

### CIVIL COURT THIS WEEK.

Case Contesting Election of County Welfare Officer This Afternoon—Cases Disposed of in Criminal Court Last Week.

The week's term of Superior court for the trial of criminal cases closed Saturday afternoon. Judge O. H. Allen of Kinston, who presided, spent the week-end here and a week's term of civil court convened this morning at 10:30 with Judge Allen presiding.

The case of Joe Buie against W. P. McAllister, contesting the validity of the election of Mr. McAllister as county welfare officer, will be argued before Judge Allen this afternoon on an agreed statement of facts, the point at issue being whether or not Chairman J. W. Ward could legally cast a ballot and then vote off a tie.

The following cases were disposed of last week after the report of the proceedings published in Thursday's Robesonian was written: Audin Walters and Dan Shaw, charged with an affray, not prosed as to Shaw. Walters pleaded guilty and judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost, Walters having paid Shaw \$300, less the cost of the action. Walters was charged with shooting Shaw, the result of which cost Shaw a leg, in a row which took place in the Globe Swamp section last fall.

Jno. L. Locklear and W. M. Strickland, injury to real property; prayer for judgment continued until the next term of court as to Locklear. Judgment suspended upon payment of his part of the cost as to Strickland.

Gus McQueen, larceny of an auto; defendant plead guilty and was sentenced to 12 months on the public roads.

Jno. Walker, Eugene Hamilton, Ed. Anderson and Simon Bullard, larceny and receiving stolen goods; nol pros as to Anderson; the other parties plead guilty and John Walker was sentenced to 12 months on the roads, while Eugene Hamilton was sentenced to 4 months in jail to be hired out to Mr. J. I. Townsend for the cost; and Bullard was sentenced to 4 months in jail to be hired to Mr. N. A. Townsend for the cost.

Needham Chavis, assault with deadly weapon; fined \$50 and the cost.

Lewis Dunn, colored, murder; sentenced to 3 years upon the public roads. Dunn was charged with killing Julius Robeson, also colored, at the union station here last September. According to the evidence, Robeson died from the effects of a blow dealt him by Dunn on a Sunday night last September, a woman being at the bottom of the trouble. Dunn and the woman were arrested in Wilmington the next day. The woman was later released by Recorder E. M. Britt when the two were given a preliminary hearing.

John Hayes, carrying concealed weapon; plead guilty; fined \$50 and the cost.

Sam Bryant, retailing; six months on the roads.

Bert Sellers, assault with deadly weapon; defendant entered plea of nolo contendere and prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of the cost.

### NOT OVER 6 CASES OF INFLUENZA IN LUMBERTON

Total Number in County Around 65—Those Exposed to the Disease Should Keep Away From Public Gatherings.

There are not over a half-dozen cases of influenza in Lumberton proper, according to Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer. From five to ten new cases in the county have been reported to the county health department each day recently and the total number of cases so far reported in the county is around 65.

Dr. Hardin is keeping close watch on the situation and says one of the best methods of holding the disease in check is for members of families where influenza has made its appearance. This grade will resume shows, Sunday school, church and other public meeting places.

Today's Raleigh News and Observer states that scattering reports available yesterday from sections of the State in which there has been a recurrence of the epidemic of influenza indicate that the spread of the disease has reached its climax. There were materially fewer new cases reported from places where the epidemic has been most widespread, but with some new cases of pneumonia mentioned.

Story About Juror Denied.

The story published elsewhere about a juror being whipped and given a mud bath has been denied.

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### OVER 1,000 BALES OF LOW-GRADE OFFERED

Farmers Pleased With Offer of Good Prices for Low Grade Cotton—Met at Court House Today and Heard Plan of Selling 300,000 Bales to Spinners Explained.

Around 150 farmers and business men met in the court house here today at noon to hear explained the plan whereby low-grade cotton may be sold for from 35 to 41 cents per pound. Dr. Geo. M. Pate, president of the Robeson branch of the American Cotton association, presided and Mr. Frank Gough, first vice-president of the State association, told of the plan whereby President J. S. Wannamaker of the American Cotton association was undertaking to sell 300,000 bales of low-grade cotton to be shipped direct to European spinners at 41 cents for low middling; strict good ordinary, 39 cents; good ordinary 37 cents, and ordinary 35 cents.

A number of farmers expressed themselves as pleased with the plan and more than 1,000 bales were offered by those attending the meeting. Some were willing to put in high-grade cotton at 41 cents, but this was discouraged by Mr. Gough.

