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THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

Mrs. F. F. Wetmore Died Suddenly of Heart Failure Friday—Funeral This Afternoon.
Mrs. F. F. Wetmore died suddenly of heart trouble at her home, East Third street, Friday night about 10 o'clock. Deceased only lived a few minutes after she was stricken, death resulting before a physician could reach her. Her husband and three children—Misses Mary, Agnes and Margaret—survive. Deceased was born at Hart, Michigan, January 30, 1871, and was married to Mr. Wetmore March 14, 1893. Mr. Wetmore and family moved to Lumberton from the State of Michigan 13 years ago. Deceased was of a quiet, unassuming disposition and her friends were numbered by her acquaintances. She will be missed in her home and community. The funeral will be conducted from the home, at 3 o'clock this afternoon by Rev. Dr. Chas. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, assisted by Rev. R. N. Cashwell. Interment will be made in Meadowbrook cemetery. The funeral was postponed from yesterday afternoon at 3:30 in order for a brother of the deceased, Mr. Matt Crosby of Greenville, Miss., to attend. Mr. Crosby arrived this morning.

Mr. Sidney Thompson Died Yesterday Following Stroke of Paralysis—Funeral This Afternoon.
Mr. Sidney Thompson, aged 45 years, died at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon at his home in the eastern part of town. Deceased suffered a stroke of paralysis early yesterday morning, which was the immediate cause of his death. His widow and two children survive. The funeral was conducted from the home at 2 o'clock this afternoon by Rev. I. P. Hedgpath and interment was made in the family burying ground, near Smyrna church.

Deceased was a member of Smyrna Baptist church, was well-known and had many friends.

SEVERE HAIL STORM.

Tobacco Crop Practically Destroyed on Several Farms in Long Branch Section.
A severe hail storm visited a section between Long Branch church and Edmund's mill Saturday afternoon. The worst damage was done on the Edmund farm, the farms of Messrs. Arden Stone, Robt. Turner, Memphis and Holmes Britt, John Taylor and J. W. Branch. Crops on a number of other nearby farms were damaged, however. The tobacco crop on these farms was practically destroyed, it is said.

A severe hail and wind storm visited the Long Branch section, near McDonald, Friday afternoon. The tobacco crop on several farms was badly damaged, it is said. Some stalls on Mr. Sam Smith's farm were blown down by the wind.

THREE GAMES ON HOME DIAMOND THIS WEEK

Lumberton Will Be Seeing Some Real Baseball Soon—Diamond at Fair Grounds Being Put in Shape.
Reported for The Robesonian.

The Lumberton baseball team will play three games on the home diamond at the fair grounds this week, weather permitting. Chadbourne was expected today. Games will also be played Tuesday and Friday. St. Pauls Parkton, Maxton or Rowland will come here this week. Next week Fairmont will probably be played.

The diamond at the fair grounds is being rapidly put in shape and is soon expected to be in fast condition. Strings are out for a few first-class ball players and before many days pass Lumberton will be seeing some real baseball.

—Mr. W. L. Thompson went last evening to Charlotte to be with Mrs. Thompson, who is a patient at the Tranquil Park sanatorium.

—Mrs. S. E. Pittman of East Lumberton went yesterday to Charlotte, where she entered the Charlotte sanatorium for treatment. She was accompanied by her son, Mr. A. H. Pittman.

—Heavy rains, which were much needed, have been falling throughout the county during the last few days.

—Mr. John G. Proctor left last evening for Kansas, where he will work in the wheat fields during the harvesting season.

—Mr. W. L. Thompson killed a dog thought to have been rabid near Long Branch church, yesterday morning. The dog bit another dog belonging to Mr. Geo. E. Thompson and mad, an effort to bite some cats belonging to Mr. Richard Stone.

—Mr. B. B. Gillen, representing the U. S. army vocational school, has been in Lumberton several days and will remain here for several weeks. The following young men, all of Robeson county, have enlisted for the training school: Ira Provost, Elmer Regan, Hasley Ivey and Walter Blue. More than one hundred different trades are taught in these schools. If you are interested, see the man in uniform.

Big free show tonight and all week on Chautauqua lot.

WHO WILL BE THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE FOR PRESIDENT?

