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Hard Surface Road Between Bridges

Concrete Road and Sidewalks Are Being Placed Between Bridges on West Fifth Street—Work Will Cost Around \$8,000.

17 CONCRETE BRIDGES IN LUMBERTON TOWNSHIP

Messrs. Porter & Boyd have practically completed their contract for putting in 17 concrete bridges in Lumberton township. Work has been begun on the paving of the road and sidewalks between the bridges which spans Lumber river at the foot of Fifth street and another bridge about 100 yards from the west-end of the river bridge. This work will cost around \$8,000 in addition to the cost of the concrete bridges, according to Mr. Geo. L. Thompson, township road supervisor.

A hard-surface-concrete road will be built between the bridges. A 4-1/2 foot sidewalk will also be built on each side of the road and a 30 inch concrete curb will be built on each side. When completed, this stretch of road, which has given much trouble in the past, will be in good shape and the approach to the iron bridge will be much more safe than it has been heretofore.

Messrs. Porter & Boyd have completed a contract for building 5 concrete bridges in Smith township and are now at work on a contract for building one in Thompsons and three on the line between Thompson and Rowland townships.

Negro Peeped In Windows

Prowler Who Had Been Peeping in Windows Saturday Night Left When Mrs. H. M. Beasley Threatened to Shoot.

Mrs. H. M. Beasley was frightened about 8 o'clock Saturday night by a negro peeping through the windows at the Beasley home, East Fifth street. When Mr. Beasley started up town to get a shave he saw a negro standing on the porch. He asked the negro what he wanted and the negro asked him where Mr. Rudd lived. The negro then walked away. Mr. Beasley went back into the house and remained a short time before leaving. Soon after he left the negro again came on the porch. Mrs. Beasley watched him through a window and he went around the house peeping through several windows. She called to him and threatened to shoot and he walked away. Mrs. Beasley says it was the same negro that was on the porch when Mr. Beasley started out.

Incendiary Fire At Fairmont

Buggy and Harness Department of Stubbs & Bevell Establishment Burned Early Yesterday Morning.

Fairmont, Nov. 22.—Fire thought to have been of incendiary origin, destroyed the buggy and harness department of the Stubbs & Bevell establishment here about 4 o'clock yesterday morning. A number of buggies and a large supply of harness was destroyed and the building, a brick structure, was damaged considerably. Mr. H. G. Stubbs, a member of the firm, was advised several weeks ago to close his ginney here, the warning being tacked upon the gin house at night.

Charges Against Braddy Harrell NonSued.

The two charges against Braddy Harrell, one of appearing drunk on the public highway and the other of reckless driving on the public highway, were nonsuited by Recorder E. M. Britt this morning. The warrants were sworn out by Mr. W. E. Mc Lendon, son-in-law of Mrs. Sarah M. Bass, who died as a result of injuries received when knocked out of a buggy by an auto driven by Harrell. As has been stated in The Robesonian, the coroner's jury held that the accident was unavoidable.

Examining School Children and Teaching Home Hygiene.

Miss Alice Casey, county public health nurse, went to Rowland today for the purpose of making an examination of school children and teaching a class in home hygiene. Tomorrow she will visit the school at McDonald and Wednesday she will make a like visit to Parkton.

Month for Pruning Running Grape Vines.

November is the month for pruning running grape vines. After this month it will be too late, according to Farm Demonstrator O. O. Dukes. The vines will "bleed" after November and that is ruinous to the vines. It is said.

Hog Cholera in Long Branch Section.

Hog cholera is raging in the Long Branch section, according to Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator. Mr. Dukes will do some vaccinating in that section Wednesday of this week.