Options on this low-grade cotton will be closed February 10 and those who wish to sell their low-grades at these prices should secure option blanks from Mr. O. O. Dukes of Lumberton and fill them out properly by February 10.

The following were elected as delegates to the national meeting of the American Cotton association which will be held at Montgomery, Ala., February 17 to 20: Dr. G. M. Pate, Raynham; Frank Gough, Lumberton; A. R. McEachern, St. Pauls; Jno. W. Ward and Leewood McCallum, Rowland.

### SCHOOLS REOPEN TODAY.

87 Per Cent of Pupils Present This Morning After Temporary Shutdown on Account of Meningitis—No New Cases.

The graded and high schools reopened this morning after being closed for 6 school days, having closed down at the close of the school day Thursday, January 22nd, on account of meningitis. No new cases have been reported and 87 per cent. of the pupils were present this morning, not including the seventh grade, which was dismissed on account of the fact that the teacher is rooming in a home where influenza has made its appearance. This grade will resume work Wednesday.

Supt. Cale advises The Robesonian that the attendance in the various grades today is: 11th—none absent; 10th—1 girl absent; 9th—none absent; 8th—3 girls absent; 6th, and other grades following, expressed in percentage of those present—87; 5th—74; 4th—70; 3rd—82; 2nd—53; 1st—49. More than 70 pupils are absent from the first grade.

### ARMENIAN RELIEF CAMPAIGN IN ROBESON

Robeson Citizens Are Asked to Contribute \$4,000—February 8 is "Near East Relief Sunday."

Mr. J. C. Lentz of St. Pauls is chairman for Robeson of the Armenian Relief campaign which began yesterday and lasts through Sunday, February 22nd. Mr. Lentz was in Lumberton Friday and arranged for a page advertisement in The Robesonian, telling of the dire need of the destitute people for whom the appeal is made.

Sunday, February 8, has been set apart as "Near East Relief Sunday." All ministers of the gospel are requested to present this cause to their congregations on that day.

Robeson county citizens are asked to contribute \$4,000 to this worthy cause. This will support 66 Armenian orphans for a year. Mr. Lentz expects to secure subscriptions in excess of the small amount allotted to Robeson.

### MEETING FOR LADIES THIS EVENING AT 8

Mrs. Eugene Reiley of Charlotte Will Address the Ladies of Lumberton in The Municipal Building This Evening.

Mrs. Eugene Reiley of Charlotte will address the ladies of Lumberton this evening at 8 o'clock in the municipal building.

Mrs. Reiley is a prominent club woman and State chairman of the National Thrift campaign. The telegram stating that she wishes to meet the women of Lumberton this evening did not state the subject upon which she will speak.

The telegram came to Mrs. N. A. McLean, president of the Woman's Club, but the meeting will not be confined to club women. All women of the town are urged to attend.

Mr. Joseph Walters of R. 4, St. Pauls, is a Lumberton visitor today. Messrs. Lawrence and Walter Jackson of R. 2, Red Springs, are among the visitors in town today.

### THREE FAIR BUILDINGS WILL BE ERECTED

After Visit to Dunn County Fair Committee Decides to Erect 3 Buildings on Fair Grounds—Fence is Being Built Around Grounds—Expect to Fill 3 Buildings With Exhibits.

The building committee of the Robeson Fair association, composed of Messrs. W. O. Thompson, D. D. French, O. O. Dukes and B. Sam Edwards, visited the fair grounds of Dunn Friday and inspected the buildings. The committee found at Dunn just what they wanted in the way of buildings, etc. It was found upon this inspection trip that it would be necessary to build three buildings instead of one, as was first planned. The first building is to take care of horses, cows and chickens and will be 45x100. The second building will also be 45x100 and will take care of the hogs and machinery. The third building will be the floral hall and will be 45x150, with places for booths on each side, canned goods, fancy work, etc., in the middle, with two walk ways.

The plans for these buildings will be drawn and construction will begin immediately. The association expects to offer about \$2,000 in premiums which will be sufficiently large to fill these buildings to their capacity.

The fence around the grounds is already in course of construction.

### RAILROAD MOTOR CAR AND AUTOMOBILE COLLIDE

Mr. J. C. Bryant and Motor Car Demolished When Car and Auto Driven by Mr. Henry Morgan of Marietta Met on Track—Mr. Morgan Escaped Injury But His Car Was Badly Damaged.

