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## Superior Court

**Four Divorces Granted—Judgment for Propounders in Sallie Mitchell Will Case—Court Will Run Into Next Week.**

Four divorce cases have been heard in Robeson Superior Court for the trial of civil cases, which convened Monday with Judge J. H. Kerr of Warrenton presiding, and divorce was granted in each case. These were: W. N. Smith vs. Amanda Smith. D. O. Britt vs. Florida Britt. J. Allen Brown vs. Jennie Brown. Eddie Rouse vs. Swan Rouse.

Other cases disposed of follow: In re will of the late Sallie Mitchell; judgment for the propounders. The jury answered the issue as to whether or not the will in question was the last will and testament of the deceased, "Yes."

J. K. Baldwin vs. D. McNair et al; judgment for the plaintiff. This is a two weeks' term of court and court will be held next week.

## Electric Power For Mills Curtailed

Lumberton, Dresden and National Cotton Mills Receive Notice That Electric Power Can Be Furnished Only Until Thursday Noon of Each Week—Yadkin River Power Co. Compelled to Cut Down on Account of Low Water in Rivers—No Notice Received of Any Curtailment of Current for General Use.

The Lumberton, Dresden and National cotton mills of Lumberton which are operated by electric power furnished by the Yadkin River Power Co., have been notified that power will be furnished for operation only until Thursday noon of each week until further notice. This comes about as a result of the low water in the rivers which furnish water power for manufacturing the current used here and in many of the other towns in the State. The Jennings cotton mill is operated by a local plant and the order does not affect that plant.

The light and current used in the town is also furnished by the Yadkin River Power Co. but town officials have not yet been advised of any curtailment of current for general use. In case of failure of the power company to furnish power for the town the local plant would be promptly brought into use, according to Supt. J. L. McNeill.

## THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

Infant Son of Will Carter, Indian. Dorsey Carter, infant son of Will Carter, Indian, of Howellsville township, died Tuesday, being ill only a few hours.

Flossie Thompson of Clarkton. Flossie 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Thompson of Clarkton, died yesterday morning at the Baker sanatorium of peritonitis. The child was critically ill when she reached the hospital and no hope was entertained for her recovery.

Young White Boys Bound to Court on Charge of Forgery.

Lee Brisson and Gilbert Lyon—two young white boys, were bound over to Superior Court yesterday by Recorder David H. Fuller, Brisson on the charge of forgery and Lyon as an accessory. The defendants were remanded to jail in default of a \$200 bond each.

Brisson stand guilty of forging the name of Mr. Ed T. Taylor to a check which he got cashed at the Pope drug store. He forged the check in order to get money for himself and Lyon to leave town, he said.

East-Lumberton School Will Open September 12.

The East Lumberton public school will open Monday of next week, September 12. The faculty is composed of Miss Alma Brown of Dillon, S. C., principal; Misses Ruth Walcott and Mary Lee Norment of Lumberton and Miss Townsend of Rowland.

Schools Opening With Unusually Large Attendance.

There is an unusually large attendance at the opening of the schools in the county, according to Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of schools. A number of the graded and high schools have opened during the last ten days.

A Correction in An Ad.

In the Presto-O-Lite battery ad appearing elsewhere in today's paper the copy should read "For Ford's certain models Chevrolet, Overlands, Buicks and 27 other cars and trucks", instead of the way it appears in the ad.

Store Burned at Pembroke.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the store building and stock of N. A. Revels & Son at Pembroke about 3 o'clock Tuesday morning. The loss is estimated at \$14,000, which was about one-half covered by insurance.

Cotton Opening Rapidly.

Cotton is opening at a rapid rate, owing to the hot, dry weather. Picking is well under way and many of the gins have begun operation.

## Lumberton's Water Supply Is Ample

Water in Lumber River May Get Below Intake Pipe for Filter and Town May Be Without Filtered Water, But the Supply of Unfiltered Water is Ample.