Appointments For Rockingham District

By Phone to The Robesonian. Rocky Mount, Nov. 22.—The North Carolina conference adjourned today with the reading of the appointments for the Rockingham district for the past 3 years, was placed in charge of the educational campaign. Following are the appointments for the Rockingham district:

- ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.
- Presiding Elder, J. H. Shore.
- Aberdeen—C. B. Culbreth.
- Biscoe Ct.—A. S. Parker.
- Caledonia Ct.—Frank Culbreth.
- Elizabeth Ct.—F. P. Lupton.
- Ellerbe Ct.—N. B. Johnson.
- Hamlet—W. C. Martin.
- Laurel Hill Ct.—J. G. Johnson.
- Laurinburg—W. A. Cade.
- Lumberton—R. C. Beaman.
- Lumberton Ct.—Lindsay Frazier.
- Maxton—J. A. Hornaday.
- Montgomery Ct.—N. L. Seabolt.
- Mt. Gilead Ct.—A. J. Groves.
- Mt. Gilead—W. H. Brown.
- Piedmont Ct.—L. M. Hall.
- Rae ford Ct.—E. T. Robinson—W. H. Townsend, Superannuated.
- Red Springs Ct.—O. J. Hinson.
- Richmond Ct.—C. A. Clark.
- Roberson Ct.—C. C. Wood.
- Rockingham—A. L. Ormond.
- Robeson Ct.—W. C. Trawick.
- Rowland Ct.—W. C. Merritt—R. W. Townsend, Superannuated.
- St. John and Gibson—A. J. Parker.
- St. Paul Ct.—G. W. Starling.
- Troy—J. W. Harrell.
- Vass Ct.—L. H. Joyner.
- President Carolina College—R. B. John.
- Parkton—W. L. Maness.
- Rev. R. A. Bruton, who has been on the Lumberton circuit for the past 3 years, goes to Newport circuit, New Bern district. Rev. W. L. Maness remains on the Parkton circuit, Fayetteville district.

Methodists Adopt Education Program

Quota of North Carolina Conference is \$1,325,000.—Conference Will Meet Next at Elizabeth City. The North Carolina Methodist conference adjourned in Rocky Mount today after reading the appointments. Conference voted unanimously Friday to hold its 22nd session in Elizabeth City.

The matter of meeting this conference's obligation to the representative church, Washington, D. C., was brought before the conference in the form of a resolution to place the amount this conference is due that church in the regular budget for next year, and the resolution was adopted. The Duke fund, a fund provided by the benefaction of Mr. J. B. Duke for the purpose of assisting churches in the open country to become self sustaining and to enlarge their scope of operation, which has been handled heretofore by the general board of church extension, was by request of Mr. Duke given over to Trinity College to administer under the direction of the Duke commission which was created by the conference Friday. The commission is composed of three members of this and three of the Western North Carolina conference and is constituted as follows: Rev. Walter Patten, J. H. Barnhardt, J. E. Holden, A. W. Plyler, M. T. Plyler, and R. M. Courtney.

The great educational program of the church was adopted Friday. It provides a churchwide movement and wholehearted co-operation with the Centenary movement by which the Southern church is called upon to raise the total of \$35,000,000 and fixed the quota of the North Carolina conference at \$1,325,000. According to the figures of this report Greenboro college will secure \$235,200 from the movement, Trinity \$350,000, Louisville college \$210,000 and Trinity Park school \$52,000. The report likewise provided for an enlightening campaign to place the facts as to the real needs of the church institutions before the people and for the special conference educational commission to confer and work out plans for the campaign with the general conference. A final provision of the report was the creation of the position of educational secretary in the conference and the stipulation that the Bishop appoint some member to this position. The report was adopted without a single dissenting vote and amid a chorus of fervent "amens."

FIRE AT RED SPRINGS.

Damage of About \$3,000 to City Cafe and E. D. Hinson's Store by Fire Friday Night.

Special to The Robesonian. Red Springs, Nov. 22.—Shortly before midnight Friday night, fire was discovered here in the City cafe, owned by Lovin Bros., and in E. D. Hinson's store. The fire is thought to have originated by rats gnawing matches. The damage is estimated at approximately \$3,000, mostly from water, the fire being extinguished before much damage was done. Firemen were hindered at the start owing to the lack of water.

