

Superior Court

It is Expected That Court Will Adjourn This Afternoon or Tonight—Disposition of Cases.

Superior court for the trial of civil cases, which convened Monday morning, is expected to close this afternoon or tonight. The trial in re the will of the late J. K. Davis, Sr., has been on since yesterday morning. The following cases had been disposed of up to last night:

Maude Snipes Baxley vs. Otis Barnes; judgment for plaintiff in the sum of \$500. The suit charged the defendant with slandering the plaintiff.

Archie McArthur vs. John Johnson, et al; judgment for plaintiff.

Joe B. Bass vs. Pitman Barnes; judgment for plaintiff.

Olin Oxendine vs. W. M. Bridger, administrator; judgment for plaintiff.

Fannie Ray Ricks vs. L. E. Ricks; divorce granted.

Pembroke Planing Mill Co., vs. Peter Dial; judgment that land be held by Caroline Oxendine. This was the oldest case on the civil issue docket, having been begun in May 1909. Several judgments have been signed.

Judge J. H. Kerr of Warrenton is presiding.

GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE BOLL WEEVIL BOOTH AT COUNTY FAIR

Maint From Boll Weevil Laboratory Will Demonstrate Methods of Fighting Weevil.

The U. S. Government will have a booth at the Robeson county fair this year for the purpose of giving information as to the best known methods of fighting the boll weevil, according to advice received by Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator. A representative of the Government boll weevil laboratory, located at Tullulah, La., will be in charge of the exhibit. The exhibit will no doubt be of interest to every cotton grower and business man in the county.

MANY KILLED IN RAILWAY COLLISION IN TUNNEL

Paris, Oct. 5.—(By Associated Press).—A rear-end collision of suburban trains in the half mile tunnel leading to the St. Lazare railroad station tonight led to terrifying scenes and the death of many persons bound on their homeward journey from Paris. The wrecked cars burst into flames, and the disaster was made all the more terrible by the explosion of a gas reservoir.

At a late hour tonight 16 bodies had been recovered. Twenty persons are known to have been seriously injured and 60 others were slightly injured. This, however, gives no idea of the extent of the disaster, because the firemen and others engaged in the work of rescue have been unable to get any distance within the tunnel, owing to the gas fumes.

Robbing Freight Cars and Stealing Cotton Favorite Pastimes.

Mr. R. W. Bullard of Elrod, who is a Lumberton visitor today, says that robbing freight cars of flour, sugar and other provisions is a favorite pastime with some of the colored population up his way, and another favorite pastime is stealing cotton. Pete Bell and French Thompson, colored, were given a 12-months' road sentence each recently by Recorder J. A. McCoy of Rowland on the charge of robbing freight cars at Elrod, and others are under suspicion. Mr. Bullard says one negro in that section has sold three bales of cotton recently and the little patch he raised would not produce more than 400 pounds. While the white folks sleep, Mr. Bullard says, some negroes are busy gathering up cotton in sheets. They take this cotton to Pates, where the gin runs all night, have it ginned and sell it right away.

Many of Charges Against Dr. Mays Found to be Untrue.

Asheville, Oct. 5.—Many of the charges against Dr. Livingston T. Mays, secretary of the southern Baptist assembly at Ridgecrest are unfounded and the evidence in rebuttal convincing and overwhelming, according to statements by the council of the assembly tonight.

A council of representative Baptists called by the executive committee of the southern Baptist assembly met today at the office of Rev. Dr. R. J. Bateman to consider charges against Dr. Mays in connection with his testimony in the case of J. T. Harris, condemned slayer of F. W. Monnich, Alabama churchman.

Condition of Man Shot at Boardman Somewhat Improved.

While the condition of John Bass, who was shot five times by Oas Hinson at Boardman last Friday evening, is still serious, it is somewhat improved. Bass is in the Thompson hospital, having been brought here soon after the shooting. As was stated in Monday's Robesonian, Bass was shot while in Hinson's yard at Boardman, where both men lived, six shots being fired and five taking effect.