Mr. J. C. Bryant, section foreman on the Seaboard, had the left side of his face badly skinned and his right hand lacerated when his railroad motor car collided with an Oakland car driven by Mr. Henry Morgan of the Marietta section at the Fairmont road crossing near Lumberton late Thursday afternoon. Besides Mr. Bryant, there were 5 colored men on the motor truck, all of whom escaped without injury.

Both the motor car and the auto were running at fast speed and the motor truck was demolished, while the auto was damaged considerably. Mr. Morgan said he did not see the motor car in time to stop his auto. Mr. Bryant was taken to the Thompson hospital and Mrs. N. A. Thompson and T. C. Johnson dressed his wounds. It was several hours before he regained consciousness. He was able to leave the hospital Friday afternoon.

### WHISKEY STILL CAPTURED.

It Was a "Poor Excuse" But No Doubt It Would Have Served the Purpose.

A 10-gallon capacity whiskey-making plant was captured by Sheriff R. E. Lewis and Deputy Sheriff A. H. Prevatt in the woods near the home of Jimmie Locklear in Saddlecreek township Saturday afternoon. The still was made of a tin lar tub and a black gum cap. The plant was not erected for operation when discovered by the officers, but apparently had been hidden in the woods by the owner. It was one of the "poorest excuses" for making the "old familiar" yet captured in Robeson.

Set Up the Best Ever and Perfectly Correct—Auditor McCallum Improving.

County Auditor J. M. McCallum was operated on at the new Charlotte sanatorium in Charlotte a week ago today and in a letter written Jan. 31 he says he is getting on okey and hopes to be home soon.

Referring in this letter to his annual report published in Thursday's Robesonian, a copy of which he had just looked over, Auditor McCallum writes: "It was set up in the best form that it has ever been, perfectly correct."

Eugene Butler is Now at Camp Funston.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Renner, Jan. 29.—Just received a card from our son Eugene Butler. He has just recently arrived at camp Funston, Kan. He just got back to the States December 7, 1919. He has been in the army something over 6 years, has spent a great part of his time in the P. I. He expects to come home soon. He also sent us a bag of salt as a souvenir from the Great Salt Lake, Utah.

MR. and MRS. ALEP BUTLER.

Meningitis Cases Improving—No New Cases.

The condition of both Masters G. B. Cromartie, Jr., and Joe McIntyre, who about two weeks ago developed spinal meningitis, is improving and it is now thought they will recover. No new cases have developed.

### MRS. THOMAS PROMOTED.

Robeson Director of Community Service Goes to Raleigh as State Librarian—First Office of the Kind—Promotion Recognition of Ability and Efficiency—Mr. M. N. Folger Becomes Director for Robeson.

Mrs. Claire S. Thomas, who has been director of community service work in Robeson since last September, has been promoted to the position of librarian for the State Bureau of Community Service and goes to Raleigh today to enter upon her new duties. She will have charge of the films used all over the State in community service work.

This is the first office of the kind created in the United States and Mrs. Thomas' promotion is a great compliment. Mr. W. C. Crosby, director of the Bureau of Community Service, State Department of Education who was in Lumberton Friday, says that he selected Mrs. Thomas for this work because of the remarkable efficiency and ability she has shown in her work in Robeson. He has been trying her out in other fields, sending her to fill appointments for him, and has found her work eminently satisfactory. She was sent to Chicago some time ago to select films for the State, and did the work well. When the Community Service association of North Carolina was organized the first of last month at a meeting in Raleigh, Mrs. Thomas was elected its first president. She will be one of the highest-paid women workers in the State Department of Education.

Mr. M. N. Folger, who has had charge of the mechanical work in connection with the community pictures that have been exhibited in Robeson, succeeds Mrs. Thomas as county director of community service. This is also a compliment to Mr. Folger's efficiency and intelligent grasp of the work.

Mrs. Thomas will leave her children here for the present and will divide her time between Lumberton and Raleigh until she can find a suitable house in Raleigh, when she will move her family to the capital city.

### THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

Breece Fisher, Formerly of Lumberton, Died at San Antonio Friday.

Mr. Breece Fisher, who formerly lived in Lumberton with his grandmother, Mrs. L. R. Breece, died Friday at San Antonio, Texas, of pneumonia. This was his second or third attack of pneumonia.

Mr. Fisher served in the army several years and had re-enlisted. He is survived by a young wife, to whom he was married just before Christmas, and a brother, Mr. Mack Fisher.