Unless there is sufficient rain within two weeks to raise the water in Lumber river Lumberton will be without filtered water, according to Mr. J. L. McNeill, superintendent of the local water and light plant. The water in the river will have to fall only 5 inches to get below the pipe which takes the water from the river to the filter plant and the water is "falling" in the river at a rapid rate. It would necessitate an expenditure of several thousand dollars to change the intake pipe, according to Supt. McNeill.

There is no danger of a shortage of unfiltered water in case of fire, Mr. McNeill says. Pipes for pumping water direct from the river into the water tank have already been provided. The reservoir which contains the water after it has been filtered holds around 100,000 gallons and the town uses about that amount of water each day.

There is no need of conserving the use of water, however, as the amount used will have no effect upon the water in the river. In case it becomes necessary to turn unfiltered water into the homes in town citizens will be notified in ample time. Very few people drink water from the town's pipes and if water has to be pumped direct into the pipes from the river the water will be in the same condition it was prior to installation of the filter plant, and unfit for drinking purposes.

## Violent Break Sends Prices Down

Cotton Market Collapses After Furious Opening—Drop Follows Rise to 21 Cents a Pound.

NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—The cotton market collapsed today after a furious opening in which futures showed advances of 180 to 172 points, some soaring as high as 188 points above yesterday's close. The violent break sent prices down two hundred points, the limit permitted by any one day's fluctuations. The close was weak with the lowest prices of the day, October finishing at 19.50 and January at 19.75.

The break came after quotations crossed twenty-one cents a pound for all months and exceeded 22 cents for distant deliveries. The rise was attributed partly to another sensational Liverpool advance. The drop started when it became apparent that big interests, which had bought at much lower figures, were letting go their cotton. Prices crumpled under the strain of large offerings in the last hour until the trading limits were reached.

The fall gave the market the unique experience of having reached the 200 point limit in two consecutive days the upside yesterday and the down side today. There was no change in the news to account for the break. It was simply a case of an overbought condition.

BULGES AND SLUMPS FEATURED NEW ORLEANS MARKET.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 7.—Bulges of \$10 a bale on the opening and slumps of \$10 a bale in the later trading featured the cotton market today. The rule limiting fluctuations in one session to 200 points was invoked on the opening to check the rise and was invoked again on the close to check the fall. In spite of the extremely wide price movement of the day the close was net unchanged, the market closing weak at the lowest of the session.

On the first call buyers fought each other to pay the maximum price for the cotton they wanted and sent prices to new high levels for the session 21.49 cents a pound for October delivery and 22.10 for May. This eagerness today was based mainly on the wild rise in the Liverpool market, some months there being \$18 a bale up as the result of a scare over the short crop being grown on this side of the water this season.

Following the initial bulges there was much realizing of profits by traders on the long side and this realizing was the main influence thereafter, being heaviest toward the close when traders were as eager to sell as they were to buy on the opening. October fell off to 19.49 and May to 20.10 and closed at those levels.

Chicken Supper On Rennett Church Grounds Evening of Sept. 9.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Rehbert, Sept. 6.—The Woman's Missionary union of the Rennett Baptist church will serve a chicken supper on the church grounds on Friday evening, September 9th. In addition to the chicken supper, other refreshments will be served also. The money realized from the supper will be used to purchase a carpet for the Baptist church here. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. S. K. Nash of New York City arrived last night and will spend several days here visiting his mother, Mrs. A. Nash, East Fifth street.

## Ready For Opening Of Schools Monday

Supt. Cale Urges All to Send Children First Day—Extra Room Will Be Provided for 8th Grade if There Are Enough Out-of-Town Pupils—Better Average Attendance Hoped for This Year.

Local schools will open Monday of next week, September 12, at 9 a. m. Supt. W. H. Cale is urging all to send on the first day. The kindergarten—a new department—will not open until about the 17th.

It is especially important that any out of town pupils who want to enter the 8th grade be present on the opening day. The school authorities feel under obligation to people of the district outside the town limits and an extra room will be provided for the 8th grade if there are enough pupils to justify it. Hence the importance of all who want to enter this grade reporting the first day, so that it may be known at the start how many to provide for.