Mr. John H. McMarr of Rowland is a Lumberton visitor today.

New Telephones Ready Next Week

Common Battery System Will be Cut In About 15th—No More Old-Time Cranking—Installation of Up-to-Date and Well-Equipped Plant Nearly Completed.

It is the plan of the Southern Bell Telephone Co. to change the 'phone system in Lumberton from the present to the common battery next week, probably on Saturday, the 15th. New lines and cables have been installed in town and new 'phones have been put in to replace the old "sausage grinder" 'phones now in use. Practically all the new 'phones have been put in and the task of testing them out has been begun.

When the cut-over is made Lumberton will enjoy a relief long sought from the old-style 'phone system. The offices of the company, together with the switchboard, will be in the building purchased by the Southern Bell people from Mr. J. A. Branch, Chestnut street. The new switchboard has already been installed and is in readiness for the change. The switchboard is of the latest model Western Electric, as are the new 'phones and other equipment. The installation of the switchboard, etc., is in charge of Mr. F. C. Turrentine, representative of the Western Electric Co. The other work has been supervised by Mr. L. D. Gaddy of the Southern Bell company.

When the new system is put into use the old 'phones will be removed from residences and business houses and there will be but little interruption in the service, according to Mr. C. C. Rogers, manager of the local Southern Bell exchange.

When the change is made Lumberton will have a 'phone system as modern and complete as the system used in the larger cities.

PROCTORVILLE POINTS

Business is Coming Back—Who Will Feed the Boll Weevil?—Protracted Meeting Postponed—Comment About Various Matters.

By W. Jerome Stephens.

Proctorville, Oct. 3.—Business is coming back after a few months vacation.

Farmers in and around town are picking and ginning cotton.

Mr. W. G. Nance left yesterday p. m. for Lumberton, where he will visit friends and relatives.

The Sanitary Market has reopened after a few month's closure. Mr. J. T. Brigeman, proprietor, says he will in a few weeks be able to again accommodate his old customers.

There has been a considerable large amount of cotton sold at Proctorville this season.

"The farmer who plans a crop of cotton next year will be the man who feeds the boll weevil," was the remark of a cotton farmer recently. I would say right here that if the farmers will plough up the cotton stalks and burn them just as soon as the cotton is gathered and broadcast with lime, then take a two-horse turn plough and break up all the farm planted in cotton this year and plant his 1922 crop of cotton early, then I believe he will grow the same crop of cotton next year he has grown this.

Rev. W. H. Dodd, pastor of the 1st Baptist church here, went yesterday to Boardman to conduct a protracted meeting there, but on account of diphtheria he returned and the meeting will be postponed until a later date. Mr. Dodd will fill his appointment here next Sunday night. His text will be one of the Ten Commandments.

The annual Sunday school anniversary was held at Broad Ridge Baptist church Saturday of last week. Those who attended from our town report a nice time.

I heard a farmer remark the other day that he always looked the Robesonian over for the Proctorville points. When asked why, he remarked, "Because the writer always praises Proctorville."

The only nation I think that is on intimate terms with Russia is ruination.

There are exactly 1,996,284 more females in England, Wales and Scotland than there are males, according to the new census.

Charlie Chaplin is on his way to England for a three-months trip to visit his old home, friends, and relatives.

A very severe winter is reported by United States meteorologists. Look out boll weevil!

The Woodford county court house, Illinois, where Abraham Lincoln tried his first case, was formally turned over and dedicated to the State of Illinois as a gift.

Great are the troubles of Charlie Chaplin. Just before he sailed for England to visit his old home of boyhood he was handed a summons in a suit for \$10,000 filed in court by his wife, whom he had divorced several months ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Branton Nye of Boardman are visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Price here.

Mr. W. H. M. Brown of Buie is a Lumberton visitor today.

Mr. J. F. Johnson, cashier of the First National Bank of Fairmont, was a Lumberton visitor yesterday.

