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CHURCH SERVICES SUNDAY

Usual Preaching Services at All Lumberton Churches—Sunday School at All Except Presbyterian.

Regular services will be held at all Lumberton churches Sunday, morning at 11 o'clock and evening at 7, and Sunday school will be held at all churches except the Presbyterian.

Last Sunday no services were held in any Lumberton churches except the Gospel Tabernacle. It was merely suggested by the town authorities, acting upon the advice of physicians, that it might be best to close the churches for one day, last Sunday, and the suggestion was acted upon by all pastors except Rev. W. D. Combs, although they felt that the danger of spreading the disease by having services would be negligible. Mr. Combs decided to hold services, believing that more harm than good would come from suspending.

All the pastors are agreed that services may be held Sunday with perfect safety. For reasons which will readily occur to any one, there is less danger of spreading any contagious disease by holding church services than by holding meetings of any other kind, not because of any miraculous manifestation of power that the churchgoer is going to be protected, but because, for one good reason, people who are suffering with any complaint are not going to church.

The churches will be open for their usual services Sunday morning and evening and you can go to church and worship if you feel so disposed.

ESCAPED NEGRO CONVICTS STILL AT LARGE

Will Leach and McKae Ran Away After Breakfast Monday Morning. Each With a Chain on Leg—Guards Fired at Them.

Will Leach and another negro named McKae, who escaped from the chain gang early Monday morning, have not been apprehended. Leach had served six days of a two-years' sentence for larceny, while McKae had served six days of an 18-months' sentence for carrying concealed weapons. They were sentenced by Recorder D. W. Bullock of Rowland. The negroes ran as they left their eating place Monday morning and each had a chain on his leg. The chains were not locked, however. The guards fired at the fleeing convicts, but it is not thought they were hit.

Bloodhounds were secured from Raeford and they trailed the negroes about a mile and half and stopped at a point in the woods.

IMPORTANT MEETING AT FAIRMONT FRIDAY EVENING

Annual Meeting of Chamber of Commerce Friday Evening—Matters of Interest to Be Considered. Special to The Robesonian.

Fairmont, Feb. 11.—The annual meeting of the Fairmont Chamber of Commerce will be held in the town hall Friday evening, Feb. 13, at 7:30 o'clock. Officers will be elected at this meeting and it is desired that all members be present. Matters of interest, including the organization of a cotton mill company, will be considered at this meeting. A prominent speaker will address the meeting.

SECURING MEMBERS FOR NORTH CAROLINA GOOD ROADS ASSO.

Miss Margaret Berry, one of the few licensed women attorneys in North Carolina, whose home is in Charlotte, spent yesterday here in the interest of an increased membership in the North Carolina Good Roads association. Miss Berry is district representative of the association. She was well pleased with the manner in which she was received here, having secured more than forty members in Lumberton.

It is the plan of the association to secure 100 new members in each of the 100 counties in the State. Miss Berry left this morning for Maxton and she will visit other towns in the county later. The yearly membership fee is \$5.

Bank of St. Pauls Doubles Capital Stock.

The Bank of St. Pauls has increased its capital stock from \$25,000 to \$50,000, as was stated in The Robesonian some time ago would be done. Mr. J. C. Lentz, a progressive, wide-awake young man, is cashier, and among the directors are some of the leading men of Robeson county, successful business men who have made St. Pauls one of the best small towns in the State. As has been stated in The Robesonian, the third cotton mill has been launched for St. Pauls.

Stockholders and Directors' Meeting of Robeson Fair Association.

A stockholders and directors meeting of the Robeson Fair association will be held at the court house in the commissioners room Monday night at 7:30. A full attendance of the stockholders and directors is requested as matters of importance will come before them at this meeting.

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National Bank of Lumberton

FULLER OFFERS FOR RECORDER LUMBERTON DIST.

Young Man Splendidly Equipped for Office Will Be Candidate for Recorder.

