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RECORDER'S BUSY DAY.

A Number of Cases Before Judge Britt—Boys Responsible for Turning in False Fire Alarm Get Off With Fines on Account of Age.

Alex Hursay, colored, was sentenced to 6 months on the roads by Recorder E. M. Britt this morning for carrying a concealed weapon. According to the evidence, Hursay was drunk on the streets Saturday night and refused to move off the sidewalk so a man and lady could pass, cursing at the white man when he asked him to move. When Chief of Police D. M. Barker and Night Policeman J. B. Boyle went to arrest him he took the pistol out of his pocket, the officers thinking he meant to use it. Mr. Ralph Maulbary of East Lumberton, who was assisting the officers in the arrest, has a very sore finger as a result of being bitten by the negro.

Anna McQueen, colored, was sentenced to 30 days in jail, to be hired out for larceny. Anna was found guilty of stealing a cap from Mr. N. P. Andrews' store.

Luther Britt was fined \$5 and the cost for breaking the speed limit in East Lumberton.

Lee Caudell plead guilty of being drunk and exceeding the speed limit with an auto. Judgment was suspended in each case upon payment of the cost.

Clayton Carter was bound over to the Superior court on the charge of abandonment. His bond was fixed at \$500, which he made.

Jim Kelly, colored, was found guilty of whipping his wife and prayer for judgment was continued upon good behavior and proving a true and faithful husband in the future, which Jim readily agreed to do.

Foy Inman, who was recently sentenced to 30 days on the roads when found guilty of hiring a colored boy to turn in a false fire alarm, was given a second hearing and judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost—\$22.40. The change in the sentence was made, according to Recorder Britt, because he found that there is a law which says a boy under 18 years of age shall not be sent to the roads. George McQueen, the colored boy who turned in the alarm, was not present this morning, but he, too, will be allowed to pay the cost and not serve a road sentence, he also being under 18 years of age. Both Inman and McQueen gave notice of appeal from the first sentence imposed by Recorder Britt.

RALEIGH & CHARLESTON PASSENGER TRAINS PUT BACK ON

The Raleigh & Charleston passenger trains, which were annulled Tuesday of last week on account of the fuel shortage, were put on again today, the regular schedule being in effect again. Also this morning the pullman car from Wilmington to Charlotte, taken off at Hamlet during the strike, was put back on through to Charlotte.

Ex-State Senator Frank Gough returned yesterday from Raleigh, where he spent two days assisting in transferring titles for the State farm, which was sold several days ago. Mr. Gough is a member of the State prison board.

PRESIDENT HAS NO COMPROMISE TO OFFER

President Wilson yesterday intervened in the peace treaty dilemma with an announcement that he had "no compromise or concession of any kind in mind," would make no move toward the treaty's disposition, and would continue to hold the Republican members of the Senate responsible for results and conditions attending the delay.

YOU CAN GET YOUR PENSION MONEY NOW

State pension warrants for Confederate veterans and widows of Confederate veterans in Robeson came in today. First class pensioners will receive \$50 now and \$50 in June; second class pensioners will get \$45 now and \$45 in June, while fourth class pensioners, including widows of veterans, will receive \$30 now and \$30 in June. Pensioners can get their vouchers by calling at the office of Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd in the court house.

10-Days' Term of Superior Court Closed.

Superior court for the trial of civil cases closed Thursday afternoon after a ten-days' term. A mistrial was ordered in the case of O. L. Edwards vs. E. S. Walters and the case was continued. Judge Thos. H. Calvert left Friday morning for his home at Raleigh. A number of judgments were signed during the term.

Mr. J. T. Hamilton of the Marietta section passed through town yesterday en route home from Norfolk and Portsmouth, Va., where he spent a few days on business.

Mr. Forest Hamilton of Fair Bluff was a Lumberton visitor yesterday. Mr. H. C. Lamb of Orrum was in town Saturday.

A DRY WORLD BY 1930.