2 Saddletree Districts Consolidated

Nos. 1 and 2 Will Unite Next Year—Petition to Unite Alfordville and Rowland Districts Continued—\$25,000 Bonds of Liberty District to be Sold—Trucks to be Purchased for Liberty and Barker-Ten Mile Districts—Other School Matters.

An order consolidating public school district Nos. 1 and 2, Saddletree township, was passed by the county board of education at its regular monthly meeting here Monday, the consolidation to go into effect next school year. A petition asking that Alfordville district be consolidated with the Rowland high school district was tabled until the next meeting of the board.

The board ordered that bonds in the sum of \$25,000 voted by Liberty school district for erecting new school building be advertised and sold.

An order was passed allowing district No. 2, Indian, Lumberton township, \$40 for repairs to school building.

The sum of \$375 was allowed district No. 4, colored, Thompsons township, providing district contribute an equal amount and complete new school building. The old building is to be sold and proceeds from sale turned over to the general school fund.

An order was passed allowing district No. 1, Indian, Raft Swamp township, \$300 for building an addition to school building, providing the district contribute \$275 and complete the work.

Supt. J. R. Poole was instructed to purchase Ford trucks for Liberty and Barker-Ten Mile school districts for conveying pupils. The old Ten Mile school property sale proceeds are to be applied upon payment of truck for that district.

Purchase of 12 double desks for Harper's Ferry Indian school and 10 desks for district No. 3, Fairmont township, was authorized.

The resignation of J. B. Regan as committeeman in district No. 4, Hcwellsville township, was accepted and D. L. Edge appointed to fill out the unexpired term. The resignation of N. F. Barden as committeeman in the Nye school district was accepted. J. G. and J. A. Nye and Pink Byrd were elected as committeemen in this district. The resignation of S. B. Norton as committeeman in district No. 2, St. Pauls, was accepted and R. E. Brison was elected in his stead. W. F. Prevatt was elected as committeeman in district No. 1, Raft Swamp township, succeeding J. M. Powell, resigned.

The following were elected committeemen in the Barnesville consolidated districts: J. W. Barnes, Roger Pitman T. J. Noblin, J. T. Purvis, Von Lewis.

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF ARRAN SOCIETY OCTOBER 11

It Will be Held in Black River Chapel at Ivanhoe—Annual Clan Gathering Will be a Feature.

Ivanhoe, Oct. 3.—The third annual meeting of the Arran-Society River Literary and Historical Society will be held in Black River chapel, Ivanhoe, Tuesday morning, October eleventh.

The speakers for the morning session include Rev. W. P. M. Currie of Wallace, who will open the meeting with prayer; J. W. S. Robinson of Ivanhoe, address of welcome; Thomas J. Murphy of Greensboro, response; address—Scotch subject, title to be announced—by Angus W. McLean, Washington, D. C.; address, "The Scotch Influence in North Carolina, Past and Present; the Importance of Properly Preserving the Relics," by Col. Fred A. Olds, Raleigh; annual report of the president, Dr. J. G. Murphy, Wilmington.

The afternoon session will be marked by a paper: "Some Characteristics of the Scotch," by L. A. Bethune, Clinton; prizes will be awarded by the society; reports from permanent standing committees read, special music provided by music committee—Mrs. W. B. Murphy, chairman, Snow Hill, Miss E. W. Murphy, secretary, Wilmington.

Among the special attractions will be the annual clan gathering, the home coming of the loyal sons and daughters of old Black River chapel; the all-day session with picnic dinner beneath the moss-draped oaks; and an exhibit of relics of the Celtic-Scotch Highlanders. The hospitality of the Black River clansmen will be, as always, lavish. Members and visitors are requested to bring relics for the exhibit to be held under supervision of Historical Museum committee, Miss Edna Robinson, chairman, Ivanhoe. Col. Olds emphasizes the importance of collecting and properly preserving the relics of the Scotch Highlanders.

Officers Capture 3 Barrels of Beer.