Mr. David H. Fuller yesterday announced definitely that he is a candidate for recorder of the Lumberton district. As has been stated in The Robesonian, Mr. Fuller had been considering "coming out" for some time. Many of his friends throughout the district have urged him to make the race.

Mr. Fuller is well fitted for the office. He is a graduate of Trinity college, class of 1912, and graduated from Trinity law school in the spring of 1915 and passed the State bar in August of the same year. He read law at Harvard law school one year during 1915-1916, after which he returned to his home town—Lumberton—and formed a partnership with County Attorney E. J. Britt for the practice of his profession. The partnership was formed in January 1917, and Mr. Fuller entered the first officers' training camp at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., in May 1917, soon after the United States declared war against Germany. He was commissioned second lieutenant of field artillery in August, 1917, was promoted to first lieutenant of field artillery in January 1918. In February of the same year he was promoted to captain in the Adjutant General's department and placed in charge of war risk insurance at Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C. After the insurance drive he was made divisional personnel adjutant and went overseas with his division in July, 1918. After going overseas he was promoted to first assistant division adjutant. He spent over seven months overseas. He was honorably discharged from military service January 14, this year, and expects to resume his law practice in Lumberton at an early date.

As was stated in Monday's Robesonian, Mr. E. M. Britt, present recorder, will not offer for re-election.

Mr. W. P. Barker Also In Race.

Since the above was put in type Mr. W. P. Barker of Lumberton has announced that he is a candidate for recorder of the Lumberton district. Mr. Barker is well-known, having served as a member of the board of county commissioners several years ago.

As has already been stated in The Robesonian, Mr. D. B. McNeill of Lumberton has announced that he is a candidate for recorder.

BETHUNE IN THE RACE FOR MAYOR OF LUMBERTON

W. K. Bethune Makes Definite Announcement That He is Candidate For Office.

Mr. W. K. Bethune yesterday made definite announcement that he will be a candidate for mayor of Lumberton in the primary in April. As was stated in Monday's Robesonian, Mayor James D. Proctor will not offer for re-election this year. Mr. Bethune was a candidate for mayor in the last primary and received a large vote. He is popular, everybody knows him, and he is wide-awake, progressive, and familiar with the needs of the town.

2,035 BALES OFFERED.

Robeson Farmers Gave Options on Many Bales of Low Grade Cotton.

Robeson farmers gave options upon 2,035 bales of low-grade cotton to be sold direct to European spinners at prices ranging from 35 to 41 cents the pound. The time for listing the cotton closed Tuesday night. The sale of the cotton is being handled by the American Cotton Association.

Daughter and Son of Mrs. Lizzie G. Proctor Have Pneumonia.

Mrs. Leslie Carlyle and Mr. John G. Proctor, daughter and son of Mrs. Lizzie G. Proctor of Lumberton, are both ill with pneumonia following influenza. Mrs. Carlyle in New York, where she has been since the first of the year attending a school of music, and Mr. Proctor at Chapel Hill, where he is a student at the university. Both have double pneumonia. Mrs. Proctor left Tuesday morning for Chapel Hill to be with her son and Miss Lillian Proctor left at the same time for New York to be with her sister.

Mayor Jas. D. Proctor has kept in daily touch with the condition of his sister and brother over long-distance phone. Mrs. Carlyle's condition is improving. Mr. Proctor's condition is somewhat improved but he is not yet out of danger.

Shot From Air Rifle—Hits Boy in Head.

Master Joe Webster, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Webster, was shot in the head with an air rifle by Master Raymond Huggins yesterday afternoon. The slug penetrated the skin and had to be picked out. The boys were playing with the air rifle, it is said. The wound was dressed by Dr. H. M. Baker.

Mr. John Davis of Boardman, who is visiting at the home of his cousin Mr. Troy Tyler of R. 4 from Lumberton, was among the visitors in town yesterday.

Mr. J. W. Peele of Parkton was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday.

