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16 FOLLOWERS OF LEE AND JACKSON MEET HERE

Confederate Veterans Honor Memory of Immortal Leaders—Address by Mr. W. H. Graham—Dinner Served by Daughters.

Sixteen followers of Lee and Jackson, members of Camp Willis H. Pope, Confederate veterans, met in the court house here today at 11 a. m. in commemoration of these immortal leaders of the Southern Confederacy. Mr. Wm. H. Graham of Rowland, a member of the camp, made a short address and resolutions of sympathy for Mr. M. G. McKenzie, commander of the camp, whose condition kept him away from the meeting, were passed.

Immediately after the meeting the sixteen veterans present were served a bounteous dinner in the commissioners' room by local daughters of the Confederacy. Cigars were furnished by Sheriff R. E. Lewis and Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd.

The camp now has a membership of around 35, but many of these are unable to travel and therefore could not attend the meeting today. Practically all the remaining few members of the camp have passed their 75th birthday and many have passed their 80th. Those who attended the meeting today reported a most pleasant occasion.

The next meeting of the camp will be held May 10.

CONCERT TUESDAY EVENING

The "Columbians" Will Present a Program of Instrumental Music, Readings and Novelty Selections.

The fifth number of the Redpath Lyceum course will be given tomorrow (Tuesday) evening in the high school auditorium at 8 o'clock by the "Columbians." Four girls, each of whom plays the saxophone, with individual attainments on various other instruments, comprise this quartet of versatile, vigorous, vivacious entertainers. Their program is a melodious mélange of merry mirthful music, choice readings and novelty selections. See illustrated article on page 11 of this issue. Admission, adults 75 cents, children 35 cents.

These Lyceum course attractions have so far proved the best entertainments that have come to Lumberton. Those who are missing them are missing rare treats that can be enjoyed at small cost.

BASKETBALL GAMES.

Girls' Team Again Wins Against Laurinburg—Boys' Team Defeated.

Reported for The Robesonian.

The girls' basketball team of the Lumberton high school defeated the Laurinburg girls Thursday by a score of 11 to 7 on the latter's court. Immediately after the girls' game the Lumberton boys were defeated by the Laurinburg boys by a score of 16 to 7, the game being won chiefly by four goal shots. These games make the girls' team the winner of two games in succession, while the Lumberton boys are now tied with Laurinburg, each having won one game.

There will be some more games between these teams at a later date.

PAUL DESCHANEL ELECTED PRESIDENT OF FRENCH REPUBLIC

Paul Deschanel was elected President of the French Republic Saturday by 734 votes of the 889 members of the National Assembly voting. His majority was the largest since the election of Louis Adolphe Thiers, the first President, after the fall of the empire, who was chosen unanimously. The feeling among the Senators and Deputies, states an Associated Press dispatch, was that after the retirement of Premier Clemenceau from the contest, to whom the Parliament was disposed to give evidence of the nation's gratitude, it was fitting that the new President should come into power with a vote that would give him the necessary authority to speak impressively for France.

Harnett County Farmer Charged With Murdering His Wife.

Nash Bryant, a Harnett county farmer living near Duke and father of 11 children, is in jail at Dunn charged with killing his wife last Monday night. Bryant's story is that the shooting was accidental, that when he called for his pistol his wife handed it to him with the barrel turned toward her and that it was accidentally discharged. This was accepted as true by the coroner's jury but Gil Lucas, father of the dead woman, made investigations with the result stated above.

Churchill Godley, the Smithfield man convicted of criminal assault on a 9-year-old white girl, went to his death in the electric chair in the State prison at Raleigh Friday protesting his innocence of the crime for which he was electrocuted.

ROW AMONG INDIANS.

Oscar Miller Shot in Face and May Lose Eyesight—Henry Berry Oxendine and Foster Miller Jailed.

As a result of a row among some Indians who live near Rowland late yesterday afternoon, Oscar Miller, Indian, is in the Thompson hospital with a load of No. 10 shot in his face. It is thought that Miller will lose the sight of both eyes, which were pierced by shot. It is said that the shot was fired by Needham Chavis, Indian.

Henry Berry Oxendine and Foster Miller, both Indians, are in jail, having been arrested in connection with the row. Chavis was not arrested. The two Millers and Oxendine were brought to Lumberton by Rural Policeman W. J. Crawford of Rowland.