There Will be a Saloon at Every Cross Roads in 6 Years Temperance People Let Up in the Fight—This is Critical Hour in Fight for Prohibition, Says Dr. Hammond in Two Addresses Here.

"A dry world by 1930 if the temperance people keep up the fight, or a saloon at every cross roads in America in six years if they stop now," was the prediction of Rev. Dr. G. M. Hammond, who spoke in the interest of world-wide prohibition at Chestnut Street Methodist church yesterday at 11 a. m. and at the court house at 3 p. m.

Using as his subject, "The World's Greatest Criminal—The Remedy," the speaker made a strong appeal for no let-up in the fight which the temperance people generally have an idea has been won. He declared that the most critical hour in the history of the fight for prohibition has struck, due to the misunderstanding and indifference of the temperance forces. He told of the great task ahead in building laws around the 18th amendment in order to make it effective and the importance of electing officers who are in sympathy with the temperance movement, relating instances showing that even in North Carolina some of the officers are lined up with the moonshiners, some being bribed and getting more money from the whiskey interests than they get salary. Not only must the temperance forces fight the liquor traffic in America, but the entire world. Europe sent \$250,000,000 into America in an effort to defeat the ratification of the 18th amendment. The whiskey interests of Europe know that if America goes dry the influence will spread and the entire world will follow suit. The temperance forces are asleep on the job. The liquor traffic is said to be the greatest enemy of the church, then why not the church make it a paramount issue to destroy its greatest enemy?

According to Dr. Hammond, 91 per cent. of the American breweries are owned by Germans, and 73 per cent. of all the breweries in the world are German owned. Speaking of regulating the sale of liquor, Dr. Hammond declared that it could no more be regulated than a bedbug could be regulated and segregated. In closing his addresses, both of which were along the same line, the speaker urged his hearers to aid in the fight now being made to down German liquor as they aided in the fight to down German autocracy. At the close of each address pledge cards were distributed for the convenience of any who wished to make 5-year pledges to support the work of the Anti-Saloon league. Quite a number of pledges were taken, while some made cash offering.

Congressman Will D. Upshaw of Georgia, who was expected to fill the engagements filled by Dr. Hammond was detained in Congress and could not be here. Dr. Hammond was to have spoken at the Gospel Tabernacle at 11 a. m. After learning that Mr. Upshaw could not be here, the congregation of that church agreed to a union service at Chestnut Street church and many of the congregation attended the service there. An audience that filled the church auditorium heard the speaker at 11 a. m. A fair-sized audience greeted him at the court house.

Dr. Hammond is a most eloquent speaker and those who are in sympathy with the temperance movement were pleased with his addresses. He went from here to Fairmont, where he spoke in the Baptist church last evening at 7:30, and tonight at 7:30 he will speak in the graded school auditorium at Rowland.

250-Acre Farm Sold for \$37,500. The farm of Mrs. Kate T. Brown, containing 250 acres, at Antioch, Hoke county, was sold Friday at auction for \$37,500. The farm was purchased by Mr. John A. McPhaul of the Antioch community. The sale was conducted by Allen Brothers of Raleigh. As has been stated in The Robesonian, Mrs. Brown recently purchased a farm near Lumberton from Mr. J. A. Wooten. She will move to the Wooten farm this week.

School Entertainment at Shannon Dec. 23.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Shannon, Dec. 11.—The students of Shannon school will give a short program on the night of Dec. 23, to be followed by a Christmas tree. Music will be furnished by the music students of the school.

Mills Allowed to Run Full Time.

Under the latest government fuel rulings th four cotton mills here will be allowed to operate full time.

The condition of Mrs. H. H. Anderson, who recently underwent an operation at the Thompson hospital, is fast improving and she expects to return to her home at Hamlet Thursday of this week.

Messrs. R. B. Benfield and Austin Smith of Dillon, S. C., spent yesterday in Lumberton.