Mr. J. C. Shaw of Rex was among the visitors in town yesterday.

INFLUENZA ON INCREASE.

Average of 75 New Cases Reported Daily in County This Week—Not Many New Cases Reporting in Lumberton—No Deaths Reported So Far—Outbreak in Orrum School.

Influenza has made considerable headway in the county since Monday. An average of 75 new cases have been reported to the county health department each day this week and Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, thinks that not more than half the cases have been reported. But few of the physicians in the county are co-operating with the board of health in reporting new cases.

Not more than a dozen new cases have been reported this week in Lumberton proper, but it is not likely that all the cases developing in town have been reported. No deaths from influenza or pneumonia in the county have been reported to the health department.

Reports from Orrum today state that the dread disease has appeared among the teachers and pupils of the Orrum high school. It has not been learned whether or not the school has been closed.

Nothing has been given out as to when the Lumberton graded and high schools, which were closed Friday of last week, will reopen.

WAGE DEMANDS LAID BEFORE PRESIDENT WILSON

Director General Hines Unable to Reach Agreement With Union Officials.

An Associated Press dispatch of the 11th from Washington gives the following:

Wage demands of the more than two million railway employes again were laid before the President tonight.

Director General Hines, at the conclusion of a lengthy conference with members of his staff, announced he had been unable to reach an agreement with the union officials and would place their claims and proposals, along with his own, before the President for decision.

Director General Hines, after conferring with Attorney General Palmer, late today submitted to representatives of railroad workers his answer to their new statement of claims. Mr. Hines' reply was not made public.

Union leaders immediately met in a separate conference to decide their course of action, remained in conference an hour and a half and dispersed without calling in Director General Hines.

No time for a further conference was set by the union chiefs, and it was intimated that no additional communication would be sent to the director general.

GRIFFIN-CLEANING.

Miss Grace Cloaninger of Bennettsville, S. C. Becomes Wife of Mr. Jas. W. Griffin of Lumberton.

Reported for The Robesonian.

Mr. Jas. W. Griffin of Lumberton and Miss Grace Cloaninger of Bennettsville, S. C., were married at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. J. W. Wilcox, pastor of the Bennettsville Presbyterian church, last evening at 6 o'clock. The marriage was quiet, only a few relatives being present. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Griffin drove to Lumberton, which will be their future home. Mr. Griffin recently purchased the elegant home of Mr. H. H. Anderson on North Chestnut street. Mr. Griffin is a native of Columbus county.

PREPARING TO BRING BACK REMAINS OF ARMY DEAD.

Statesville Landmark.

Relatives of our dead buried in France, who desire that the remains be brought home, are to have their wishes gratified. The government has ordered 17,000 caskets, at a cost of \$1,104,508, for the return of the army dead from abroad and remains will be sent to next of kin as soon as practicable. It is assumed that the remains will be sent home in every case unless specific request is made to the contrary. In some cases relatives do not desire the remains returned; and when remains are returned those who receive them cannot know with certainty, except in rare cases, that they have what they want. The government, however, will properly make the attempt to satisfy those who ask that remains be sent home.

OPIE READ AT SCHOOL AUDITORIUM MONDAY EVENING FEB. 16

Opie Read will be the attraction at the high school auditorium Monday evening of next week, February 16, at 8 o'clock.

Everybody wants to spend an evening with Opie Read, famous author and lecturer. You perhaps have enjoyed his books or his plays or his character sketches, but those who have read his works and have heard him too say that unless you have sat within the sound of his voice and heard from his own lips the quaint tales that originate in his brain, you do not fully appreciate the splendid genius of the man. Mr. Read is said to be always entertaining. His program is varied and each number is a gem. This is the fifth number of the lyceum course. Admission, 75 cents for adults, 35 cents for children.

IN RECORDER'S COURT.

Indian Divider of the Word Charged With Stealing Harness—Reckless Driving Cost Lee Allen Pretty High—Other Cases.