Deceased was about 21 years old. He was a carrier for The Robesonian when a young boy, and later went to Pembroke to live with his uncle Mr. A. M. Breece.

Mrs. Nellie Walters of Barnesville Section.

Mrs. Nellie Walters died yesterday morning at her home near Barnesville of stomach trouble. Deceased was about 70 years old and is survived by eight children. Her husband, the late William Walters, preceded her to the grave about a year. Mrs. Walters was a sister of Mrs. Emily Jones of Lumberton. The funeral was conducted from the home at 2:30 this afternoon by Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth of Lumberton, and interment was made in the family burying plot near the Walters home.

Report Says President Wilson Is Coming to North Carolina.

Washington Cor., Jan. 31, Greensboro News: The report is current tonight in Washington that President Wilson would leave for North Carolina within the next few days for rest and recuperation. The basis of the rumor is attributed to an "administration senator" and goes so far as to speculate that the visit will be to either Asheville or Pinehurst, with the latter city holding the coveted position because of the golf links. Former reports that the President would leave the White House for a rest have met with a denial, and thus far no comment has been made on the proposal that he go to North Carolina.

Fire Destroys Barn and Stables in Howellsville.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed a new barn and stables and 240 bushels of corn belonging to Mr. W. H. Humphrey on his farm, near Smith's church, Howellsville township, Saturday afternoon. Mr. J. T. Andrews, who lives on Mr. Humphrey's farm, lost a practically new buggy and also a two-horse wagon. The total loss is estimated at around \$1,200, with no insurance.

Mr. L. M. Oliver of Marietta is a Lumberton visitor today.

Mr. J. M. Wilson of R. 7, Lumberton, is in town today.

Mr. M. J. Merritt returned last evening from Tracy City, Tenn., where he spent two weeks visiting relatives.

### PARKTON BANK HAS SHOWN HEALTHY GROWTH

Earned 46 Per Cent Last Year—Will Double Capital Stock—Heating Plant Installed in Baptist Church—Still Captured—Other Parkton News.

(BY C. D. WILLIAMSON.) Parkton, Jan. 31.—The Bank of Parkton has been in business twelve years and has shown a healthy growth each year. The earnings for the stockholders during the present year were 46 per cent.

In order to take care of the bank's expanding business, the directors at the recent meeting decided to double the present capital stock of the institution and to increase its surplus to \$16,000, which will give the bank a working capital of \$36,000. Much of the new stock has been subscribed already, and will at an early date increase its capital to \$20,000.

A dividend of 10 per cent. was declared, which will be paid to the stockholders at once. The remainder of the undivided profits were carried to the surplus account, which served to increase the book value of the bank's stock to \$180. The present bright business prospects for the bank during the coming year would seem to indicate that the stock for the coming year will be worth \$225 or more per share.

The slogan "If you have money to deposit, bring it to us," seems to have served the bank well, for many accounts have been added to the institutions records during the past year.

The officers and directors of the bank are elated over the fine showing made by the bank the past year and they are hopeful that the new year will be productive of the same fine results for both themselves and their patronage.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: J. G. Hughes, president; J. B. McCormick, vice-president; E. B. Daniel, cashier; J. D. McCormick, assistant cashier.

New directors were elected as follows: L. E. Hughes, Collier Cobb and E. N. Fisher. Messrs. J. G. Hughes, J. B. McCormick, N. McQueen, N. S. Tolar, Malcom McMillan, C. S. McArthur, A. J. Garris and W. J. Gillis were re-elected directors for the ensuing year.

The bank and community are fortunate in having such a splendid group of men for its directorate. All of them are men of good business ability, and, too, are prepared to furnish the financial backing, which is necessary to a safe, conservative and profitable banking business.

In our last letter it should have read that Rev. J. L. Jenkins was attending the faculty of the Mobile school at Greensboro.

Mr. L. E. Hughes has recently installed electric lights in his store.

The heating plant for the Baptist church is being installed, to the delight of their congregation.

The union prayer meeting at the M. E. church last night was largely attended and greatly enjoyed. Rev. J. L. Jenkins was speaker of the night.

Miss Alice McQueen is back in town, to the delight of her many friends.

Mrs. Ruby Huff, who has been on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Stubbs, returned to Atlanta, Ga., this evening, where she holds a position.

Mrs. Angus McLaurin of Johns is a visitor to home folks.