AYCOCK SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DAY FRIDAY, DEC. 19

Patrons of Every School Aaked to Meet to Work and Plan for School Improvement—"A Nickel Apiece From Every Pupil" for the Aycock Monument

Every school in the State is required by law to observe "Aycock School Improvement Day" next Friday, Dec. 19th.

On that day the patrons and friends of every school are expected to meet at the schoolhouse and discuss—or, better still, provide—such of the following fourteen improvements as are most needed:

Lengthening the school; getting an additional teacher; getting better school buildings; painting the buildings; improving school grounds, getting a school library; getting a traveling library; getting sanitary drinking fountains and individual drinking cups; getting pictures for the school; arranging for a school farm in 1920; arranging for a school fair; arranging for a course of lectures, music, etc., for the entire community; teaching illiterates in the community to read and write; getting boys and girls into club work.

Another purpose of "Aycock School Improvement Day" is to raise money to complete the monument to Charles Brantley Aycock, North Carolina's beloved "Educational Governor," soon to be erected in Raleigh. Several thousand dollars have already been raised, and work on the monument will soon begin. An average of "a nickel apiece from every pupil" is the hope of State Superintendent Brooks, and pupils are asked to carry contributions to school next Thursday or Friday morning. If any parent feels unable to send a nickel apiece, let him send a penny apiece; and others who feel disposed may send dimes or quarters. But the hope is to have every child in North Carolina feel that he has had a part, even if only a penny gift, in the erection of a beautiful memorial to a great man. In afterlife, when a boy or girl of today goes to Raleigh and sees the beautiful Aycock memorial, he will be glad to think, "I gave a dime toward it," and even if he never goes to Raleigh he will be a better citizen for having expressed his gratitude to the memory of one who so loved and served the school-children of North Carolina.

It is hoped that no school in the county will fail to observe "Aycock School Improvement Day" next Friday.

CAMP BRAGG APPROPRIATION APPROVED BY HOUSE

The House of Congress Saturday approved the appropriation of \$1,173,000 for Camp Bragg, at Fayetteville, proposed in the army camp appropriation bill. This is the largest single expenditure provided at any of the Southern camps in the bill, which appropriates more than \$2,000,000 for army camps and aviation fields at a number of places in the South. In the appropriation for Camp Bragg, \$1,128,000 is provided for the purchase of land; \$25,000 for a road between the camp and Fayetteville; \$20,000 for buildings now partly emptied. Among the land purchases provided for in other Southern States were: Miami, Fla., Chapman field, \$71,500; Richmond, aviation dpt., \$5,100; Langley field, Va., \$12,000; Camp Humphreys, Va., \$20,400.

The nomination of Representative Alexander, Missouri, to be Secretary of Commerce and Labor to succeed Wm. C. Redfield, who recently resigned, was confirmed by the Senate Thursday following unanimous approval of the appointment by the Senate commerce committee.

PERSONALS.

Messrs. A. R. and Roy Bullock of R. 1, Fairmont, were Lumberton visitors Saturday.

Mr. Robt. Musselwhite of R. 7 from Lumberton was among the visitors in town Saturday.

Mr. R. F. Gregory of R. 6, Lumberton, was among the visitors in town Saturday.

Mr. C. W. Smith of R. 4, Lumberton, is among the visitors in town today.

Mrs. Julia Dean of R. 4, Lumberton, was among the callers at The Robesonian office Saturday.

Mr. D. G. Wilkins of R. 7, Lumberton, was among the callers at The Robesonian office Saturday.

Messrs. J. I. Townsend and Spurgeon Jones of R. 1, Lumberton, were among the visitors in town Saturday.

Mr. E. C. Bass left Saturday evening for his home at Drumright, Okla., after spending several weeks in the county on business.

Mr. P. H. Adams and daughter, Miss Ruby Adams, and Misses Polly Smith and Alice Sinclair of the Purvis section were among the shoppers in town Saturday.