Officers yesterday captured three 60-gallon barrels of beer in a bay near Moss Neck. The location where a still had formerly been operated was found by the officers, but the still had been removed. The beer was destroyed. A quantity of sprouted corn was also found. The corn is used in making beer, it is said. Rural Policemen A. R. Pittman and W. A. Smith and Deputy A. H. Prevatt composed the posse.

Many Chances To Win Premiums

Many Articles Not Listed Will be Awarded Premiums at Robeson Fair—Improvements Made in Live Stock Building.

Interest in the coming Robeson county fair, to be held here Oct. 18 to 21, is growing rapidly judging from the numerous inquires received at the offices of the secretary of the association in regard to exhibits and other matters.

Considerable space is being allotted for some of the larger exhibits such as automobiles, commercial exhibits and individuals booths. No space reservation is required for exhibit, of a smaller nature such as enumerated in the premium list and plenty of space will be found for everything brought to the fair.

Fair officials again want to emphasize the fact that numbers of articles not listed in the premium list will be rewarded with premiums provided they are meritorious. Premiums are paid on a great many such articles every year.

Considerable improvement has been made in the livestock exhibition building where hogs can be put in the pens provided for them with a minimum of trouble.

The fair this year will have a larger number of educational exhibits than ever before. Besides the county health department exhibit there will be a boll weevil exhibit in charge of a specialist from the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

ROZIER NEWS ITEMS

Death of Mrs. Nancy Britt—The Latest Perfume—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Roziers (Lumberton, R. 2), Oct. 3.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Powers and son of Saddle Tree spent yesterday at Mr. J. C. Carlyle's.

Mr. Hector McNeill of Rennett was a caller in this vicinity recently.

Messrs. Northrop and Rozier, Harrell and Misses Janie, Bessie and Mary Holder and Mamie Harrell attended preaching at St. Pauls Sunday.

Messrs. Ollie and Preston McLain of Columbus were callers in this vicinity recently.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Tolar and Mrs. E. C. Harrell were visitors at Rennett Sunday.

Messrs. D. S. Carlyle, K. E. Harrell and R. B. Tolar went to Camp Bragg Saturday.

Mrs. Steve Rozier and children, of Barkers, visited friends here Sunday p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Holder and daughter of Lumberton spent Sunday with Mr. A. H. Holder.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Campbell and four children of St. Pauls, R. 4, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Parnell and four sons, of St. Pauls, and Mr. and Mrs. Scott Brison of Parkton spent the weekend with Mrs. N. A. Holder.

Misses Bessie and Mary Lowe spent the week-end at Clyburn.

Mrs. Edgar Smith and baby of Bladen, also Mrs. Avery Powers and baby of Tenille have returned home after a few days visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Britt.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Britt and daughter, Mrs. E. Smith, and two sons, Messrs. Archie and Douglas, visited friends above Fayetteville Sunday.

Rev. Lee Humphrey and two sons, Messrs. Pope and Matthew, of Saddle Tree, visited friends here Sunday.

Some people seem to be real fond of the latest perfume (grape juice). When they use it why don't they stay at home and not let the public know how small they are?

Our community was greatly shocked Wednesday when the news came of the death of Mrs. Nancy Britt. Mrs. Britt was in her 75th year and a member of Rozier Baptist church. She was always present at any religious worship as long as health would permit. She was faithful in all her duties and never tired of serving those she loved.

She made her home with her only son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Britt, since their marriage about 29 years ago.

She also leaves four sisters, seven grand-children and three great-grandchildren, also a host of relatives and friends.

Recorder's Court.

Recorder David H. Fuller continued judgment upon payment of the cost in the case of James McKellar, colored, tried Monday on the charge of being drunk. As was stated in Monday's Robesonian, McKellar admitted being "seriously" drunk.

S. M. Kinlaw was before the recorder Monday afternoon on the charge of giving a worthless check. Judgment was suspended upon condition that the defendant pay the cost and make check good.

Work Began on Temporary School Building.

Work has been begun on the temporary wooden building to be used in taking care of the overrun grades at the graded school. The building is being erected on the lot recently purchased by the school board, near the graded and high school buildings.

Mr. C. W. Graham of Proctorville is among the visitors in town today.

