock memorial fund and pupils and patrons are asked to contribute books to the school library.

Mr. I. F. Britt, Jr., of R. 4, Lumberton, was among the visitors in town Tuesday.



REV. G. M. HAMMOND

Who will speak at the Gospel Tabernacle in Lumberton next Sunday, at 11 a. m. Subject, "Indictment of The World's Greatest Criminal—The Remedy." He will also speak at the graded school auditorium at Rowland Monday, December 15 at 7:30 p. m.

RED SPRINGS NEWS.

Recital and Concert at College—Church News—A Surprise Marriage—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Red Springs, Dec. 9.—The second faculty recital of Flora McDonald took place on Monday night, the 1st. It was given by Miss Helen Sayles of the expression department and was most highly enjoyed by a large audience. Her program was varied and entertaining and rendered with much grace and skill. The concluding number, Maeterlinck's Blue Bird, was given with sympathetic interpretation and fine effect. Among the lighter numbers perhaps Tarkington's Brothers of Angels, delighted the audience most, as the famous Penrod always raises a laugh.

This week Dr. Myers, of the First Presbyterian church, Greensboro, is holding a series of meetings at the college to which the public is cordially invited. Dr. Myers is a speaker of great power and his masterly sermons are being greatly enjoyed by all. A delightful feature is the singing by a mixed quartet brought from Dr. Myers' church and these sweet singers are treating our people to some glorious and uplifting music.

Rev. Jacob Rosenberg, a converted Jew, who is traveling in the interests of the salvation of his people, preached a strong and interesting sermon in the Presbyterian church on Sunday morning and raised quite a nice sum for the carrying on of his work.

Beginning last Sunday there will be union services hereafter on Sunday nights. The town worshipped on Sunday evening with Bro. Brooks at the Baptist church and next Sunday evening services will be held at the Methodist church. Dr. G. W. Young will speak on the subject of prohibition.

The first quarterly concert was held on Monday evening of this week. The numbers were all excellent and the young performers displayed much skill and careful training. The two songs composed by Mr. Charles Vardell and sung by Miss Ruth McKinnon were melodious and attractive and brought forth much applause.

Friends of the contracting parties were much surprised when they heard of the marriage of Mr. T. Mikill and Miss Irene Smith, which took place on Sunday afternoon. Mr. Mikill is a member of the firm of Mikill Bros. Miss Smith has held a position in the store for the past two years. Both young people are much liked here and have many friends who wish them a long and happy married life.

Mrs. D. P. McEachern and Miss Mary McEachern spent the week-end in Fayetteville, guests of Mrs. N. H. McGeachy.

Miss Alice Hall went up to Raleigh last week to hear John McCormick.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McKay spent Sunday at Monk's Corners visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Massie.

Mr. Guy Vaughn of Spartanburg, S. C., was a business visitor in Red Springs last week.

Misses Ida and Mary Morgan went to Laurinburg last week to attend the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. M. L. Stuart.

Little James Dickson McLean, who has been confined to the house with sickness for a week past, is very much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bullock have returned from a visit of a few days in Richmond, Va.

Misses Cornelia McMillan and Elizabeth McDonald and Mrs. Raymond Corbett were in Fayetteville Friday to see and hear the great Pershing.

About dusk last Monday evening the alarm of fire was sounded and was found to be at Mr. Cottingham's lovely new residence. It proved, however, to be only something wrong with the furnace and no damage was done beyond a general smoking up of things and a good scare in the neighborhood.

Mr. A. T. McCallum, who has been quite ill, is reported as much better.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS.

—Mr. H. G. Webster has been seriously ill at his home, Fourteenth street, for several days.

—Do your Christmas shopping early and avoid the possibility of not being able to do it at all.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Joseph D. Garcia and Martha L. Young; Frank Williams and Dollie Norton.

—Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator, vaccinated 90 hogs against cholera Tuesday. Some cholera is reported in various sections of the county.

—The following Robeson county towns have each reported one case of diphtheria to Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, this week: Rowland, St. Pauls, Parkton and Lumberton.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sharpe returned home this morning from a short trip to New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington. Mr. Sharpe went on business and they also visited at the homes of sisters of Mrs. Sharpe in the three last-named cities.

—Mr. O. H. Bracey returned Tuesday from Baltimore, Md., where he spent two weeks with Mrs. Bracey, who underwent an operation at the University hospital of Baltimore on December 2. Mrs. Bracey's condition was very satisfactory when Mr. Bracey left her.

—Mamie McQueen and Annie Evans, both colored, were arrested Monday afternoon by Chief of Police D. M. Barker on the charge of larceny. Mamie and Annie are charged with taking some caps from Mr. N. P. Andrews' store. They made bond for their appearance before Recorder E. M. Britt next Monday.

—Miss Lillie Cotton has resigned the position she had held for the last six months as stenographer in the office of the Lumberton, Dresden and Jennings Cotton-Mills companies. Miss Cotton left today for Boardman, where she has accepted a position as stenographer in the office of the Butters Lumber Co. She was employed by the Boardman company before coming to Lumberton.

FUEL ADMINISTRATION RESTORES WAR BASIS

All Except Most Essential Manufacturing Plants Reduced to 3 Days a Week—Lighting Reduced.

Washington Dispatch, Dec. 8.—Viewing with alarm the steady dwindling of the bituminous coal supply, due to the miners' strike, Federal Administrator Garfield, by an order tonight, restored for the entire nation most of the drastic restrictions on lighting and heating which were in effect during the coal shortage of 1917. The limitations which are applicable to consumers of bituminous coal and coke were made effective tonight with issuance of the order and are to be enforced by the railroad administration. Consumers of anthracite coal, gas and other fuels are not affected by the order.

All street lighting, other than that necessary for the safety of the public, must be curtailed and stores, office buildings and industrial plants with a few exceptions are put on a reduced allowance as to both lighting and heating.

Another of the restrictions provides that all manufacturing plants except those engaged in the making of necessary products, shall reduce their operations not to exceed three days in any one week. Electric railways are required under the fuel administrator's order to reduce schedules to minimum requirements and no heat shall be provided in electric cars during the rush hours.

TO MEET TUESDAY.

Meeting of Robeson Branch American Cotton Association Called—Officers to Be Elected.

A meeting of the Robeson branch of the American Cotton association will be held in the court in Lumberton Tuesday, December 16 at 11 a. m. At this meeting permanent officers for the next year will be elected, consisting of president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer and executive committee. Delegates will also be elected to the State meeting to be held at Raleigh Wednesday, December 17.

All township membership committees are requested to attend the meeting Tuesday and make final report of their drive for members. The call for the meeting was issued by ex-State Senator Frank Gough, president and Mr. O. O. Dukes, secretary.

Mrs. E. C. McNeill returned Tuesday to her home near Rowland after spending three weeks here at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Biggs, North Elm street.

Mr. J. R. Kinlaw of Howellville was a Lumberton visitor this morning.

DR. WILLIAM W. PARKER

EYE SPECIALIST

Office: National Bank of Lumberton Building.