Ministers are requested to announce at their services Sunday the opening of the fall term and to urge all to send their children regularly. Supt. Cale is especially anxious to have a better attendance than last year. Only 80 per cent of the children of school age in the district attended school last year, which is a poor average. Over 100 children in the district were out of school every day. There are 630 children of school age in the district, and the average attendance should be over 500, while last year it was well below 500.

The school buildings have been washed, thoroughly cleaned and fumigated, window shades have been put in all rooms—the roof of the grammar school building has been repaired and a metal roof has been put on the woodshed between the two buildings. Everything is in readiness for the opening.

The schools have a strong faculty, composed of the following:

Prof. W. H. Cale, superintendent; Prof. J. W. R. Norton, principal of high school; Mrs. A. V. G. Wishart, Latin; Miss Nell Sutton (A. B. Shorter college), mathematics and French; Miss Ruth B. Wilcox of Waverly, Va. (A. B., Randolph-Macon), English; Mr. Norton will teach history. Grammar school: First grade—Miss Emma Norment and Miss Rachel McNamara; Second grade—Miss Pennie Rowland and Mrs. M. F. Cobb; Third grade—Miss Winnifred Rowland and Mrs. J. P. McNeill; Fourth grade—Miss Dovie Prevatt; Fifth grade—Miss Eulalia McGill and Miss Bertha Barker; Sixth grade—Miss Vivian McNeill; Seventh grade—Miss Louise Huff and Miss Addie Edwards of Mars Hill. The last named taught Seventh grade for four years at Cary high school.

STRONG DEMAND FOR BETTER GRADES OF CAROLINA TOBACCO

Markets in Eastern North Carolina Report Heavy Sales But of Sorry Grades at Low Prices.

Wilson, Sept. 6.—With averages extending from 10 to 20 cents according to quality, eastern Carolina tobacco markets got down to start today with the bulk of the stuff sold being of a low grade.

Offerings on the local market were close on to a half million pounds and the average was figured at 20 cents—comparing with slightly more than a half million pounds last year on the opening day at an average of 24 cents and more.

Rocky Mount sold a quarter million pounds at from 17 to 20 cents a pound while New Bern reported varying averages of from 1 to 15 cents for 180,000 pounds offered on the local market.

Kinston offered a half million and the averages were figured at from 16 to 20 cents a pound. The bright clear day brought an unprecedented quantity of tobacco to this market.

Goldsboro reported sales of a half million and good prices.

Greenville reported sales of a half million pounds at an average of 20 cents a pound and low grades selling as low as two cents.—H. C. Hester in Raleigh News and Observer.

Decision Which May Mean Peace or War With Ireland.

Iverness, Scotland, Sept. 7.—(By Associated Press).—A decision which may mean peace or war with Ireland was taken by the British cabinet at an all important meeting here today.

The government's reply to Eamon De Valera, the Irish republican leader, unanimously approved by the ministers, has been dispatched to Dublin through the intermediary of Robert C. Barton, the Sinn Fein courier who carried the Dail Eireann's message to Premier Lloyd George and who was brought into the council chamber while the council was in session. The nature of the government's decision was not made known. Directly after the ministers had reached their decision, came the announcement that a committee consisting of the ministers now in Scotland has been appointed with full powers to deal with the situation the moment Mr. De Valera's further answer arrives.

Mr. J. A. Johnson of Rowland, was in town Tuesday.

## Co. Road Matters School Board Meets

Business Transacted at Regular Meeting of Road Commissioners—Committee Will Meet Sept. 12 to Consider Controversy Regarding Brown's Bridge to Raemon Road.

At the regular monthly meeting of the county road commission Monday the following business was transacted:

It was ordered that an old Federal truck formerly owned by the county commissioners, now in Shannon township, be disposed of to the best advantage by Supt. Covington and the supervisor of Shannon township.

