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Christmas At Local Churches

Special Christmas Concert at First Baptist Church Sunday Evening. The following program will be given by the choir of the First Baptist church in the church auditorium Sunday evening at 7:30, to which the public is cordially invited.

Hymn—Hark the Herald Angels, Song—Wesley—Choir and congregation.

Prayer—

Anthem—"The First Christmas Morn"—Newton—Traditional Carols.

1. Jacobs Ladder.

2. The Coventry Carols.

Anthem—Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem—Neidlinger.

Soprano Solo—"Oh Holy Night"—Adam.

Quartet—Silent Night, Holy Night—Gruber.

Anthem—Sing Oh, Daughter of Zion—Rogers.

Quintette with Sop. Obligato—"Inflammatus est" from "Stabat Mater"—Rossini.

Carols:

1. Fair Christmas Morn—Matthews.

2. Russian Children's Hymn from White Russia—Gaul.

3. What Child is This?—Ohl.

Sextette with Baritone and Soprano Solos.

"List the Cherubic Host" from the "Holy City"—Gaul.

Violin solo.

"Hallelujah Chorus" from "The Messiah"—Haudel.

There will be special solo work by Mrs. Leslie Carlyle.

North Lumberton Baptist Christmas Eve.

There will be a Christmas tree and exercises at the North Lumberton Baptist church Friday evening of this week, beginning at 7 o'clock.

West Lumberton Baptist Thursday Evening.

There will be special Christmas exercises and a Christmas tree at the West Lumberton Baptist church tomorrow (Thursday) evening, beginning at 7 o'clock.

Chestnut Street Methodist This Afternoon and Tomorrow Evening.

The children of Mrs. Daisy W. Jenkins' class of Chestnut Street Methodist Sunday school will have a Christmas tree and exercises this afternoon at 5 o'clock.

The boys of Mr. W. H. Humphrey's class of Chestnut Street Methodist Sunday school will have a Christmas tree and a special Christmas program tomorrow (Thursday) evening at 7:30.

First Presbyterian Tomorrow Afternoon.

The primary department of the First Presbyterian church will render a Christmas program tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon at 4 o'clock. Presents will be distributed to the members of this department after the exercises.

Gospel Tabernacle on Christmas Day.

There will be a Christmas tree and exercises by the children of the Gospel Tabernacle Sunday school Saturday evening at 7 o'clock.

Service for the Poor at First Baptist Evening of Christmas Day.

On the evening of Christmas day, at 7:30 o'clock a service specially for contributions for the poor will be held. There will be a short song service and all are requested to bring something for the poor. Contributions will be distributed among the deserving ones.

East Lumberton Baptist Evening of Christmas Day.

The Sunday school of the East Lumberton Baptist church will give some special exercises Saturday evening, beginning at 7 o'clock. A collection will be taken for the suffering in Europe. Mr. O. F. Nance is superintendent of the Sunday school.

B. Y. P. U. Social Next Monday Evening.

The B. Y. P. U. of the First Baptist church will have a social meeting at the church Monday evening, Dec. 27th, at 7:30 in honor of the girls and boys home from school for the holidays.

Christmas Dinner for County Home Inmates.

As was stated in Monday's Robesonian, Miss Lizzie Caldwell is arranging for a Christmas dinner for the inmates of the county home. Those who wish to contribute something to make the day one of pleasure for those unfortunate are requested to send their contributions to the home of Miss Caldwell not later than Friday afternoon.

A collection totalling \$317.17 was taken for the starving people in Europe at the First Baptist church last Sunday.

Shoppers coming into Lumberton from other towns say local merchants have finer displays of Christmas goods than they find elsewhere. The merchants are apparently enjoying a good Christmas trade.

Cecil and Dock Hefner and Lone Young, young white men, were found guilty of murder in the second degree last night at Morgantown by jury in the Glenn Lippard murder case.

FOR LITTLE CHILDREN EVERYWHERE WE BRING OUR PRECIOUS GIFTS TO THEM EVEN FOR THE DEAR CHILD JESUS' SAKE.



Law Student Pleads Own Case

He Won It, Too By Gum—John Blount McLeod Comes Clear in Recorder's Court of Charge of Speeding—Dr. Johnson Was "Bleeged" to Catch a Train—Other Cases.