LEE'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED AT RED SPRINGS

Exercises Held at Flora Macdonald—Address by H. E. Stacy.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Flora Macdonald College, Red Springs, Jan. 17.—The birthday of Robert E. Lee was observed by the Red Springs chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy today. The exercises were held at 11 o'clock in the college auditorium, members of Camp Ryan, No. 417, attending in a body. Rev. H. M. Dixon of the college faculty offered the opening prayer, followed by the singing of "Tenting Tonight" and "Auld lang syne" by the college quartette. Major G. H. Hall introduced the speaker, Mr. H. E. Stacy of the Lumberton bar, who in an eloquent address paid a beautiful tribute to Lee and Jackson, to the women of the South and spoke inspiringly of the wonderful growth of this section of the United States and of the opportunities for future development. Following the address, Miss Mable Wright, violinist, was heard in a medley of Southern airs. Rev. C. V. Bank of the Baptist church pronounced the benediction.

The speaker of the day, the veterans, members of the college chapter and invited guests were entertained at luncheon in the college gymnasium by the ladies of the Red Springs chapter.

WOMAN'S CLUB TAKES ON NEW LIFE

New Members Inspire the Old to Greater Efforts—Especially Interested in Beautifying Public Grounds—Reported for The Robesonian.

An interesting meeting of the Woman's club was held in the municipal building Wednesday afternoon, with Mrs. N. A. McLean, president, presiding. The meetings will be held regularly in the municipal building on the second Wednesday of each month at 3:30 p. m. Mesdames J. Knox and T. C. Johnson and Miss Mary McNeill were elected as a nominating committee to nominate officers for the coming year.

Old members of the club were inspired by the presence of a number of new members. All the women of the town are urged to join the club. The renewed interest of the men in the chamber of commerce should inspire the women to take more interest in their club work. The club women are especially interested in the work of beautifying the public grounds about town and the matter of a public library for the town was discussed at the meeting Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Amos King was elected chairman of the Thrift campaign and Miss Janie Carlyle was elected chairman of welfare work.

COUNCIL OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS HOLDS FIRST MEETING

Representatives of France, Great Britain, Italy, Greece, Belgium, Spain and Brazil, members of the council of the league of nations, met in the "clock room" of the French foreign office in Paris on the 16th for the first meeting of the league. The council organized at 10:20 o'clock by electing Leon Bourgeois chairman and confirming the choice of Sir Eric Drummond of Great Britain as general secretary.

The first official act of the council was the appointment of a commission to trace upon the spot the frontiers of the territory of the Saar basin.

Leon Bourgeois, French representative, who presided, said, "The task of presiding at this meeting and inaugurating this great international institution should have fallen to President Wilson," and expressed the hope that differences at Washington soon would be overcome and that "a representative of the great American republic will occupy the place waiting him among us."

Miss Agnes McLean spent the week-end at Maxton visiting Miss Leila Barnes.

Mr. W. H. Lovett of R. 4, Lumberton, was among the callers at The Robesonian office Friday.

BANK OF FAIRMONT MAKES SPLENDID SHOWING.

Annual Report Shows Last Year Was Best in Every Respect That This Bank Has Ever Had—Volume of Business and Profits Doubled.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Fairmont, Jan. 16.—The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Fairmont was held Wednesday afternoon, January 14, in the directors' room. Mr. R. O. Pitman was elected chairman of the meeting with Mr. F. L. Blue, secretary. 145 of the 200 shares of stock were represented in person.

In his annual report, President F. L. Blue stated that the past year had been the best, in every respect that the bank had ever had—did about twice as much business, and made about twice as much money. The deposits have been more than half million, most of the year. The bank declared its usual 15 per cent. dividend; added \$5,000 to its surplus account; reserved \$2,000 for accrued interest account; reduced its furniture and fixture account \$500 and carried the balance of profits to undivided profit account. This gives this bank \$20,000 capital, \$13,000 surplus, \$3,500 reserved for accrued interest and \$1,055.94 undivided profits, after paying this year's \$3,000 in dividends.

The old board of directors, consisting of J. P. Brown, A. S. Thompson, R. O. Pitman, A. J. Floyd, N. W. Jenkins, J. D. Kyle and F. L. Blue, were unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year.

Following the meeting of the stockholders, the directors of the institution met and re-elected all the old officers, as follows: F. L. Blue, president and cashier; J. P. Brown and A. S. Thompson, vice-presidents; H. L. Blue, Jr., assistant cashier for the next year.