Revival At First Baptist

Charlie Butler, Noted Gospel Singer, Is Here to Lead Singing—He Captivated the Crowd That Attended Yesterday—Church Filled to Overflowing at Both Services Yesterday.

Services at 3 and 7:30 p. m.—Stores Will Close For Afternoon Services. A series of evangelistic services began yesterday at the First Baptist church and will continue through this week. Services will be held twice daily—3 and 7:30 p. m. The day service Thursday—Thanksgiving Day—will be held at 10:30 a. m. and a special collection will be taken for the Thomasville Baptist orphanage. Rev. Dr. Chas. H. Durham, pastor of the church, is doing the preaching. Dr. Durham stated yesterday that he would preach a short sermon each service and would preach sin and the awfulness of sin and point to the only Savior.

The singing will be a feature of the services. Mr. Charlie Butler, noted gospel singer, is here to conduct the singing. Mr. Butler has a national reputation as a singer and musical director and his singing at the two services yesterday thrilled the hundreds who attended. The large auditorium was filled to overflowing at both morning and evening services yesterday.

Miss Jessie Mercer of Wilmington has arrived to serve as pianist during the week. Miss Mercer won the Irving cup in the State-wide pianist contest last summer. The cup was offered by Prof. Wade E. Brown and all high school students in the State were eligible to enter the contest.

Proprietors of a number of stores have agreed to close their places of business from 3 to 4:30 for the afternoon service daily, and no doubt practically all the merchants in town will sign the agreement to this effect which is being circulated today.

RECORD OF DEATHS.

A. D. Davis of East Lumberton. Mr. A. D. Davis, aged about 50 years, died Saturday at his home in East Lumberton of pneumonia. Deceased is survived by his widow and several children. The remains were interred at the old Davis home in Columbus county yesterday at noon.

Willie, a son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Freeman, who live in the eastern part of town, died Wednesday of last week.

Howard Windall, 10-days-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy W. Phillips of Wishart township, died Friday.

Spate Overby.

Spate Overby died in a hospital at Hamlet Thursday and was buried at Laurinburg Friday. Deceased was about 70 and lived in Lumberton more than 40 years ago, according to Mr. W. S. Wishart. He was engaged in the saddle and harness business here and went from here to Laurinburg, where he had lived since leaving Lumberton.

Miss Margaret McPhail of Saddletree. Miss Margaret McPhail died at her home in Saddletree township Friday night, Nov. 12th. She had been in feeble health for several months. Interment was made in the family cemetery Nov. 14th.

Zach Clewis of East Lumberton.

Mr. Zach Clewis, aged 78 years, died Saturday night at his home in East Lumberton, death resulting from the infirmities of old age. Deceased is survived by his widow and several children. Interment was made in the family burying ground 5 miles south of Lumberton today at 11 a. m.

Cornie Floyd of Marietta Died This Morning of Acute Bright's Disease.

Cornie, 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Pink Floyd of the Marietta section, died early this morning of acute Bright's disease. The child was taken ill immediately after returning home from Sunday school yesterday, suffering several convulsions, and never regained consciousness after the first attack. Miss Gladys Floyd, a sister of deceased, and Miss Nellie Hamilton, students at Carolina College, Maxton, passed through town today en route to Marietta to attend the funeral. They were met here by Mr. J. T. Hamilton.

Ralph Emmett Gibson of Laurinburg.

Mr. Ralph Emmett Gibson, prominent young business man of Laurinburg, died Tuesday morning, November 16, at 5 o'clock at his home about two miles south of Laurinburg. News of the young man's almost sudden death reached Laurinburg soon afterward and the community caught its breath for a moment, scarcely being able to realize the sad fact that one of its noble and highly esteemed young men had set out on the Great Adventure. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Caledonia Methodist church.

Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. E. W. McKinnon, Mrs. Malcolm Jones, Miss Fannie H. Gibson, all of this county, and two brothers, Mr. Jasper T. Gibson, of Laurinburg, and Mr. W. N. Gibson, of Red Springs.—Laurinburg Exchange.