The outstanding feature of the Monday's grind in recorder's court was the trial of John Blount McLeod, charged with exceeding the speed limit. Mr. McLeod is a law student at Wake Forest college and he conducted his own case, and conducted it well—in fact he won his case and was acquitted.

Quite a crowd of spectators heard the trial. Not only did Mr. McLeod cross examine the witnesses for the State, he pleaded his case before Recorder D. H. Fuller, and to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, he made a forceful presentation of the facts in the case.

Other cases disposed of Monday were:

Dr. T. C. Johnson, exceeding the speed limit; judgment suspended upon payment of the cost. The doctor was speeding in order to catch a train, according to the evidence.

Bill Melvin, colored, being drunk; fined \$25.

J. P. Strickland, Indian, disposing of mortgaged property; fined \$35.

Strickland gave notice of appeal to the Superior Court.

Howard McNair, colored being drunk; fined \$25.

Heflin Says Board Overestimated Crop by 1,500,000 Bales.

The estimate of this year's cotton crop by the Board of Crop Estimates at 12,987,000 bales was challenged in the Senate Monday by Senator Heflin, Democrat, of Alabama, who said this was an over-estimate of 1,500,000 bales.

"I contend that the Board of Crop Estimates has overestimated the present cotton crop by at least 1,250,000 bales," he continued. "We had ginned to December 1st of this year 10,144,000 bales.

"In the other two years in which the amount ginned to December 1st was around 10,000,000 bales, the amount remaining to be ginned in both of those years after December 1st was less than 1,500,000 bales.

Burned to Death While at Prayer.

A Durham dispatch of Dec. 20 says that Miss Nettie Blackler, of 527 Warren street, died at Watts hospital there Monday as the result of burns suffered Saturday morning at her home while in the act of praying.

Miss Blackler was praying, was said, before an open grate fire. A flannel gown in which she was dressed, became ignited and before help could reach her had flared into a mass of flames. Her screams brought other members of the family but the flames were extinguished too late. Death came at 7:30 a. m.

Moving Pictures and Xmas Tree at Clyburn Friday Evening.

There will be moving pictures and a Christmas tree at Clyburn School house, Friday evening of this week. Exercises begin at 6:30. The public is cordially invited to be present.

Clyburn School will close Thursday for the holidays and will begin the spring term January 3.

Billy Sunday, famous evangelist, was heard in a sermon in Charlotte last night by a crowd which the Charlotte Observer says between 4,000 and 5,000. Among other things, he flayed the modern dance which he said "is doing more to wreck women's lives than any other thing this side of hell."

The mixed trains over the Raleigh & Charleston between Lumberton and Marion will be operated Friday, December 24, instead of Saturday—Christmas Day.

Mr. L. B. Barnes of R. 3, Lumberton were among the visitors in town yesterday.

Mrs. J. N. Atwater, of Raleigh, left today for Conway, S. C., to visit relatives after spending a few days here visiting at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Epps.

Mr. William Caldwell arrived home yesterday from Randolph Macon academy, Fort Royal, Va. where he is a student.

Sharpshooters Hunt Bandits In New York

Strenuous Efforts Being Made to Check Crime Wave in New York. Armed with repeating rifles, 20 sharpshooters of the New York police last night scoured the city in automobiles in a hunt for bandits, states a New York dispatch of Dec. 21. The dispatch continues:

Each sharpshooter, a picked man from the police rifle squad, was accompanied by three detectives and a uniformed patrolman.

Under orders to shoot every suspect who attempted to escape them the men searched the highways and byways of the city throughout the New York's crime wave, which tonight.

Other drastic measures to curb day swept beyond the city's border into nearby New Jersey towns, were launched by police officials and judges. Removal of Police Commissioner Enright was proposed in a resolution in a meeting of the board of aldermen.

An increase in the police force of 769 men was authorized by the board of estimate and in order to provide funds for paying the extra patrolmen, an issue of special revenue bonds in 1921 was approved. Judge McIntyre, of the court of general sessions, ordered 150 persons now on bail of from \$1,500 to \$10,000 on robbery charges to appear tomorrow when, he said, their bail will be increased. In five cases today men previously released on lower bail for similar charges were held in \$25,000 each.

New Jersey police aroused by today's crimes—an attempted bank robbery in Milltown, the chloroforming and robbing of a girl, and two hold-ups—gave orders that all tube stations and ferries in Jersey be kept under guard to prevent the influx of criminals driven from New York.