When it is recalled that this bank began business with \$9,500 capital, and upon that original capital has increased its capital, and built up its present surplus and reserves, without selling more stock or assessing its stockholders, in addition to having paid good big dividends each year, it is considered a splendid showing.

PEOPLE'S BANK & TRUST SHOW SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH

Stockholders Well Pleased With Business of Last Year—Deposits Doubled During Year.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Fairmont, Jan. 17.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the People's Bank & Trust company of Fairmont was held in the bank building on January 6. The president's report showed substantial growth during the year just closed and the stockholders were well pleased with the year's business. Deposits have doubled during the year, totaling at the time of the meeting \$255,000. The capital stock was increased from \$10,000 to \$25,000. The old directors were all re-elected as follows: D. C. Fussell, C. A. Floyd, A. N. Mitchell, W. T. Sledge, H. G. Stubbs, D. J. Oliver and W. F. Bristow were added to the board of directors.

Immediately after the stockholders meeting the directors met and re-elected the old officers. These are: D. C. Fussell, president; H. G. Stubbs, vice-president; W. F. Bristow, cashier.

McNEILL-MONTROSE.

Miss Eula Montrose of Mullins Becomes Wife of Mr. John L. McNeill of Lumberton.

Miss Eula Montrose of Mullins, S. C., and Mr. John L. McNeill of Lumberton were married at the home of the bride's parents in Mullins Thursday at 3 p. m. The wedding was a home affair. Rev. Mr. Watson, pastor of the Methodist church at Mullins, officiated. Mr. and Mrs. McNeill came to Lumberton immediately after their marriage and are making their home with Mr. McNeill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. McNeill, Carthage road.

The bride is numbered among the most popular young ladies of Mullins. The groom is superintendent of the Lumberton light and water plants.

FRENCH CABINET RESIGNS.

The cabinet of Premier Clemenceau of France resigned Sunday. President Poincaré last night asked Alexandre Miller and governor of Alsace to form a new cabinet, states a Paris dispatch.

Council Approves Demand For Former Kaiser.

The supreme council at Paris Friday approved the text of a letter to the Dutch government asking for the extradition of the former German emperor. The general expectation in French circles, states a press dispatch, is that Holland will refuse to deliver the former monarch.

PARKTON NEWS LETTER.

The Record of Deaths—Manufacturing Concrete and Cement Block—New Truck and Road Machine Doing Good Work—New Buildings and Businesses—A Surprise Marriage—Personal and Other Items.

BY C. D. WILLIAMSON.

Parkton, Jan. 16.—Mrs. J. C. D. McNatt received a wire Monday evening stating that her brother Mr. J. P. Hancock of Denver, Col., was dangerously ill. Mrs. McNatt and babe, little Charles, left Monday night for Denver and probably have arrived there by this date. Another wire was received Wednesday stating that he was just alive. A letter was received this morning saying that he had been sick two weeks but only became alarming Sunday night. The whole town and community are in sympathy with the above family.

The following item should have been reported a week ago but was overlooked:

Mr. E. K. Wilson of Charlotte died December 28 and was buried on New Years day in Charlotte. Deceased was 39 years of age and at the time of his death was assistant manager of the Standard Oil Co. He was well known in Fayetteville, was ticket agent for the A. C. L. for a number of years, also was employed in the Fourth National bank of that city for some time. The writer first met him in Fayetteville and will always have a fond recollection of him. He was a good man, and possessed a beautiful personality, a consistent member of the Presbyterian church. It was while in Fayetteville he married Miss Annie Blount, a sister of our townsman A. McM. Blount, who also attended the funeral.

Mr. A. M. Stubbs attended the funeral of his uncle William Stubbs at Purvis last Sunday. Deceased was 82 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stubbs and little J. H. Jr., of Fayetteville spent Sunday with home folks.

We are glad to report the T. W. Thompson brick store rushing up.

Mr. F. N. Fisher is spending some time at Hot Springs, Ark. for health benefit.

Mr. T. M. Blue has purchased the old E. A. Poe brick yard and has formed a company known as the Fayetteville Cement & Produce Co. They manufacture concrete and cement brick. Mr. Blue will build a dwelling in our town at an early date.

With the above-named material, a building of this kind can be built in much less time than with brick, and we suspect with some less cost.