McAdoo's Withdrawal Changes Whole Situation—Senator Simmons' Chances Good as Any Other Southerner's—Bryan Will Not Be as Strong a Factor as Formerly—Delegates Free to Choose Best Man.
National Committeeman A. W. McLean arrived Saturday morning from Washington to spend the day with his family and left yesterday for San Francisco to attend the national Democratic convention. Asked as to the speculation by Washington correspondents as to the candidate most likely to receive the support of friends of William Gibbs McAdoo, who announced Friday night that he could not allow his name to go before the convention, Mr. McLean, who has been one of Mr. McAdoo's strongest admirers and supporters, said:

"Mr. McAdoo's withdrawal changes the whole situation with respect to the candidates for President. The North Carolina delegates will, of course, support Senator Simmons as long as there is any chance for his nomination, and now that McAdoo, admittedly the strongest candidate, is out of the race, Senator Simmons' chances are much improved. If a Southern man is to be seriously considered for the presidency, I certainly see no reason why North Carolina should support a candidate from some other Southern State. I know of no Southerner, either in the Senate or elsewhere, who is better qualified for the great office of President than Senator Simmons. He has the respect and confidence of the leaders of the party and the people generally throughout the country and his eminent ability, never-failing wisdom are recognized everywhere. In the event that Senator Simmons' name is eliminated, I have no idea as to preference of North Carolina delegates. I have not heard any of them discuss such a contingency."

Asked as to his opinion concerning the probable candidacy of Mr. Bryan, Mr. McLean said:

"It is generally considered in Washington that McAdoo's refusal to allow his name to be presented to the convention will unquestionably make Mr. Bryan a more important factor in the situation, but my personal opinion is that Mr. Bryan has no possible chance for obtaining the nomination. Nor do I think he will, in any respect, dominate the convention. As a matter of fact, I do not think Mr. Bryan is as strong now in the councils of the party as he has been in the past. The situation now as to the probable nominee at San Francisco is wholly uncertain. One man's guess is about as good as another's. All I can say is that I hope the delegates will keep their minds open so as to be free to select the strongest candidate after full consideration of the names of all those who may be available. If the right candidate is nominated, I believe that the Democratic party has a splendid chance to carry the election this fall."

EARLY MORNING MARRIAGE.

Miss Kathryn Beaman and Mr. Oscar Lyon Durham of Durham Will Be Married Tomorrow Morning at Methodist Parsonage—Pre-Nuptial Shower Friday at Home of Mrs. K. M. Barnes.
Miss Kathryn Beaman and Mr. Oscar Lyon Durham, who lives near Durham, will be married early tomorrow morning at the parsonage of Chestnut Street Methodist church. The ceremony will be performed by the bride's father, Rev. Dr. E. C. Beaman. Mr. and Mrs. Durham will leave for Durham immediately after the ceremony.

A miscellaneous shower was given the bride-to-be Friday from 5 to 7 p. m. at the home of Mrs. K. M. Barnes, North Chestnut street. Those assisting were: Mesdames A. E. White and J. A. Sharpe, at the front door; Mesdames W. W. Parker and R. E. Lewis, conducting guests to the receiving line composed of Mrs. Eliza Fuller, Mrs. Barnes and Miss Beaman; Mesdames C. H. Boyd and E. I. Poole, conducting guests from the receiving line to the punch bowl, which was presided over by Mesdames Jno. C. Fuller and L. T. Townsend, assisted by Misses Vashiti White, and Myrtle Barnes; at the Edison, Miss Maggie Pittman; Others assisting were Mrs. W. O. Thompson, Misses Elsie Thompson, Lula Norment and Marion Allen. Miss Gaynelle Barnes distributed place cards for progressive hearts, and when the games were over little Misses Mary Louise Fuller, Edna Barnes, Kathryn Boyd and Courtney Sharpe brought in a large pink heart containing for the bride-to-be numerous and lovely presents. Refreshments were served.

FAIRMONT NEWS

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New Residences—Movements of the People.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

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ROBESON POSTMASTERS MEET.

Second Annual Meeting Held Here—Officers Elected—Delegates Elected to Meeting at Greensboro.
The second annual meeting of the Robeson division of the National League of Postmasters was held in the court house here, Thursday afternoon. The following officers were elected: A. A. Thagard of Pembroke, chairman; S. McLean of McDonald's, vice-chairman; E. J. Walters of Wakkula, secretary-treasurer; P. J. Caudell of St. Pauls, C. W. Watson of Remert, Alfred Britt of Baie, A. A. Taggard and S. McLean, executive committee.