Mr. W. R. McNeill appeared before the board in regard to the matter of a deeper ditch and culverts near Baie, in Burnt Swamp township, and Supt. Covington and Messrs. G. A. McKay and S. B. Williams were appointed a committee to investigate.

A petition was presented requesting that a dam and bridge be constructed across Aaron swamp in Gaddys township and the matter was referred to Supt. Covington and the supervisor of that township for investigation and report at the next meeting of the board.

A petition was presented by Mr. D. W. Bullock requesting that a road running from the W. H. Graham place to Elrod be made a public road and laid out and straightened. It was ordered that the matter be held over for 30 days and if at the expiration of that time there is no objection that Supt. Covington lay out this road.

Messrs. K. S. Monroe and L. L. McGirt were appointed a committee with power to appoint a third person to act with them if they deem it necessary, to investigate a controversy regarding the road from Brown's bridge to Raemon in Alfordville township. The committee will meet September 12 for consideration and their decision in the matter will be final.

It was ordered that a tractor be purchased for the 6 townships not having road bonds and that crew be gotten for same, the cost and maintenance to be prorated among the 6 townships on the basis of taxes paid.

The matter of alleged damage to a mule belonging to Mr. Hardy Parnell on account of injury received from backing off a bridge was referred at the last meeting to Supt. Covington and he reported no damage due Mr. Parnell.

It was ordered that 6 or 12 mules be purchased for chain gang No. 2, and that the chairman and Supt. Covington be empowered to investigate and purchase the needed mules.

A map was presented showing a new road requested near St. Pauls to Philadelphia road. The matter was referred to Supt. Covington, Mr. J. Browne Evans and supervisor of St. Pauls township for investigation and report at the next meeting of the board.

Supt. Covington requested that the matter of the road running from the N. L. Sinclair place be held open until the next meeting of the board for further investigation.

SEARCHLIGHT TO BE THROWN ON KU KLUX ACTIVITIES BY SECRET SERVICE OFFICIALS

Washington, Sept. 6.—A story in The New York World of today, exposing the secrets of the Ku Klux Klan, attracted much attention among North Carolinians. As a result of the facts brought out the department of justice will make an investigation, and among those to be questioned will be Major Bruce Craven.

Attorney General Daugherty will ask William J. Burns, chief of the bureau of investigation, to follow up the allegations made against the order and the proof offered, with a view to seeing what can be done to punish or break up the organization, which is now nation-wide in scope.

A senator, whose name is withheld by request, and one house member, will ask Congress to inquire into the activities, the purpose and the effects of the Ku Klux Klan, with a view to enacting laws to prevent such movements in the future.

The World story supports reports to the attorney general on the efforts of the Klan to get a strong foothold in the nation.

The attorney general, through Col. Goff, his assistant, also denied the statement of the Ku Klux Klan organ. The Searchlight, that the department of justice had ever given the organization a "clean bill of health."

Representative Weaver commented as follows on the Ku Klux Klan: "I don't believe in any secret organization of the character, apparently, of this new Ku Klux Klan. I believe that it is not conducive to maintenance of law and order; and, in fact, it might easily become subversive of law and order if it has not already become so."—H. E. C. Bryant in Charlotte Observer.

Mr. W. B. Martin of R. 1, Lumberton, is among the visitors in town today.

Mr. E. J. Wilkins and son, Master Paul Lester, of R. 7, Lumberton, were among the visitors in town Tuesday.

Mr. S. W. West and two sons, Messrs. Albert and Paul of R. 5, Lumberton, are among the visitors in town today.

Loans Approved for Barkers-Ten Mile and Centerville to be Consolidated With St. Pauls District—Other Business Transacted at Meeting of County Board of Education.

A loan of \$6,500 to the Barkers-Ten Mile public school district was approved by the county board of education at its regular monthly meeting Monday, the amount to be used in paying for the school building recently erected. An order was also passed allowing the Maxton graded school to borrow \$10,000 from the State school fund. This is to be used for a new school building now being constructed at Maxton.