The new truck and road machine for Parkton township arrived last week and it has already been installed and Mr. Ang Jernigan occupies the front seat while Mr. McDonald spins the rear wheel and the good work goes on as long as gas can be had. Its motto—

Keep me out of the bog, And see me turn the sod; And me from all stumps, And believe me, I'll perform stunts.

Now is the accepted time to build up roads, while it is dry. We are expecting great results up our way. Mrs. J. J. Cobb and Mrs. J. C. Lancaster have been added to the graded and high school faculty.

Mr. W. J. Everett has moved to town and is occupying his new residence on Third and South streets. Mr. Everett has also opened up a nice little grocery establishment on second street in one of the McCormick store buildings.

Mr. A. McM. Blount will soon complete his new novelty shop and will move his machinery when completed. He has been operating in the old Baptist church building.

We were informed tonight that Mr. J. T. McRaney of Buck Horn and Miss Nellie Driver were married yesterday at Rock Hill, S. C. This was some surprise marriage. We hear the wedding bells will ring soon for one of our friends who does not live in our town at present. Will mention more fully next time.

Bank is progressing nicely, will hear from the boys later. They disturb Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights.

Judge Charles Cooke Passes.

Judge Charles M. Cooke of Louisville, former secretary of State, speaker of the house of representatives of the North Carolina Legislature, and for about fifteen years judge of the State Superior court, died in a sanitarium Friday.

Judge Cooke was 75 years old. He resigned from the Superior court bench about three years ago, since which time he had been in very feeble health. He was a colonel in the Confederate army, and was a conspicuous figure in the political life of the State in reconstruction days.

Spraying Demonstration.

Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator, will give a spraying demonstration on the farm of Mr. S. F. Jenkins, near Barnesville, Friday of this week. Farmers generally are invited to witness the demonstration.

BROAD RIDGE BREEZES.

Marriage of Miss Lillie Bullard and Mr. Stringfield Mayes.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Broad Ridge (Orrom, R. 1), Jan. 16.—Farmers of this section are breaking up their land and preparing for another crop.

Glad to report the condition of Mrs. Swain Britt improved.

Sorry to report little Mary Jane, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Swain Britt, very sick.

A wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Watts Saturday evening about 7:30 o'clock when Miss Lillie Bullard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Q. F. Bullard, became the wife of Mr. Stringfield Mayes, both of this section. Justice Okey Stephens of Mt. Elim officiated. A few relatives and friends of the contracting parties were present. We wish for the happy couple a long and prosperous life.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivey are smiling: it's a boy.

Mr. D. H. Collins has purchased a new car, not a cart.

Mr. Will Vox has purchased a new buggy.

Following is the honor roll for the primary grades for the last week: 1st grade—Madge Phillips, teacher; Devoy Lawson, Leonard Britt, Addie Britt. Second grade—Ruth Branch, Dolores Watts, Hubert Amos, 3rd grade—Anna Mae McWhite.

For the advanced grades for the last month: 4th grade—Sallie Inman, teacher; Pearl Lawson. Sixth grade—Furney Britt, Labon Britt, Wesley Branch, Cleo Bissell, Carrie Mae Britt. Seventh grade—Thelma Branch.

Best wishes to The Robesonian and its many readers.

McNEILL-MUSSELWHITE.

Young Couple Married at Home of Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth.

A very quiet marriage was solemnized at the home of Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth, Mr. Hedgpeth officiating, Thursday evening at 8 o'clock when Miss Annie Musselwhite became the wife of Mr. Walter McNeill.

Both bride and groom are of the Barker's section but the bride had made her home in Lumberton for several months and was employed as saleslady in Mr. K. M. Biggs stores.

The bride is a popular young lady, possessing those beautiful traits of character that command many friends where ever she may reside. The groom is a prosperous young farmer. Both have many friends who wish for them a long and prosperous married life.

THE RECORD OF DEATHS

Mrs. Henry Harris.

Mrs. Henry Harris, aged 58 years, died Saturday at her home at the Jennings cotton mill village of apoplexy. Deceased is survived by her husband and several children. The remains were shipped to Allbrook, S. C., for interment.

Death of An Infant.

Oliez Sealey, 2 1-2-months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Prevatt of R. 5, Lumberton, died yesterday of colitis.

Mrs. Terry Hamilton.

Mrs. Terry Hamilton, mother of Mr. S. H. Hamilton of Lumberton, died yesterday at her home at Hope Mills. Deceased was above 80 years old and had been in declining health for some time.