"Rev." A. B. Hardin, Indian, was bound over to the Superior court under a \$200 justified bond Monday by Recorder E. M. Britt when found guilty of larceny. Hardin made bond. He was found guilty of the larceny of buggy harness.

Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost in the case of Lee Allen, charged with reckless driving, it appearing that Allen had made satisfactory remuneration to Mr. Benjamin Sealey, plaintiff of the action. Allen drove an auto against a wagon driven by Mr. Sealey some two weeks ago and Mr. Sealey was painfully hurt when knocked off the wagon. His wagon was also damaged when the mule he was driving ran away. According to the evidence, the cost to Allen amounted to more than \$150, besides the court cost.

Albert Freeman, colored, was haled before the recorder upon the charge of whipping his wife. Albert and his wife had "smoothed out" the trouble before the trial and Recorder Britt continued judgment upon payment of the cost. Albert to appear in court twice each month and show good behavior towards his wife, and that he is supporting her.

J. H. Thomas was found guilty of exceeding the speed limit with an auto and judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost.

The case against Henry Morgan, charged with reckless driving, was not pressed.

Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost in the case of Jack L. Culp, charged with exceeding the speed limit with an auto.

Will Simpson was found guilty of being drunk and judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost.

Jack Edmund was fined \$25 and the cost for exceeding the speed limit. This was the second time Edmund had been up for speeding within a week.

Tom Faulk, colored, was found not guilty of assault with deadly weapon. The trial of Tom Blackwell, colored, charged with retailing, was continued until Monday of next week.

ASHEVILLE IS PLANNING TO ENTERTAIN DAUGHTERS

Arrangements Already Are Under Way For Entertaining Annual U. D. C. Meeting in November.

The following Asheville special of the 8th to the Charlotte Observer will be of interest to many Robesonian readers:

Although the general convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will not be held in Asheville until next November, arrangements are already getting under way for entertaining this large and important organization.

Elaborate plans will be made to make the Asheville convention the most successful in the history of the organization.

Mrs. Roy Weeks McKinney, of Peacock, Kentucky, has been elected president of the general association to succeed Miss Mary B. Poppenheim, of Charleston, S. C. There are U. D. C. chapters in thirty-two states in the union, and delegates from every chapter will attend the general meeting here. The last meeting was held in Tampa, Fla., when it unanimously decided to hold the convention in this city this year. North Carolina has two general officers: Mrs. F. M. Williams of Newton, registrar, and Mrs. R. P. Holt, of Rocky Mount, third vice president. The general secretary will be elected at the meeting this year. Mrs. McKinney will hold her office another year. President and secretary are alternately elected, to have one old officer at each annual meeting.

Mrs. J. Felix Harvey, president of the state organization, will have charge of all plans for the meeting, and will be assisted by several committees which will be appointed later. It is probable that Mrs. Harvey will call a meeting of the state executive board in this city, as soon as the health restrictions are taken off. Two state chairmen have already been appointed: Mrs. James M. Gudger, financial chairman, and Mrs. E. C. Chambers, program chairman. At the meeting of the state executive board, about eight more chairmen will be appointed.

To encourage the enlargement of the membership, Mrs. McKinney offered a silver loving cup to the state gaining the largest number of new members last year, and this cup was won by North Carolina. To encourage North Carolina winning this cup again this year, Mrs. Harvey has offered two prizes of ten dollars each, one of the chapter in the state reporting the largest number of new members and one for the chapter reporting the largest percentage of new members.

Hogs Giving Trouble.

J. E. Dial, Indian, who lives on R. 2 from Lumberton, makes complaint that his neighbors' hogs are giving trouble. They are rooting up his wheat and oats and doing other things that hogs will do. He says he never objects to hogs running at large during the dead of winter, but thinks they should be kept in after January 1. That's a fact.

Mr. E. C. Wooten, traveling representative of the Wilmington Star, is a Lumberton visitor today.