WAGRAM PRACTICALLY WIPED OUT BY FIRE

About 15 Stores, Railroad Station and 250 Bales of Cotton Consumed. Fayetteville Observer, Dec. 21.

The little town of Wagram in Scotland county on the Aberdeen and Rockfish railroad was practically wiped out by fire at an early hour this morning. The flames starting in the railroad station, swept rapidly over the cotton platform, where 250 bales were consumed, and then through the town they went taking in about 15 stores, entailing a loss of about \$200,000. There was insurance to the amount of about \$45,000.

Claude Rankin and others went down this morning to adjust the losses for insurance companies.

The Aberdeen and Rockfish station was a complete loss. The fire started in it at 2:30 o'clock this morning and soon the cotton was ablaze and then the fire swept on to the stores. The loss are as follows:

W. D. Buie, store \$2,500.

Postoffice, \$1,000.

D. W. Wooly, store, \$3,000.

Scotland Hardware store \$10,000; stock \$20,000.

Buie and McCoy, building, \$15,000

M. Massiff, stock, \$25,000.

Buie and McCoy, second store \$15,000.

W. P. Covington, stock \$15,000.

S. P. Thrower, building \$10,000.

S. P. Thrower stock \$8,000.

Besides the above there were several colored buildings that were consumed at small losses. It is not known how the fire started.

Macon, Ga., Dec. 21.—All four of the defendants charged with poisoning Fred D. Shepard of Hotspur county, for his money, were discharged here late tonight by Judge H. A. Mathews, of superior court. The judge held that, even granting that Shepard was poisoned, the state had not presented sufficient evidence to connect them with the deed. He also declared testimony of experts regarding the alleged poisoning was conflicting.

Misses Nellie Hamilton and Gladys Floyd passed through town today en route to their homes, near Marietta, from Carolina college, Maxton, where they are students.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Sealey, and Messrs. Jim Callahan and Alger Walters all of Barnesville section, were Lumberton visitors yesterday.

Charged With Profiteering In Coal

Some Government Officials Are Charged With Having Joined in Coal Profiteering During Period of Shortage Last Summer.

Charges that government officials joined in coal profiteering during the period of shortage last summer were made by George H. Cushing, managing director of the American Wholesale Coal association, testifying under oath yesterday in Washington before a Senate investigating committee.

In an executive session the committee, according to Senator Calder, Republican, New York, its chairman, was furnished by Mr. Cushing with the name of one man, said to have been a principal in an operation by which a group of men in government service obtained 450,000 tons of coal, which they sold later at a profit of \$600,000.

Railroad officials and one army officer also participated in the profiteering, Mr. Cushing was said by Chairman Calder to have charged.

This phase of Mr. Cushing's testimony before the committee overshadowed the rest of his statement, which was to the effect that the coal shortage last summer was due to "panic" and largely caused by statements of the Interstate Commerce commission, the geological survey, the railroad administration, and the Senate Interstate Commerce commission, telling the consuming public about a coal shortage this winter.

Farmers Relief Bill Goes To President

Resolution Directing Revival of War Finance Corporation Passed by Senate.

Legislative enactment of the joint resolution directing revival of the War Finance Corporation as a measure of relief for farmers against falling prices was completed Monday when the Senate, without a record vote, concurred in House amendments eliminating the section suggesting that the Federal Reserve board extend liberal credits to farmers. The resolution now goes to the President.

Senators and representatives were divided, stated a Washington dispatch, in their opinion as to a possible veto. Some believe the President still would veto the measure while others were inclined to the belief that with the elimination of advice to the Federal Reserve board approval of the executive would be given the measure.

Leaders who were responsible for the final enactment of the resolution, however, expressed confidence of their ability to override a veto both in the Senate and House. They were assured, they said, of votes for Southern members in such a contingency.

GOV. BICKETT TELLS ABOUT HIS PARDON RECORD.

On Eve of Issuing Batch of Christmas Pardons and Praises Governor Issues a Confession of Faith.

Prior to the extension of executive clemency to the last batch of prisoners who will be pardoned and paroled by Governor Bickett, the governor has prepared a statement about his pardon record, which he says is not a defense of faith, states a Raleigh Dispatch of Dec. 21, which continues:

The governor admits that he has made some mistakes—every governor before him has made mistakes and all those who follow him will make mistakes, he says—but he has pursued his pardon policy along well defined lines.