Revival At Gospel Tabernacle

Meeting Will Continue This Week—Services Twice Daily After Today—Large Crowds and Much Interest—Rev. L. B. Compton's Subjects.

The series of meetings which began at the Gospel Tabernacle a week ago will continue through this week. Beginning tomorrow services will be held twice daily. The hour for the morning service has not been determined. His evening services will begin as last week—7:15. Large crowds are attending the services and considerable interest is being manifested.

Rev. L. B. Compton is doing the preaching. His subject for tonight will be "Shall We Know Each Other There, Or Heavenly Recognition?" Tuesday night—"Where are the Dead?" Or the State of the Soul After Death at the Present Time." Wednesday night—"Will Jesus Come Again?"

The following splendid reports of Mr. Compton's sermons were prepared for The Robesonian by Rev. W. D. Combs, pastor of the church:

Remember Lot's Wife—Seven Reasons Why God Wants Us to Remember Mrs. Lot.

Thursday night Mr. Compton gave seven reasons why God wants people to remember Lot's wife.

In Luke 17:32 you will read these words, "Remember Lot's Wife." I have often wondered why Jesus ever made such an assertion at this place and why God ever allowed it to be recorded in the Bible. There is nothing very significant about this woman. If God had said, "remember Sarah," I could have understood, as she is among the honorables of Hebrews. If He had said, "remember Miriam, Ruth, or a host of other good women, I could have understood, but when He said remember this woman, I could not understand it, as there is very little said about this woman, nothing as to who she was, where she came from, or her parentage. I asked God one day to show me what there was about Mrs. Lot that He wanted us to remember, and He taught me seven things, and I want to call your attention to them tonight.

First, notice her opportunities. God always holds responsibilities according to opportunities. Mrs. Lot had Abraham for her pastor. He instructed her, counseled her and told her about the better life, but having favorable opportunities does not save folks. Some wade through favorable opportunities and then fail. Lot left Abraham and pitched his tent toward Sodom and then we see him as mayor of Sodom. The angels visited their home and told them of the danger and of the destruction of the city, but she paid no heed. God never visits judgment on a nation, community, or on individuals without offering mercy.

Second, being a wife of a righteous man does not save. That within itself does not change the heart. Any real Christian in the home or city is a great blessing, but that will not save you. It is a good thing to have a Christian husband, mother, or wife, but that will not save you. "Ye must be born again."

Third, she was warned of her danger. God always gives warning. God spoke to Abraham and he prayed for them. Angels came and warned her, and took her by the hand and led her out of the city. Forced religion does not do. She was warned of her danger and so have you been warned.

Fourth, she started out with the angels. Angels on the outside cannot continue on page five.

MANY COTTON MILLS IN PIEDMONT CLOSED DOWN

Announcement Thursday of the closing down of the Chadwick-Hoskins chain of cotton mills, four at Charlotte and one at Martinsville, Va., the biggest chain of mills in that section, was followed by the disclosure of information that a majority of the hundreds of textile mills in that section are idle, while those in operation are running on part time.

It is said by those in close touch with the situation that at least 75 per cent of the mills of Gaston and Mecklenburg counties are utterly idle, while the mills operating are running only about half time.

Youth Charged With Murder of 2 Small Boys.

Roy Henderson, 16 years old, is charged with the murder of Frank and Floyd Kirby, aged 6 and 8 years, whose mutilated bodies were found in a creek near Gaffney, S. C., Saturday afternoon. Henderson is said to have enticed the boys away from home to go hunting. When near the creek he is alleged to have shot the younger boy, blowing off the top of his head and his right hand, and then to have beaten the other over the head with a gun. Henderson was captured Saturday night and denied the crime.

Dr. Maddey Accepts Office as Baptist Secretary.

Dr. Chas. E. Maddey of Austin, Texas, has accepted the call of the Baptist State convention to succeed Dr. Walter N. Johnson as corresponding secretary of the board of missions. His message accepting the call was received after the convention adjourned at Asheville last Wednesday night.