Democrats Fail to Select Minority Leader of Senate.

The Democratic caucus in Washington Thursday failed to select a Senate minority leader to succeed the late Senator Martin of Virginia. A close fight developed which resulted in a deadlock between Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska and Senator Underwood of Alabama. Both North Carolina Senators voted for Senator Hitchcock. Senator Underwood announced that regardless of the final result Mr. Hitchcock would continue to handle the treaty for the minority with his loyal support.

Four masked robbers held up officers and customers of a bank at Girard, Ala., Friday and escaped with about \$30,000 in cash and securities.

Mr. J. McRae Dalton of Winston-Salem was a Lumberton visitor Friday.

Miss Alice Kelly spent the week-end at Sanford visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. T. C. Johnson went yesterday to Whiteville, where she will spend a few days visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Branch of Raleigh spent yesterday here at the home of Mr. Branch's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Branch, East Third street.

There will be an entertainment at Meadow Brook school house on Friday evening of this week. The public is invited.

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BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. Ira Bullard left Saturday evening for St. Louis, Mo., to buy mules and horses for the Carlyle & Bullard sales stables.

—A regular communication of St. Alban's lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M., will be held Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock for work in first degree.

—Chief of Police D. M. Barker underwent a slight operation at the Thompson hospital last week. Night Policeman J. E. Boyle is subbing for Chief Barker while he is off.

—Mr. and Mrs. G. P. McMillan recently moved from Charlotte to Lumberton and are making their home with Mr. McMillan's mother, Mrs. H. McE. McMillan, Carthage road.

—A stockholders' meeting of the Robeson Fair association will be held Thursday evening at 7:30 in the office of Mr. J. A. Carlyle, in the Planters' Bank & Trust company building.

—Mr. A. W. McLean is confined at his home here with a severe cold. He expects to be able by the last of this week to return to Washington, where he is still engaged as a director of the War Finance board.

—Thousands of people from far and near came to Lumberton Saturday to attend the opening sale at Eafd Brothers store. It was by far the largest crowd that ever gathered in Lumberton for a sale of merchandise.

—Capt. David H. Fuller arrived home Friday night from Oteen, near Asheville, having been given an honorable discharge from military service. Mr. Fuller expects to resume his law practice in Lumberton in the near future.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Melton Ivey and Jessie Helgren; Albert Pridgen and Fannie Melton; Luke West and Minnie Baxley; Joseph A. Bullock and Rattie Stone; Harrison C. Barefoot and Gertrude Cashwell; Walter McNeill and Annie Lee White; Ira F. Britt and Vina Taylor.

—Rev. W. H. Maynor, colored, asks The Robesonian to say that the fire on December 28th in the colored settlement across the river from the main part of town did not originate in the Seventh-Day Adventist church, of which he is pastor, as at first reported, but in a store building 3 doors from the church.

—Messrs. Hector, L. W. and G. P. McMillan have taken over the management of the local station of the Gulf Refining Co. Mr. A. V. G. Wishart had been in charge of the station for several months. The Messrs. McMillan have their office in the store of Messrs. McIntyre & Wishart, First street.

—Martha Leggett, an 18-year-old colored girl who lives on the Jennings' cotton mill farm, took strychnine through mistake for quinine on the 9th inst. and J. J. Williams says that if it had not been for Dr. T. C. Johnson Martha shore would have passed out. As it was, she had a close call but is now out of danger.

—Mr. A. J. Holmes has purchased the old Peterson building and three lots of the Bond property, fronting on East Third street, from Mr. S. F. Caldwell. The residence has been moved to the lots purchased by Mr. Holmes and Mr. and Mrs. Holmes will move into the building as soon as it has been remodeled. It is a 6-room dwelling.

—Mr. M. F. Hatcher, representative of the Equitable Life Insurance society, New York, arrived here Friday and will make Lumberton headquarters. Mr. Hatcher was recently released from the army, having served during the war as captain of an artillery company. Before entering military service Mr. Hatcher was located at Salisbury.

—A crowd that practically filled the large auditorium of the First Baptist church of Lumberton heard Mr. John A. Oates of Fayetteville deliver a strong address on law enforcement last evening. This was one of many addresses delivered throughout the State yesterday on law enforcement. A report of Mr. Oates' address will be published in Thursday's Robesonian.

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