The statement which follows is made on the eve of issuance of pardons to a number of prisoners as Christmas presents.

The governor has had a number of these cases under consideration for some time, and the pardons will be issued in time for the prisoners to get to their homes and loved ones by Christmas day.

Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Paul and three children left today for Davis, where they will spend the holidays visiting at the home of Mrs. Paul's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah Davis.

Business Class Visits Cotton Mills

In a Search for Corporations Business Pupils of Lumberton High School Tell Interesting of Trip Through Cotton Mills—At First They Thought a Corporation Might Be a Wild Goose or Some Kind of New Embroidery, but They Investigated Till They Knew to a T—Correspondence of The Robesonian.

From court house to corporation is not so far and the business class since its visit to the court house, has been trying to learn something about corporations. The first time we heard that word, corporation, we were sure down. The boys thought it was some kind of a wild goose and the girls reckoned it was a new kind of embroidery like Batterburg or cross stitch, and we all planned to have a little of it on our next new blouse. But we soon learned there was no goose about a corporation and little embroidery, that it was just plain, common sense business and hard work.

Our next step was investigation. Miss Butler told us to look around and see if there were any corporations in Lumberton or the country near. We spent two days on the hunt but things were looking bad for us, when one day Daniel Britt came flying in with a light in his eye and declared he had a corporation located on Caldwell's corner. He said he read on the window, "R. D. Caldwell & Son, Inc.," and he knew that if INC. meant incorporated, then R. D. Caldwell and Son must be a corporation because it was incorporated, Miss Butler told him his reasoning was not bad but his IF was too big and that he had better get more evidence.

Daniel's discovery gave us a start and we began quizzing around some more. Now, we have under suspicion the First National Bank, the National Bank of Lumberton, the Planters' Bank and Trust Company, and we are most certain the cotton mills must be operated by a corporation for there are so many different departments to be looked after and it must take a pile of money to run such a big business. We are looking over several other business houses but we can't get what Daniel Britt calls "convincing evidence" against any of them.

Miss Butler tells us just to go ahead and find out what we can for ourselves and we think we have figured out a way to gather in a pretty good stock of information and to "put one over" on our teacher. We will thank our friends and all who are interested in our success as a business department if they will send us name of any corporation with which they are connected or about which they surely know within 20 miles of Lumberton. A list of ten corporations will grade us "high" and may put a figure 1 on our report cards.

COTTON MILLS. We had to learn in some way how a corporation manages a big business and the cotton mills was our best guess. We were happy and proud when on Monday, December 13, Mr. Gray and Mr. Boyd came with their automobiles to give, the business class the pleasure and the advantage of a trip through the mills. Unfortunately, the short-hand class were too busy with examinations to be excused, so they could not go and that kept Mr. Boyd from being one of our entertainers; but the bookkeeping class started off with Mr. Gray as conductor, as gay a crowd of boys and girls as anybody needs.

DYE HOUSE. This was the first place to which Mr. Gray took us and to some of us it was the most interesting. There are two big dyeing machines, one for black cotton and the other for all the other colors. The cotton is placed in a large cylinder that revolves through a tank which holds the dyeing liquid. When the liquid has washed through the cotton enough to give the right shade of color the cotton is dumped into a tray and carried to the first drying machine. It is placed in a large tank which revolves so rapidly that the water is thrown off and passes from the tank through a pipe. The cotton may be dried also by the hydraulic pressure machine which presses the cotton dry. The last process of drying is done by spreading the cotton over an immense gridiron which is carefully heated to just the temperature to produce the right degree of evaporation.

PICKING ROOM. The cotton is brought here from the drying room and by different machines it is picked to increasing states of fluffiness.

CARDING ROOM. Carding is one of the most interesting processes. The first carding machine, grabs an amount of rough, lumpy cotton and proceeds to smooth it into a wide even sheet which is rolled upon a large spool or cylinder. From this machine the still lumpy web is rolled through the next stage, and comes out smoother and firmer. It goes on to the third machine and when it has passed through the last one it has been changed into fine, even roll of cotton, and it is now ready for drawing.

DRAWING ROOM. Each cotton cylinder is placed on a revolving bar and as the cotton passes through the machine it is drawn out into a fine, veil-like web. It comes out in this

COTTON MARKET.