Thanksgiving Dinner For Co. Home

Messdames S. F. Caldwell and J. C. Fuller Will Look After Dinner for Unfortunate Poor.

All who wish to contribute something towards a Thanksgiving dinner for the inmates of the county home should take it to the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Caldwell, Elm street, not later than Wednesday afternoon. Messdames S. F. Caldwell and Jno. C. Fuller will look after the dinner this year. Mr. M. G. McKenzie has for many years looked after the Thanksgiving dinner and Miss Lizzie Caldwell the Christmas dinner for the unfortunate at the home. Mr. McKenzie's health is not so that he can look after it this year and that is why Messdames Caldwell and Fuller agreed to take the matter in charge.

The inmates of the county home always look forward to the dinners sent them on Thanksgiving and Christmas by the people of Lumberton. The ladies are asked to send cooked food, as it will be easy to secure plenty of fruit. Don't forget the unfortunate. Those who expect to contribute are requested to phone either Mrs. Caldwell or Mrs. Fuller at once.

TEN MILE-BARKERS TOPICS.

School Attendance Has Increased—New School Building Soon Will Be Ready—Box Party Night of Nov. 26—Personal.

Ten Mile-Barkers, Nov. 20.—We are glad to see about all the cotton is picked out, but the farmers are still sick over the price. Hope something will happen to help them soon.

Miss Tessie Townsend and little sister and brother, Mary and Grady, spent the week-end with their grandmother, Mrs. Mary Russ.

Miss Letha Hatchel of Lumberton spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hatchel.

We are sorry to report that there is still some diphtheria in our community. Hope it will soon die out and everybody will be well again.

The Ten Mile-Barkers graded and high school is progressing nicely and the attendance has increased very much since the opening. The literary society held its regular meeting last evening. The following program was rendered: Song by society, "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean"; Recitation by Vergie M'White; Recitation by Marvina M'White; reading by Lillian M'White; song by primary department, "Plump Turkeys"; recitation by Vernon Flowers; declamation by Conrad Platt; recitation by Mertie Watson; song by society, "My Bonnie"; story, "King Midas," by Miss Amelia Powers.

There will be a box party at the Ten Mile school house on Friday night after Thanksgiving, Nov. 26th. Everybody is cordially invited to come. Girls to bring boxes and the men money to buy with. The proceeds of the box party will go on a piano for the Ten Mile-Barkers high school. We hope to have the piano to go in the new school building, which will soon be ready.

ROZIER NEWS ITEMS.

Pleased With Teacher—Box Supper Night of Nov. 27—Preaching Thanksgiving Day—Personal Mention.

Lumberton, R. 2, Nov. 20.—Folks in this section are about through gathering their crops.

School began at Roziers Nov. 8th and the people are well pleased with our teacher, Mrs. Chas. A. Powers.

There is to be a box supper at Rozier school house on Saturday night after Thanksgiving, 27th of November. The proceeds will go for the benefit of the school. Every body is invited to come.

Miss Mattie Holder began teaching school at Roziers No. 2 Monday.

We are sorry to report Mrs. Nancy Britt is in a hospital at Fayetteville.

There will be preaching at 11 o'clock Thanksgiving day by our pastor, Rev. J. M. Fleming.

Mrs. R. G. Rozier and children are spending a while at Mrs. Rozier's parents, at Lillington.

Best wishes to The Robesonian and its many readers.

Case of Scarlet Fever Reported from Parkton

A case of scarlet fever was reported to Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, from Parkton this morning. A student in the graded school developed the case of fever and the grade to which the student belongs was ordered closed for the week.

London, Nov. 18.—Sir Hammer Greenwood, chief secretary for Ireland, stated in the house of commons today during a recent raid in Ireland troops captured a document, sent by the commander in chief of the Irish Republican army to his chief of staff, containing a series of remarkable and horrifying statements regarding the spreading of typhoid among the troops and glanders among the cavalry horses.