Mrs. S. J. Starnes and small daughter, Vashiti, went Saturday to the home of Mrs. Starnes' father, Mr. W. S. Brantley, near Monroe, where they will spend some time.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED.

Miss Essie Shaw and Mr. Thomas G. Balfour of Lumber Bridge Will Be Married Christmas Day.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Lumber Bridge, Dec. 12.—The announcement of the forth coming marriage of Miss Essie Shaw, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neill Shaw of Lumber Bridge, to Thomas Goldin Balfour, also of Lumber Bridge, formerly of New Castle, England, was made a few days ago at an elegant five-course luncheon given in honor of Mrs. Archibald McEachern of Fayetteville and to the bride-to-be by Mrs. Langdon Chavis Hubbard, at her home on main street.

The home was artistically decorated in a color scheme of green and white. Ferns and long-leaf pine were used in profusion. At the table, exquisite in its artistic decorations, was a soft beauty of green and white shaded candles and in the center was a reflector and a festoon of hot-house flowers. Covers were laid for twelve. On the place-cards were written four words and the hostess requested each guest to write a rhyme containing these words. After the third course each card was read. "The last which told the secret" was read by Mrs. Annie Belle Smith, as follows:

"Cupid shot the dart at Essie's heart, Then Tom Balfour did his part, Dec. 25 will all be done, When both hearts will beat as one."

Concealed in the next course were miniature brides and bridegrooms.

Miss Shaw was unusually attractive in a gown of navy blue tulle. Mrs. McEachern wore copenhagen blue crepe de chine and Mrs. Hubbard brown taffeta. The invited guests were:

Mrs. Archibald McEachern, Fayetteville; Misses Essie Shaw, Lucile Johnson, Frances Lee, Gaynelle Barnes, Pearl Cobb, Margaret John, Emma Currie; Messdames Leslie Lamont Shaw, States Hodges, Robert Scott, Annie Belle Smith, Neill Shaw.

BOLL WEEVIL GOT MORE.

150 Pounds of Seed Cotton Was All Mr. McNeill Got From 4 1-2 Acres in Georgia—Farmers Turning Attention to Stockraising.

One hundred and fifty pounds of seed cotton is the amount Mr. B. F. McNeill gathered from 4 1-2 acres in Southern Georgia this year, the boll weevil getting the balance. According to Mr. McNeill, who arrived here Thursday night from Georgia, the 4 1-2 acres of land would have produced at least 3 heavy bales of cotton had it not been interfered with by the boll weevil, and probably more. Mr. McNeill sold his farm near Lumberton and bought a farm in South Georgia a year ago. This was his first year in Georgia and he will not return to Georgia for some time. However, he has not sold his Georgia farm and says were it not for the weevil he would like farming there.

The farmers of that section are turning their attention to stock-raising and the weevil, bad as he is, has not caused them to go bankrupt, according to Mr. McNeill.

THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

Benjamin Franklin Willoughby of Barnesville.

Benjamin Franklin, 3-years and 9 months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Q. Willoughby of the Barnesville section, died Friday night. Death resulted from measles and complications.

John Bonson Davis of Mt. Elim.

John Bonson, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Davis, died Friday at noon at the home of his parents at Mt. Elim. Death was due to an acute attack of Bright's disease. Interment was made in the Ward cemetery Saturday afternoon.

Mollie Sampson, Indian.

Mollie Sampson, Indian, aged 78 years, died this morning at her home in Raft Swamp township. Death was due to old age.

PAY TAXES NOW.

This is Last Month You Can Break Even on Taxes.

After January 1 all who have not paid their State and county taxes for the year 1919 will have to pay 1 per cent. extra. One per cent. will be added each month thereafter—that is, 2 per cent. in February and 3 per cent. in March.

All drainage tax is due before January 1 and all lands subject to drainage tax not paid before that date will be advertised and sold.