Road Board May Bid On Highway

County Board Considers Submitting Bid on Concrete Road to McNeill's Bridge—Hoke County Renders Larger Bill for Prisoners Than Contract Calls For—Tractor Purchased for Townships Without Bonds—Boards Meet Again Tomorrow—Much Business Transacted.

The county road board held its regular monthly meeting Monday with all members present—J. I. Townsend, chairman, G. H. Floyd, W. L. Thompson and T. O. Evans. The board will meet again tomorrow afternoon at 2:30. The following business was transacted at Monday's meeting:

The committee appointed at the last meeting of the board to purchase mules and equipment for the chain gang reported that eight mules, a wagon and two wheelers had been purchased and it was ordered that note due January 1, 1922, be prepared and forwarded to G. T. Fisher in payment of same.

Attorney Stacy appeared before the board regarding the contract heretofore made with Hoke county for prisoners, stating that Hoke county had included court costs, fine and jail fees in its statement for prisoners recently sent to Robeson chain gang which was not in accordance with the contract with said county, and it was ordered that attorney Stacy and the secretary again take this matter up with Hoke county, and to pay only such court costs as are actually due under said contract.

It was ordered that \$500 be paid from the general road fund to St. Pauls township, on account of highway work.

Supt. Covington reported that a tractor had been purchased from the Fricke Co., for the six townships not having road bonds, and it was ordered that voucher be prepared for \$575 and two notes each for \$550, due six and twelve months, in payment of same.

The committee appointed at the last meeting of the board to settle the controversy regarding a road from Brown's bridge to Raemon, in Alfordville township, had not reached a decision, and upon recommendation of Supt. Covington the new road, running by Mr. J. P. McDonald's place, was ordered adopted, when said road is put in first-class condition and accepted by the superintendent.

Supt. Covington recommended that the road from the N. L. Sinclair place by Mt. Moriah church be built upon condition that proper fills and other work be done as agreed by J. P. Sinclair, acceptable to the superintendent.

The chairman, superintendent and secretary were appointed a committee to consider the advisability of making bids for the construction of a concrete road from Lumberton to McNeill's bridge, as contemplated by the State Highway Commission, and, if considered advisable, to employ an engineer to prepare a suitable bid for same.

It was ordered that the following notes be renewed for 90 days at the Bank of Maxton: Sterlings township, \$250; Burnt Swamp township, \$750; Wisharts township, \$1000; and that \$250 additional be borrowed for Wisharts township, and \$2000 for the county bridge fund for necessary expenses.

It was ordered that the old Red Banks-Alfordville road, leading from the Maxton-Lumberton road to the Fletcher place, a distance of about one mile, be discontinued as a public road, and made a private cartway; and that the crossing at Alma be constructed and used instead, it appearing to the board that this will be more beneficial to the people residing in that section of the county.

It was ordered that the road leading from the Malcolm McLean place to the Maxton-Red Spring road near the Scotland county line be discontinued as a public road.

Light Frost Yesterday Morning—First Frost Last Year Oct. 2.

A light frost was observed by some early risers yesterday morning. Mr. W. C. Townsend, who lives near Lowe and who was a Lumberton visitor yesterday, says one of his neighbors told him he saw it but that it was too light to do any damage. The first frost also very light, in Robeson last year was reported on October 2nd. In 1919 the first frost did not come until November 6.

Mr. Townsend recalls that he saw a killing frost in Robeson on September 25, 1887.

Fox Hunters' Association Will Have Dog Show at County Fair.

It was decided to have a dog show on Friday of the Robeson county fair by the Robeson County Fox Hunters' association at a meeting of the association here Monday. The association has offered a premium of \$5 for the best pair of hounds brought to the fair. Some dandy dogs may be expected at the show.

Mr. C. P. Gaddy of Red Springs was elected president of the Red Springs township branch of the association.

Mr. Joe Mercer of R. 5, Lumberton, was in town this morning.

Messrs. E. C. Nye and I. H. Warwick of Orrum are among the visitors in town today.