Mr. J. L. Townsend of Manquin, Va., formerly of McDonalds, is spending a few days in the county on business.

COTTON MARKET.

Middling cotton is selling on the local market today for 13 1/4 cents the pound.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS.

Mayor and Mrs. A. E. White and Miss Yashti White went Friday to Rocky Mount to attend the North Carolina Methodist conference. They are expected home tonight.

A slight change in schedule will go into effect on local Seaboard train No. 19, Wilmington to Charlotte, next Sunday. It will arrive at Lumberton at 6:51 a. m. instead of 7 a. m.

Two cases of diphtheria have developed recently in the Marietta section, according to reports reaching Lumberton. The two children affected were students in the Marietta public school.

The Lumberton graded and high school will close Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving. Supt. W. H. Cale and possibly others of the faculty will leave Wednesday evening for Asheville to attend the annual session of the Teachers' Assembly.

Judging from the number of Thanksgiving turkeys being offered for sale in Lumberton, the turkey crop must have been larger than usual this year. Several wagon loads have been seen on the streets of late. Prices have not gone to 1914, however.

Mrs. L. R. Varner and small daughter, Miss Lily, returned this morning from Baltimore, Md., where they spent several days while the latter was undergoing treatment at a hospital for stomach trouble. Miss Lily's condition has improved considerably.

Mr. H. C. Seawell of St. Pauls was one of the successful applicants before the Board of Pharmacy last week for license to practice pharmacy in North Carolina. Only three of the class of 11 applicants were negroes and one of these passed, the other two successful ones being white men.

A free-for-all fight took place on the Lumberton-Red Springs road about 6 miles from Lumberton yesterday afternoon, according to some who passed that way. No particulars have been learned. It is not thought anybody was "kilt," according to the officers who investigated the matter.

Work has been begun on the new concrete store building which Mr. Frank Gough will erect on his lot on Third street between Elm and Chestnut. The building will be a two-story structure, the walls made of concrete, with a plate glass front. It is likely that Mr. Gough will occupy the building himself when completed.

Maxton Scottish Chief: Dr. D. C. McIver has moved his family to Maxton from Oxford N. C., where they have been for the past several years. The doctor has his office in the Bank of Maxton building, 3rd floor. Dr. A. B. Croom residence on Florence street from Mr. J. P. Wiggins, and will make their home here.

Margaret, 9-year-old daughter of Mrs. J. A. Carlyle, was painfully hurt late Saturday afternoon when shot in the left temple with an air rifle by Eldon, her 11-year-old brother. The children were playing in the back yard at the Carlyle home, Eighth street. The Carlyle boy had traded some other article to another small boy for the air rifle and his parents did not know he had it. Dr. J. A. Martin was called and removed the shot, which lodged in the temple. The shot struck the child at a glance, and this probably saved her life.

BASKETBALL.

Game Friday Between Lumberton and Philadelphus on Letter's Grounds.—Game Here Between Same Teams Dec. 1.

The Lumberton basketball team played the Philadelphus team on the court at Philadelphus on Friday afternoon.

A fair-sized crowd attended the game, which was well played from start to finish, Lumberton making all its scores in the first half of the game, and Philadelphus in the last half. Barker, left forward, featured for the locals by throwing all the goals made by Lumberton, except one, which was thrown by Bryan, right forward.

Philadelphus put in a new guard for second half of game. They will play the locals here on Wednesday, Dec. 1. Much interest is being taken in athletics in our school, and the public is cordially invited to see all the games played here, and to encourage the boys in any way it can.

THEODORE POPE, Manager Lumberton Team.

A Raleigh dispatch states that all railroads leading to Asheville have agreed to sell round-trip tickets from all points to Asheville for the teachers' assembly for one fare plus one-third for the round-trip. The teachers' assembly will meet in Asheville on Thanksgiving day, and the indications now point to one of the most largely attended meetings ever held.

DR. WILLIAM W. PARKER, EYE SPECIALIST. Office: National Bank of Lumberton Building.