Messrs. D. D. French, P. J. Caudell and A. A. Thagard were elected delegates to the North Carolina Postmasters convention to be held at Greensboro July 15.

The membership fee was fixed at \$1 the year to be paid quarterly. The second Thursday in June was named as the date for the annual meetings. Another meeting of the league will be held here August 4 at 2:30 p. m.

CAMPING TRIP TO LAKE WACCAMAW.

All Robeson club members who have registered for the camping trip to Lake Waccamaw June 29 to July 2 are requested to go to the lake June 29. The party will be chaperoned by Miss Martha Max Andrews, county home demonstration agent.

Big free show tonight and all week on Chautauqua lot.

Mrs. Daisy W. Jenkins and daughter, Miss Viola Jenkins, returned yesterday from Bennettsville, S. C., where they spent two weeks visiting relatives.

Mr. D. A. Stubbs of R. 3, Lumberton, was in town Saturday.

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MANNER OF LISTING TAXES.

A Matter That Should Be Given Careful and Considerate Deliberation.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

We may talk and write about corrupt politics, about county division and numerous other things, but the thing that should require our most careful and considerate deliberation at this time, is the manner in which our taxes are being listed.

Mr. Taxpayer, did you notice the enormous bill that was ordered paid by our commissioners when they met last, coming through no other source than Mr. S. H. McKinnon of Maxton, whom we will soon know as truly a tax appraiser. The bill he presented for MAY, 1920, ALONE WAS NO LESS THAN \$1,323.31. Think of such an extravagant amount for ONLY ONE MONTH; and he is employed by the year, paid by the year and exercises his authority the year round.

It begins to appear to me that we have one man who has absolute control over our finances, spending our money without stint or limit wherever he sees fit without the least consideration on his part as to the fact that the people whom he is supposed to serve must groan under burden of taxation that he is putting on them.

Who can dare say that our taxes will be less under any such an administration of spendthrift. It is absolutely nonsense to say that we entertain such an idea. Is not Mr. McKinnon supposed to take the tax list? Why, then, is it necessary for him to appoint a taxlister in every township? Is he not paid to do this work? Why can't he do it? Must we pay him to do the work and then he sit around and hire it done at our expense?

In taking the list in our township in May, Mr. McKinnon advertised that he would be here, two days. He sent two of his clerks here the first day. We were then informed that he would not return the next day as was advertised, but that he had put another in charge of the listing here, and that all future listing here would be to this one appointed by him. Now for the service that the one Mr. McKinnon appointed rendered, he was paid far more for it than the taxlister who took the whole township last year without the assistance of any one. I say that this is absolutely unfair. It is needless extravagance. It seems to me that if about the county that he should be required to pay them from his own salary and not make the people pay for the same thing twice. It is enough to pay it once. I do not know that Mr. McKinnon promised to do this work before he secured the appointment, but I can almost safely say that he did. Has he forgot that he is serving the people at large and not a few pets about the county?

As a rule a person employed to do a certain work and paid to do that particular job, has it to do. Is he more than we? I admit that a person doing the work that he has undertaken should be well paid, and surely he is, but there is no use of his spending our money, thereby increasing our taxes needlessly. It is true that they go to Lumberton to get their money but that gang around Lumberton does not get it all.

If the law is to blame, let's have it repealed; if the man is to blame, let's make a change.

Yours for good government,
E. C. PERRY.
Rennert, N. C., June 15, 1920.

GOMPERS SUFFERS DEFEAT.

American Federation of Labor Endorses Government of Railroads.
The American Federation of Labor's endorsement Thursday of government ownership of the railroads at its annual convention in Montreal was declared by labor leaders to have been the first genuine defeat Samuel Gompers, its president, has suffered in years. The final vote was 29,059 for government ownership and 8,349 against.

The decisive vote, it is reported, prompted the labor chief to state before the convention late today that he "was not quite sure" he would be a candidate for re-election.

Mr. Gompers fought hard against the convention's action, declaring it was a step toward "the enslavement of the workers as government employees," who, he said, had been denied many political and economic rights under the past administrations. He received only a mild ovation.