COTTON MARKET

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 18 1-4 cents the pound; strict middling 18 3-4 cents.

BRIEF NEWS

—Some early risers report a light frost again this morning.

—The Alfred Rowland chapter, U. D. C., will meet in the high school auditorium tomorrow (Friday) at 3 p. m.

—The condition of Mrs. R. R. Barnes of Barnesville, who has been ill for some time, is reported as slightly improved.

—Mrs. R. T. Allen underwent an operation at the Thompson hospital yesterday morning. Her condition is reported as favorable.

—Mr. Abner Musselwhite, who lives near Lumberton, underwent a mastoid operation at the Thompson hospital Monday and is getting along nicely.

—A force of hands is busy getting fair grounds and buildings in readiness for the fair, which will open on Thursday, October 18, and last through the 21st.

—Mrs. O. O. Dukes underwent an operation at the Thompson hospital yesterday and it is understood that her condition is as favorable as could be expected.

—Mr. George Anthony, proprietor of the New York cafe, underwent an operation for gangrenous appendicitis at the Baker sanatorium Tuesday morning. His condition is reported as favorable.

—Mr. Lee G. Stone arrived home Monday from Augusta, Ga., where he was a member of the Augusta club of the South Atlantic league during the last ball season. He will open an electrical shop here.

—The Symphonica Concert Co. will give a concert here, under the auspices of the Woman's club on the night of November 25. The company is made up of seven people and will give concert supplemented by comedy and other features.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Lettie Kinlaw and H. T. Kinlaw, both of Howellsville township; Mary Catherine Brown of Rex and Herbert Lindsay of Fayetteville; Glenn Hall Graham of Red Springs and Geo. Allen Fuller of Raeford.

—Hearing of the contentions of the county school board and the county commissioners in regard to the amount that should be levied for county schools, set for Monday night, as stated in Monday's Robesonian, before Judge Kerr, has not yet been held.

—The play-ground equipment purchased by the Woman's club for the school grounds is being erected on the lot opposite the school building. The work will probably be completed this week, but it will be a week after erection is completed before the children will be allowed to use it. It will be several days before the concrete used will dry.

—Several ladies have circulated a petition during the past few days requesting Supt. Cale to give long enough recess at noon to allow the school children to go home for lunch. It is understood that a thorough canvass has been made and that a large majority of the patrons have signed the petition, only a small number refusing to sign.

—Mrs. W. P. McAllister arrived home last night from Hendersonville, where she spent the summer. She was accompanied by her aunt Mrs. D. S. McAllister of Miami, Fla., who will spend some time here visiting relatives. Mr. McAllister and daughter, little Miss Nancy Pope, arrived home from Hendersonville a few weeks ago, coming earlier in order that Nancy Pope might enter school. Mr. and Mrs. McAllister own a summer home at Hendersonville.

County's Business

Mr. J. E. McCormick Named Cotton Weigher-Grader for Maxton.

Mr. J. E. McCormick was appointed public cotton weigher-grader for the town of Maxton at the regular meeting of the county commissioners Monday. The compensation was fixed at 10 cents per bale, half to be paid by the seller and half by the buyer. He was required to make bond in the sum of \$500.

As was stated in Monday's Robesonian, the 1921 tax books were turned over to Sheriff R. E. Lewis with instruction to collect same as required by law.

The monthly statements of the Bank of Maxton, county treasurer, and Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, were ordered filed.

Sarah Kelly and T. C. Barber were ordered admitted to the county home. The regular pauper list was ordered paid. Len Berry and Mary Berry were placed on the pauper list at \$4 per month, each, Sam Bethea at \$4, Arrie Enzor at \$4, Lewis and Malinda Hunt at \$3 each, Alex. Grant at \$3, Sophia Baxley at \$5 and Mary Todd was allowed \$10, on account of her helpless and needy condition.

Jim McRae of Lumberton township was allowed rebate on poll tax—\$1.35.

Mr. W. H. Graham of Buie was a Lumberton visitor this morning.