The board placed an order for 200 opera chairs for the auditorium of the Barkers-Ten Mile school building.

Tolersville and Centerville public school districts were ordered consolidated with the St. Pauls district.

The board placed an order for a Ford truck to be used in the Parkton school district.

An allowance of \$200 was made district No. 8, colored, Thompson township, for new school building.

The board declined to consolidate the Regan district with either Barkers-Ten Mile or Tabernacle districts.

A. R. Rice was allowed a \$1 rebate on dog tax.

The following committeemen were appointed:

G. B. Lamb in district No. 10, Thompson township, succeeding J. E. Bridgers, who moved out of district; J. A. Nye in district No. 4, Sterlings township, succeeding W. A. Leggett, who resigned; J. C. Henderson in district No. 2, Alfordville township, succeeding W. W. Thompson, who resigned; Lawrence Britt in district No. 2, Maxton township, succeeding C. J. Cottingham, who has moved out of district; Dannie Locklear in district No. 3, Indian, Burnt Swamp, succeeding E. R. Jacobs, who resigned.

The following bills were ordered paid: Observer Printing House, \$35 for record book for board; American Emblem Co. \$150 for dog tags and rings; J. F. McDonald, registrar in Liberty school district election, \$16.

## County's Business

County Commissioners Will be in Session Again Next Tuesday—Change Made in Line Between Britts and Fairmont Townships—F. A. Bracey Appointed Cotton Weigher for Town of Rowland.—The county commissioners will be in session again Tuesday of next week, September 13.

At the regular monthly meeting Monday it was ordered that the line between Britts and Fairmont townships on the west side of Hog swamp be changed so as to put all the lands of J. W. and C. P. Ashley in Fairmont township.

It was ordered that Capt. A. B. Small be allowed to peddle without paying peddler's tax.

Mr. F. A. Bracey was appointed cotton weigher for the town of Rowland and his compensation was fixed at 10 cents per bale, half to be paid by the buyer and half by the seller. He is required to file bond in the sum of \$500.

The regular pauper list was allowed and Mollie Britt and Tom Blackwell were added, each at \$4 per month.

Monthly statements of Bank of Maxton as county treasurer, R. E. Lewis, sheriff, and Dr. E. R. Hardin, county superintendent of health, were filed.

All commissioners were present at the meeting.—J. W. Ward, chairman, C. B. Townsend, Rory McNair, J. G. Hughes, W. J. Council.

—Mr. E. E. Page is critically ill at his home, East Fifth street. He has been in ill health for several months.

—Dr. and Mrs. T. C. Johnson are moving today into the E. L. Holloway residence, North Chestnut street, Mr. Holloway and family having recently moved to Baltimore, Md. Dr. and Mrs. John Knox expect to move soon into the residence, North Elm street, formerly occupied by Dr. and Mrs. Johnson. Dr. and Mrs. R. S. Beam will begin housekeeping in the residence now occupied by Dr. and Mrs. Knox, Walnut street, when they have moved.

—Mrs. John Anderson of St. Pauls is among the visitors in town today. Mrs. Anderson expects to move from St. Pauls to Sanford at an early date. Her husband recently resigned as manager of the St. Pauls flour mill to accept a like position at the plant of the Sanford Milling Co. Mrs. Anderson will join her husband as soon as they can secure a house in Sanford.

—From Thompson hospital: Mr. Wade Johnson, Barnesville, was operated on for gangrenous appendix this morning.—Miss Bessie Ward, R. F. D., Lumberton, was operated on for appendicitis and complications yesterday.—Miss Mary Todd, R. F. D., Lumberton, was operated on Tuesday for appendicitis.—Mrs. Seth Hester of Bladenboro underwent a very serious operation Monday. Her condition is as good as could be expected.

## COTTON MARKET

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 16 1-2 cents the pound. Cotton sold here yesterday morning for 20 cents the pound.

## BRIEF NEWS

—Mr. J. I. Townsend of the Ten Mile section is a Lumberton visitor today. Mr. Townsend reported a good rain in his section last night.