Powell, Wooten.

Clarkton dispatch: June 17.—The Clarkton Presbyterian church was the scene of a beautiful marriage yesterday afternoon at 4:30, when Miss Minnie Ruth Wooten became the bride of Robert Quitman Powell, of Wilmington, the ceremony being performed by Rev. W. H. Goodman, pastor of the bride.

Races at Dillon July 5.

There will be races at Dillon, S. C., on Monday, July 5. It is claimed that they have some of the fastest horses in the South in Dillon and the races there always draw a large crowd.

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From this date the subscription price of The Robesonian is as follows:

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The date for changing the subscription rates was moved up from June 1st to June 20 in order to give more notice to subscribers, a rush of work before June 1st having made it impossible to send out notices as had been intended when the announcement was first made.

The Robesonian regrets the necessity of raising its price. It would like to continue at the price of \$2.00 a year. That was a fairer price under former conditions than \$3.00 is under present conditions. Paper costs today four and five times as much as it cost directly after the war and it is hard to get at any price. Labor and everything else that figures in the cost of production costs a hundred per cent more.

We feel sure our patrons understand the situation and know that the raise is forced upon us. If conditions change so that the price can again be lowered, it will be done. We do not want to cheapen the product, and the only way to maintain our high standard is to charge more while present conditions last.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—The condition of Mr. R. D. Caldwell, who has been ill for some time, is somewhat improved today.

—Important meeting of the Lumberton post of the American Legion Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. All members urged to be present.

—Misses Louis Townsend and Rachel McNamara left last evening for Charlottesville, Va., where they will attend a summer school for teachers.

—Mr. Lacy McNair of Bennert is a Lumberton visitor today. Mr. McNair says a forest fire did considerable damage near Bennert last week.

—Mr. O. B. Bracy is able to be out today for the first time since he underwent a operation for appendicitis at the Thompson hospital three weeks ago.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Giles Walters and Bertha Daw; Wm. H. Regan and Annie McBryde; Don McLeod and Annie Bullock.

—Mr. M. Guion Lee, formerly bookkeeper for Messrs. White & Gough, has accepted a position in the cotton mill office at Red Springs. Mrs. Lee will remain in Lumberton for the present.

—Mr. Nash Townsend and son, Shell, of R. 6, Lumberton, were in town Saturday. Mr. Townsend says that he had green peas for dinner Thursday and expects to put some on the market this week.

—Mr. A. B. Fisher has opened a soft drink and grocery business in a small brick building recently erected by Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son between th. Olympia cafe and the Robeson Vulcanizing Co., Elm street.

—A called communication of St. Alban's Lodge will be held Thursday evening at 8 for the purpose of installing newly-elected officers. The installation will be conducted by Dr. Wicker of Elon College, who began today a 2-weeks' lecture course here.

—Rev. Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Beaman returned Friday evening from Henderson, where Mrs. Beaman spent some time visiting relatives. Dr. Beaman went to Henderson early last week. Mrs. Beaman was sick most of the time during her absence but her condition is somewhat improved.

—Mrs. F. F. Townsend (Aunt Sophia) of R. 6, from Lumberton writes The Robesonian as follows: "Frank left Liverpool, Eng., recently for Italy, Philadelphia and other points, and will return home in August, D. V. He is on the S. S. Conoga now. He left the U. S. S. Arethusa some time ago."

—Mr. Kelly Johnson of Barnesville, who is a Lumberton visitor today, is very much interested in Mr. Wetmore's statement, quoted in a recent issue of The Robesonian, that the green balls growing on potato vines contain seed. Mr. Johnson wants more information. He says he can get a large number of these balls and wants to try the seed but does not know how to dry them to get the seed.

—The annual convention of the North Carolina Dental society will be held at Wrightsville Beach this week, June 23-25. Dr. J. D. Regan of Lumberton is on the program for a clinic of the "Regan Gold Pin," an invention of his that is recognized by the profession as having superior merit. His brother Dr. C. W. Regan of Laurinburg is also on the program. Mr. M. T. Martin of Benson, a brother of Dr. J. A. Martin of Lumberton, is president of the society this year. Dr. R. T. Allen of Lumberton is a member of the program committee.

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