Fuel Administrator Garfield Resigns

Fuel Administrator Garfield Thursday tendered his resignation to President Wilson because he disagrees on principle with the coal strike settlement proposal arranged by the government and the mine-workers' union.

Messrs. Gordon Lupo and John Williams of Lake View, S. C., were Lumberton visitors Saturday.

Box Supper a Success.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Deep Branch (Lumberton, R. 6), Dec. 12.—We are glad to report a successful box supper which was at Deep Branch school house on Wednesday night, Dec. 10th.

At 7 o'clock the box supper was opened up by the teachers having some musical selections rendered by the advanced scholars. After that the principal of the school, Mr. O. H. E. Lowry introduced the box supper to all present, stating its purpose and its benefits for the school. Then the auctioneer, Mr. L. W. Jacobs, came forward and presented the boxes to the highest bidder. The boxes were well bidded off (about 32 boxes in number). The highest sold for \$14. This was the assistant teacher's box, Miss Susa A. Lowry.

The amount raised from the boxes was \$141, and the amount raised from the fish pond (including expenses) was \$14.

We thank every one for the donations they rendered for the boxes and fish pond. The amount raised will go to the school for desks, etc.

E. B. SAMPSON, Chairman of Committee.

Box Supper at Indian Normal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Pembroke, Dec. 15.—On Thursday night of this week there will be at the Indian Normal a "box supper" and sale of cake, pies, candy and ice cream. Some choice Virginia apples will also be offered for sale to the fruit loving public. A choice cake will go, by vote, to the most popular young lady, present. A short program, consisting of a piano duet, recitations and songs will be given before sales begin. To this exercise and these sales the public is cordially invited.

Box Supper and Christmas Tree at Rex Dec. 19.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. There will be a box supper and Christmas tree given at the Rex school house Friday night, Dec. 19th. The public is cordially invited. The proceeds go to the school.

ANNA EGERTON, Principal FLORENCE GRAHAM, Asst.

Oyster and Box Supper at Back Swamp Dec. 19.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. There will be an oyster and box supper at Back Swamp school house Friday night, Dec. 19. The public is very cordially invited. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the school.

Box Supper and Other Amusements at Burnt Swamp Dec. 19.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Lumberton, R. 6, Dec. 13.—There will be a box supper and other amusements at Burnt Swamp school house Friday night, Dec. 19. The money will be used to buy seats for the school. The public is invited.

MARY E. SAMPSON, Teacher.

Box Supper and Other Amusements at Piney Grove Dec. 19.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Lumberton, R. 2, Dec. 13.—There will be a box supper and other amusements at the Piney Grove school house Friday night, Dec. 19. The money will be used for the benefit of the school. The public is invited.

S. A. HAMMOND, Teacher.

Box Supper at Joe Branch Dec. 19.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Fairmont, Dec. 12.—There will be a box supper at Joe Branch graded school Friday night, Dec. 19th, exercise beginning at 7:30. The public is cordially invited.

L. W. JACOBS, Principal H. P. BOWEN and OTTIE E. JACOBS, Assts.

Box Supper at Long Branch.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. There will be a box supper at Long Branch Friday night of this week. The proceeds will go to the benefit of the school. Everybody is cordially invited.

Box Supper at Cedar Grove.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. There will be a box supper given at Cedar Grove school house Thursday night, Dec. 18. Proceeds will go for the benefit of the school. Public invited.

BETTIE SPARKMAN, WILMA BRANCE, Teachers.

COMMUNITY SERVICE MEETINGS

Community service meetings will be held this week as follows: Philadelphia, Tuesday evening. Oakdale, Wednesday evening. Ten Mile Thursday evening. Centenary, Friday evening. There will be no meetings next week. Dates for the meetings in January will be published later.

CLAIRE S. THOMAS, Director Community Service.

Mr. M. W. Hedgpech of Orrum is a Lumberton visitor today.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Shaw, Thursday night, a daughter.