Mr. W. McK. Glover of the Buie section is a Lumberton visitor today.

Infant of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Ward, Dennis, 15-days-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Ward of East Lumberton, died early this morning.

INFLUENZA IN STATE.

Epidemics 17th Day Shows Gain in All Sections—Pneumonia and Influenza as Well as Deaths Reach New High Levels.

Today's Raleigh News and Observer gives the following:

The passing of the seventeenth day of the present epidemic of influenza in the State showed a marked increase in the number of new cases of influenza, in the number of new cases of pneumonia and in the number of deaths. Influenza for the day totaled 4,747, pneumonia 91 and deaths 30. The total number of cases of influenza reported in the past seventeen days is 30,184, with 130 fatalities.

So far the epidemic has not assumed the proportions of the epidemic in October, 1918, when during the 31 days in the month 103,000 cases were reported in the State, with 6,056 deaths. The disease is not so widespread and not so fatal as it was in the first outbreak. Then the death rate was about 60 per 1,000 cases, as against four per thousand in the present epidemic. The present rate is expected to be raised somewhat if the present ratio of pneumonia is maintained.

To combat the spread of pneumonia the State Laboratory of Hygiene announced yesterday that it had available a limited supply of pneumonia vaccine that could be secured gratis by county health officers and administered. The vaccine is made by the army medical school. No claims are made that it will prevent influenza, but it has been used effectively against pneumonia. Application for it should be made direct to the laboratory.

Dr. F. M. Register, State Epidemiologist, said yesterday that he regarded the epidemic as having about reached its peak and that hereafter there would be a decline in the number of cases, with occasional flares in sections of the State where the disease has not yet become widespread.

WAR ON MALARIA BEGINS.

Regular Classes Have Been Begun in Many Schools Throughout This Section of the State—Prizes Will Be Given for Essays Written March 9.

Wilmington, Feb. 10.—The anti-malaria contest of the North Carolina Landowners association was given another boost Monday morning when Editor W. B. Keziah, of the Whiteville News Reporter, came into the office of the association and announced he would double the amount of prizes to be given school children of Columbus county for essays written on malaria, its causes and prevention.

The association has distributed 50,000 malaria primers among school children throughout the coastal plain section of the State, and regular classes were begun in many schools Monday. These will continue until March 9th, when every child will be required to write an essay on malaria. For the best essay a cash prize of \$50 will be awarded and in addition there will be three cash prizes in each county, \$5, \$3, and \$2, except in Robeson and Columbus. The prizes in these counties will be twice this amount, they having been doubled by Mr. Keziah and Editor J. A. Sharpe, of Lumberton Robesonian.

The association is receiving splendid cooperation from the superintendents and teachers. Many of the county superintendents are giving practically their entire time to work incident to the contest. They see the need of prosecuting "War on Malaria" and agree with officials of the landowners' association in their contention that the place to reach the largest percentage of the people is in the schools.

Another feature of the association's fight on malaria and the anopheles mosquito is the posting of placards throughout eastern North Carolina. Thousands of government placards have been received from the United States public health service and are being sent out to county agents, school superintendents and teachers to be posted in the school rooms, at the cross roads, at country stores and various public meeting places. The nature of the association's fight against malaria is such that none of its workers would hesitate to ask permission to put these posters up in churches. The campaign is being carried into the pulpit by some ministers.

THE RECORD OF DEATHS

Mr. Raymond Reynolds Died in Augusta Monday Night—Funeral Here Yesterday.

The funeral of Mr. Raymond Reynolds, whose death occurred Monday night at Augusta, Ga., was conducted at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Reynolds, Walnut street, yesterday at 4 p. m., by Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church. Interment was made in Meadowbrook cemetery. The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful.

Mr. Reynolds died of cancer of the stomach at the University hospital, Augusta. His mother was with him when the end came and accompanied the remains to Lumberton. He was 30 years old and had been in poor health for 5 years or more.