—Fire which started in the waste room at the Lumberton cotton mill last evening about 8:30 was extinguished before much damage was done.

—Mr. R. T. Allen, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. R. T. Allen of Lumberton has been elected captain of the football team at Mars Hill college, where he is a student.

—Mr. E. C. Nye of Orrum passed through town Monday afternoon en route home from Charlotte, where he spent several days undergoing treatment in a hospital.

—Recorder David H. Fuller announces that hereafter he will hold court only on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays; except cases where the defendant is in jail.

—Edwin, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Baker, who recently underwent an operation for acute appendicitis at the Baker sanatorium, was able to return home Monday.

—Mr. J. A. Britt of R. 4, Lumberton, was in town yesterday. His 10-year-old son Tom has been sick for the past week with malaria and Mr. Britt says there is quite a lot of malaria in his neighborhood.

—John F. French & Co. recently purchased a large wholesale stock at Smithfield. Mayor A. E. White, senior member of the firm, went Tuesday to Smithfield to prepare the stock for shipment to the store here.

—The condition of Miss Vista Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Thompson, who has been ill for several weeks, is unimproved. It is probable that Miss Thompson will be taken to the Pennsylvania hospital, Philadelphia leaving this evening.

—A large number of people gathered at the W. Q. Warwick mill pond, 4 miles east of Lumberton yesterday when the pond was drawn off for fishing. Quite a number went into the pond and many fish were caught. The fish were generally small, however.

—Mr. Paul E. Bryant arrived Monday from Fayetteville and will buy cotton on the local market during the coming season. Mr. Bryant had charge of the bonded cotton storage warehouse here last winter. He will buy cotton for Messrs. McConnell & Brooks of Fayetteville.

—Mr. E. J. Davis and sons, H. H. and F. P. Davis, proprietors of the Robeson county tobacco sales warehouse, Fairmont will operate the Piedmont warehouse at Winston, Salem this year. The Winston-Salem market will open September 20. The Messrs. Davis expect to return to Fairmont next season.

—The following young people left this week for colleges: Miss Sarah Carlyle yesterday and Miss Hazel Carlyle this morning for Greensboro College for Women, Greensboro; Messrs. Erwin Williams, Beverly Biggs and Theodore Pope yesterday, for Wake Forest; Mr. Harry K. Russell, yesterday, for Davidson college, Davidson.

—The heat has ranged from 98 to 102 hereabouts for the last week, according to Mr. B. M. Davis, local government weather man. Sunday was the hottest day of them all, the thermometer registering 102 on that day. This was the highest registration for the year. It has ranged as high as 101 several times since Sunday, the lowest for any day being 98.

—You'll admit that it's some hot.

—Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Folger and two children have returned from Rockford, Surry county, where they spent some time visiting relatives. They made the trip on Mr. Folger's auto. Mr. Folger reports unusually poor crops all along the route after leaving Hoke county. The drought has cut all crops short, he says, especially cotton. There has been very little rain in Spry county since last winter, according to Mr. Folger.

—Mr. L. L. Hayes, the pitiful plight of whose infant son has aroused the profound sympathy of many Robesonian readers, was overjoyed Tuesday to receive through Rev. J. M. Fleming contributions from churches amounting to \$13.02—from Oakdale \$6.25, from Roziars \$6.77. This, together with \$3 left at The Robesonian office for Mr. Hayes Monday helps considerably in the fight for the small sufferer's life. Mr. Hayes is going to need more help.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. J. DuBois, who moved to Reidsville some time ago, came back to Lumberton the first of the week after spending a week with relatives at Dillon, S. C., and will leave today for Chattanooga, Tenn., where they will spend some time. Mr. DuBois' health gave way and he had to give up his work in Reidsville. His health has improved since he quit work and he hopes that a month's rest at Chattanooga with relatives will further improve his condition. Later in the fall Mr. and Mrs. DuBois expect to return to Lumberton and live on their farm near town.