Middling cotton is selling on the local market today for 12 cents the pound; strict middling 13 cents.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—All the water has been cleared from the basement at the high school building and no more trouble is expected, according to Supt. W. H. Cole.

—Mr. Edmund Davis of R. 6, Lumberton, who was among the visitors in town yesterday, stated that it snowed thick and fast for a while at his home early yesterday morning.

—Are your chickens running out now? Some irate citizens are requesting The Robesonian to remind their neighbors to shut up those chickens that are giving them so much trouble. They say that they haven't a flower, and hardly any yard left.

—Mr. W. M. Warwick, of the Allenton section, who is a Lumberton visitor today, says that the bridges on the Lumberton-Bladenboro road below Warwick's mill have been repaired. The bridges had been in bad condition for some time, but can be crossed safely now, according to Mr. Warwick.

—Walter Musselwhite, who conducts a fruit stand, corner Elm and Second streets, was arrested this morning on the charge of selling extracts for drinking purposes. The "drink" was put up in pint bottles and was labeled 50 per cent. alcohol. Musselwhite gave bond in the sum of \$100 for appearance for trial.

—Lawrence Delude, who was arrested here a week ago on the charge of the larceny of an auto at Cerro Gordo, Columbus county, was acquitted of the charge in Columbus court at Whiteville yesterday. Delude was arrested by the officers here upon the advice of Columbus officers. Chief of Police D. M. Barker and Policeman Ed. J. Glover, who made the arrest, went to Whiteville yesterday as witnesses in the case.

—The following Lumberton young people have arrived home from the various colleges to spend the holidays besides those mentioned in Monday's Robesonian: Misses Hazel and Sarah Carlyle, Greensboro College for Women, Greensboro; Miss Marion Allen, Meredith college, Raleigh; Miss Drina Hedgpeeth, Greenville college, Greenville, S. C.; Miss Lulu Norman, Peace, Raleigh; Miss Evelina Beckwith, St. Mary's, Raleigh; Misses Mary Lee Normant and Carolyn Shooter, Trinity, Durham; Messrs. Vernon McNeill and Robt. Proctor State University, Chapel Hill, Beverly Biggs and W. J. Prevatt, Jr. Wake Forest, Robt. T. Allen, Jr., Mars Hill; Oscar Bulard, King's business college, Raleigh; Harry K. Russell, Davidson.

way at the other end and is again drawn together onto a soft roll the size of a lady's finger. This roll passes down onto a can about three or four feet high and is carefully coiled around and around till it is piled up nearly a foot higher than the can.

SINNING ROOM. Five cans containing these rolls are placed near together and five ends are joined so that they are twisted into a loose thread and wound on a large spool. The threads from three spools are twisted by another machine and spun into a finer thread. These finer threads are put through the same process of spinning and twisting till the thread is of the high quality that has made the reputation of the Lumberton mills.

WRAPPING AND SHIPPING. The finished yarn is wound on large cones, which are wrapped in paper, and packed in boxes to be shipped all over the world where cotton is needed and used. We know there can be no cotton yarn more carefully and thoroughly made than the yarn of the Lumberton cotton mills, and if these mills are operated by a corporation we hope the yarn will sell so well that every stockholder will realize about 100 per cent on his stock, and then some. We are all planning to work for Mr. Gray and Mr. Boyd and the Lumberton cotton mills when we finish our business course. Then we will have a chance to let them know how much we enjoy our visit and appreciated that they cared to take the time to give us this treat.

THE STORE. This is the place to buy your goods. Mr. Hamilton showed us how to make a time check, how to operate his fine, new telephone, what to do when you are short on one, side of your trial balance, how to keep books and how to be agreeable. In another year we will be ready to help Mr. Hamilton, and that means we will have to be all to the good.

Now, THE BOOKKEEPING CLASS, ALL TOGETHER—RAH! RAH! RAH!—MR. GRAY, MR. BOYD, MR. HAMILTON, THE LUMBERTON COTTON MILLS, AND A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL THAT'S THE WAY WE FEEL.

DANIEL BRITT, MARVIN BARKER, INGRAM HEDGEPEETH, MARY WETMORE, MYRTLE BRITT, EFFIE ELEN BUTLER.

DR. WILLIAM W. PARKER, EYE SPECIALIST

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