A number of subscriptions to The Robesonian expires this month. Take a look at your label and if your subscription expires this month send in renewal at once in order not to miss a copy of the paper. All subscriptions are discontinued when they expire. The price is \$2 the year in North Carolina and \$2.25 outside the State.

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BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Born, Sunday, to Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Fox, a daughter.

—Saturday is the last day of grace on town light and water bills.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Alex. Rowland and Annie Hardin.

—The sewer lines on North Chestnut Street need attention, according to Mr. H. G. Webster.

—Mr. C. D. Williamson, The Robesonian's Parkton correspondent, is confined at home with the "flu."

—Miss Vahti White left Tuesday evening for New York, where she will enter the Gardner school for girls.

—The condition of Mr. J. M. Terry who has been confined to his room for several days with influenza, is much improved.

—Mr. Scott Stone of the Raynham section is a Lumberton visitor today. Mr. Stone's father, Mr. Joel Stone of the same section, is seriously ill.

—Mr. W. L. Thomas of Little River, S. C., has accepted a position as salesman in the hardware department of Mr. L. H. Caldwell's store. He began work Monday.

—Miss Mary Culp and Mr. S. A. Epps left Tuesday evening for New York to purchase goods for Mr. L. H. Caldwell's department store, in which store they are employed.

—Mr. F. C. Blake, Jr. arrived Tuesday night from Camp Union, N. Y. having been given an honorable discharge from the army. He spent three years in military service.

—Mrs. H. E. Stacy returned Monday from Fayetteville, where three weeks ago she underwent an operation at the Cumberland General Hospital. Mrs. Stacy's condition is much improved.

—Miss Rosa Lytch went yesterday to Gibson to attend the funeral of her uncle Mr. Joel Gibson. Mr. Gibson died Monday night after an extended illness. He is survived by his widow and several children.

—Mr. G. D. McKeithen, formerly of Fayetteville, who recently opened vulcanizing works at St. Pauls, was in Lumberton Monday with the Musshelwhite Brothers, who opened last week a repair and vulcanizing shop here.

—Mr. D. A. McQueen, formerly of St. Pauls, has accepted a position in the office of Mr. J. Q. Beckwith, assistant to the general manager of the Virginia & Carolina Southern Ry. Mr. McQueen has moved his family to Lumberton.

—Mrs. Claire S. Thomas and three daughters, Misses Elizabeth, Frances and Helen, moved Monday to Raleigh, where, as has been stated in The Robesonian, Mrs. Thomas entered the first of this month on the duties of State librarian for community service.

A Lumberton physician who was hurrying to one of his numerous patients was hailed by an old lady "Doctor," she said, "I want you to tell me what you think. Dr. said I had the influenza but I don't believe it is a thing in the world 'but the flu.'"

"By running an ad in The Robesonian I sold a milk cow for what I had been asking for; the cow and her calf," stated Mr. Roy Tyner of R. 1, Buie, Tuesday. Continuing Mr. Tyner said, "I then sold the calf for \$15." That's what Robesonian advertising will do for you.

—Miss Katie Stone, a member of the faculty of the East Lumberton public school, underwent an operation for some head trouble yesterday afternoon. Miss Stone is at the ward performed by Dr. R. S. Beam. Her condition is reported as favorable today.

—Mr. Sandy McNeill of Wakulla got a pleasant surprise when he came to Lumberton Monday to see about the school funds for his district. He found that instead of being exhausted, as was thought, the funds are sufficient to run the Wakulla school 8 months. They have a good school building at Wakulla now.

—Mrs. W. W. Parker of Lumberton has been elected a member of the executive committee of the physical training camp for women to be erected upon government lands at Asheville. The organization was perfected at a meeting in Raleigh January 29. Mrs. T. W. Bickett is president of the organization. The women's clubs of the State are behind the movement.

—Mr. A. N. Mitchell of Fairmont was a Lumberton visitor Monday afternoon.

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