—The condition of Mr. H. G. Webster, who has been ill for more than a week, is reported as slightly improved today.

—Mr. E. C. Graham left today for Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, where he will undergo treatment and probably an operation.

—The Barnesville public school will give an oyster supper Thursday night, Dec. 18, for the benefit of the school. The public is invited.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Major Watts and Ruth Hollingsworth; E. D. Johnson and Berta Butler; Brown Phelps and Annie Doans.

—The second and third grades of the St. Pauls graded school will give an operetta, "At Home With Santa Claus," at St. Pauls Friday night, December 19th.

—The Woman's club will meet in the municipal building Thursday afternoon at 3:30. This is an important meeting and the membership is urged to be present.

—James Leggett was before Recorder E. M. Britt Saturday on the charge of allowing his hogs to run at large. Judgment was continued upon payment of the cost.

—Hettie Ellerby and Solomon McNeill, a couple of color, were married in the office of Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd Saturday at 3 p. m. Justice H. M. McAllister officiated.

—Mr. J. H. Wishart received Saturday night a carload of hogs and cattle which he will butcher and sell through his market. The hogs and cattle were shipped from Morristown, Tenn.

—Mr. C. M. Martin and family moved Friday from Mr. Arch. Spivey's place on R. 3 from Lumberton to Mr. J. Q. Parnell's place on R. 1 from Buie. Mr. Martin was a Lumberton visitor Saturday.

—A meeting of the Robeson branch of the American Cotton association will be held in the court house tomorrow at 11 a. m. Farmers and business men generally are invited to attend the meeting.

—Rd Springs Scotch Scion: The three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Brown Evans of St. Pauls had his face smashed by the kick of a mule last week. He will live, but will doubtless be disfigured for life.

—Mrs. Claire S. Thomas, director of community service work in Robeson, attended in Columbia, S. C., Saturday a meeting of community workers. Mrs. Thomas addressed the meeting, telling of the work in North Carolina.

—Oysters in the shell were offered for sale on the streets of Lumberton Saturday. A truck load was brought here by some fishermen from Brunswick county and retailed at \$2 the bushel. The oysters found ready sale at that price.

—Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, returned Friday from Raleigh, where he attended a conference of the State Board of Health and county health officers. Dr. Hardin also attended at Greensboro Tuesday a meeting of the prohibition forces of the State.

—A Christmas sketch, "The Greatest Gift," will be given at the high school auditorium Thursday evening, Dec. 18th, at 7:30, by pupils of the Sixth and Seventh grades. An admission fee of 10 cents will be charged and the proceeds will be used for the grammar grades' library. The public is invited.

—Mr. C. C. Webb and family—wife and 6 children—will move to Lumberton from Laurinburg about January 10th. They will occupy the old McNeill house on West Fourth street, next to the Lumberton Motor Car Co. garage. Mr. Webb has a farm about 5 miles from Lumberton on the Carthage road. He was a Lumberton visitor Saturday.

—There's more than one way to keep warm. A man living some 12 miles from Lumberton bought a cook-range in Lumberton Thursday and in order to keep warm he built a fire in the range after he loaded it upon his wagon. Then to avoid missing supper he bought some eggs and cooked them while en route home, it is said.

—Mr. L. E. Blanchard, former farm demonstration agent in Robeson, will return to the county about the first of the year from Washington, where he has held a position with the government for several months. Mr. Blanchard will look after the farming interests of his father-in-law, Mr. C. M. Fuller. Mrs. Blanchard has been here at the home of her father for several days and will probably not return to Washington.

Jordan-Mauray.

Miss Mayo Mauray of Hendersonville and Mr. G. P. Jordan of Lumberton were married in Florence, South Carolina, Wednesday of last week. They arrived here Friday. Mr. Jordan is an automobile mechanic and is employed by Messrs. C. M. Fuller & Son.

DR. WILLIAM W. PARKER EYE SPECIALIST

Office: National Bank of Lumberton Building.