Sheriff N. A. Watson spent last night in town, and today, in company with Deputy T. B. McNeill, went over into Cumberland county near Roslin, and captured a liquor still, 40-gallon capacity, and spilt 350 gallons of beer and a quantity of barrels etc. The still was a home-made affair and had been in operation for at least twelve months, and every thing in readiness for another charge by the latter part of the week. That community will now suffer for a few days until they can repair up a little. The still was brought to Parkton and it is on exhibition at T. B. McNeill's store with the bottom broken out.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Parham of Rocky Mount spent the week-end with Mr. Parham's mother, Mrs. Alex Parham was married to Miss Margaret Elizabeth Roundtree of Gates county on the 17th. Both parties are well-known in our town and their many friends wish for the much success in life. A more handsome couple would be hard to find.

On Friday, the 23rd, Mr. Joseph Shoemaker and Miss Amelia Hair were married. The ceremony was performed in Fayetteville. The groom is one of our townsmen, while the fair bride was a couple of miles away, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Hair. This couple are receiving many congratulations from their many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Ellis and children of Siler City spent the week-end with relatives, returning to their home Sunday.

Mrs. J. B. Regan and son, John B. Jr., and Miss Jennie Baker of Howellsville spent the week-end with relatives, returning Sunday evening.

The Parkton band is planning a big concert. Read The Robesonian and

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### BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

Electric lights are being installed at the county home today.

The condition of Mr. R. W. Shelby, who has been ill for several days, is somewhat improved today.

Mr. W. J. Baxley of Barnwell, S. C., has accepted a position in the Pope drug store. He began work Saturday.

The monthly collection for the Thomasville Baptist orphanage at the First Baptist Sunday school yesterday totaled \$316.08.

The board of county commissioners, the county board of education and the road commissioners are all holding monthly meetings here today.

Lumberton barber shop has recently been remodeled and new Koken chairs installed. One additional chair has also been installed.

Sheriff R. E. Lewis sold today all lands in the Back and Jacob Swann drainage districts upon which the 1919 drainage tax had not been paid.

Robeson chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will meet with Mrs. J. H. Morrison Thursday, Feb. 5, promptly at 3:30 o'clock. A full attendance is desired.

Mrs. Cora Stephens left today for Fayetteville, where she has accepted a position with the Cumberland General hospital. Mrs. Stephens had been employed at the Lorraine hotel for some time.

Messrs. D. N. and J. F. McGill left last evening for Charlotte to attend the Winchester Exclusive Hardware Dealers association. The convention opened today and will close tomorrow.

Miss Martha Elyx Andrews, home demonstration agent, is able to be at her office today, the first time she has been out since she was run down by an automobile on Elm street a month ago.

License has been issued for the marriage of I. P. Sealey and Alice Ivey; Luther Davis and Cleo Wilkobby; William B. Ivey and Mattie M'White; Rex L. Farmer and Fannie May Harris.

The monthly meeting of the Woman's Missionary society of the First Baptist church will be held in the ladies' parlor at the church Wednesday afternoon at 3:30. A full attendance is desired.

Rev. H. M. North, presiding elder of the Rockingham district, will preach at Chestnut Street Methodist church next Sunday evening and will hold quarterly conference for the church while here.

Opie Read, one of the most famous authors and lecturers in America, will be the next attraction of the Lyceum course. Mr. Read will be in Lumberton, at the high school auditorium, February 16th.

Mr. B. E. Pittman has accepted a position as salesman in the men's clothing department of Mr. L. H. Caldwell's department store, succeeding Mr. J. P. Cashwell, who resigned. Mr. Cashwell has accepted a position at McColl, S. C.

Mr. M. B. Griffin of Bladenboro, R. I., was a Lumberton visitor Saturday. Mr. Griffin moved to his present home the first of the year from R. 5 and celebrated moving into a new house by having an attack of crippe, from which he has just recovered.

Messrs. R. Walton and W. B. Musselwhite, under the firm name of Musselwhite Brothers, open today a tire repairing and vulcanizing shop on the corner of Chestnut and Fourth streets.

Mr. R. Walton Musselwhite, who formerly lived 6 miles from Lumberton on R. F. D. 1, spent 5 years in the plant of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. at Akron, O., and then took a course in vulcanizing with the Anderson people, from whom he has a diploma.

Miss Pauline Sikes is spending the week-end in Florence, S. C., with friends.

Mr. Chas. Ramsburg of Fayetteville came down Friday p. m. and enjoyed playing with the Parkton band at night. Come again.

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