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Several Public Matters Considered

Extension of Paving and Sewer and Water Lines Approved at Meeting of Town Board with a Few Citizens—Other Matters Considered—No Public Notice Given of Meeting—Fireworks Absolutely Prohibited.

Extension of paving on Elm and Chestnut streets, paving sidewalks on East Second street and the extension of sewer and water lines in the eastern part of town were considered at a joint meeting of the mayor and town commissioners and a number of local citizens Friday evening. The meeting was held in the American Legion hall, second floor of the municipal building. The matter was discussed in a general way and the consensus of opinion was that the work should be done at an early date.

State Senator L. R. Varner was present and explained the proposed State-wide municipal legislation to come before the special session of the Legislature, which will convene tomorrow. He thinks this legislation would take care of the needs of Lumberton in putting this improvement program through.

The matter of good roads was also discussed at the meeting Friday evening and the sentiment was unanimously in favor of building good roads throughout the county.

The employment of a whole-time paid secretary for the Lumberton chamber of commerce was also considered. Mayor A. E. White and Mr. K. M. Biggs, a committee appointed at a previous meeting to employ such a secretary, were instructed to get behind the movement and secure a live secretary to handle this work.

The town fathers amended the ordinance relative to the sale of fireworks in the town of Lumberton so as to absolutely prohibit the sale, purchase or firing of fire crackers and other fireworks in the town.

The decision to hold the meeting was reached Friday and many who would have liked to have been present knew nothing of the meeting until it was over.

Congress Will Convene Tuesday

Presence of Members of International Conference Adds New Interest to Opening.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The sixty-seventh Congress will convene for its second session at noon tomorrow.

After a ten-day rest from the labors of the extra session, house and senate return to the capitol to face tasks which leaders predict will occupy probably seven months, dovetailing into the next congressional campaign. Nearly a dozen questions of legislative policy confront the members, while scores of lesser matters, long pent up in the crowded calendar of business, will be passed for action by their sponsors.

President Harding plans to give his message to the new session Tuesday. New and added prominence is attached to the event from the fact that, probably for the first time in American history, the message to Congress will be delivered in the presence of members of an international conference. Many of the delegates to the conference on armaments are expected to attend.

Gun Accidentally Fired: Boy Killed

Leonard Brown, 15 Years Old, Killed Instantly When Gun Was Accidentally Discharged—Gun Dropped Through Laths of Cart in Which Brown and Two Other Boys Were Riding.

Leonard Brown, 15-year-old son of Mrs. Belle Brown, who lives on R. 1, from Fairmont, was accidentally shot and killed Thursday afternoon. Young Brown and two other boys were riding on a road cart and carrying a gun. The gun dropped through the laths in the foot of the cart and was discharged when the hammer struck one of the laths. The load entered the unfortunate boy's left breast and death resulted instantly.

A Florence, S. C., dispatch states that Jim Benton shot and killed Fay Poston and wounded Alger Poston Thursday when the two brothers are said to have trespassed upon the land of Benton after having been warned not to do so, and later shot and wounded the dead man's father when he visited the scene of the shooting. Benton barefooted and hatless and weak from lack of food, gave himself up to an officer Saturday.

Colored Couples Married
Justice M. G. McKenzie has performed the marriage ceremony for the following colored couples since Thursday: Ann McArthur and Sam McDoogal, of Buie, Thursday afternoon; Mary McNair and Frank Thompson, of Lowe, Saturday morning; Rollie Mary Brown and Walter Oliver, of Lumberton, Saturday afternoon.

Special Session Convenes Tuesday

To Make Up Deficiency in School Fund and Correct Municipal Finance Act—Other Legislation May Be Urged—Short Session Expected.

Raleigh, Dec. 4.—The doors to the house and senate chambers in the State capitol will swing open Tuesday morning and the members of the General Assembly will meet in extraordinary session to give consideration to specific matters called to their attention by Governor Morrison, "and to other business."

The Governor's call mentioned specifically the necessity for making up the deficiency in the school fund and the correction of the municipal finance act. The Legislators come especially for this purpose, but other matters of equal interest are looked upon as certain to come up, and the possibility of a mass of local legislation finding a place in the proceedings is still evident.

While everyone who has talked of the special session wants it cut as short as possible, no attempt at checking efforts to have enacted necessary and reasonable local legislation is expected. Governor Morrison himself, while anxious to have the general assembly keep away from bills of a State-wide character that might arouse dissension, is not believed opposed to local legislation that the representatives consider necessary.

It is understood that Governor Morrison is seriously considering asking the assembly to repeal that part of the school law that requires the State to pay one-half of the salaries of county superintendents of education, and thereby leave this matter entirely to the various counties themselves. It is thought the Governor and Dr. Brooks are in entire accord on this matter. Governor Morrison thinks this question ought to be left entirely to the counties, feeling that it is not proper for the State to pay a part of the superintendent of education's salary in each county.

Speaker Harry Grier is among a large number of influential members of the General Assembly who believe that the special session will not last more than ten or twelve days. The members can remain in session with pay for 20 days, but unless unforeseen developments arise in the proceedings of the two houses the full time allowed will not be used. Each day that can be saved will mean a saving to the State of a thousand dollars, and a considerable saving to the individual members as their per diem stipend is not much consequence. If the session can be cut to ten days the State can consider the shortened term as netting a saving of \$10,000.

Speaker Grier is strongly in favor of performing the duties Governor Morrison has called upon the assembly to perform and then to go home. Most of the more influential members who have talked of the session are in accord with his attitude, and other than reasonable and necessary local legislation they are expected to fight any measure that might bring about dissension or difficulties.

Indications are that the Legislature will straighten out the school law and correct the municipal finance act with little difficulty. The proposal of the municipalities to introduce an entirely new finance act may cause some trouble and delay, but it is not believed it will be of consequence. The Watts confirmation is expected to come up in the senate, and the revenue commissioner to be confirmed without opposition.

Advocates of the abolishment of capital punishment are still about and they have been threatening to give some trouble. Representative Spencer, Republican, of Randolph, has drafted a bill to do away with the death sentence, but no one seems to be expecting it to get beyond the committee room. It would amend the laws of the State providing for the death penalty as a punishment for crime by "striking out the word 'death' and inserting in lieu thereof the words 'imprisonment for life in the State prison.'" It also provides that "no crime hereafter committed in the State of North Carolina shall be punished by death."

There's plenty of argument for the death sentence to offset any propaganda that might be brought out during the session in support of the bill. Already a letter received by Legislative Reference Librarian H. M. London from the Attorney General of Tennessee, has been circulated here.—Brock Barkley in Wilmington Star.

Fiddlers' Contest at Barkers-Ten Mile
A fiddlers' convention will be held at Barkers-Tenmile school house Friday evening of this week, beginning at 7:30. Mr. W. F. Blount of Fayetteville will be in charge. A prize will be awarded the best fiddler. There will also be a contest for any with banjos, mandolins, etc. Admission 25 and 50 cents. Proceeds will go into piano fund for school.

Mr. D. J. Smith, who lives on the edge of Robeson near Hope Mills, was a Lumberton visitor this morning. Messrs. G. S. Harrell and D. B. McNeill of the Rennett section are Lumberton visitors today.

Various Fights Aired Before Recorder

Weapons Ranged from Fists to Saw Log—18 Months on Roads for Resisting Officers—An Officer and 3 Others Taxed With Costs for Affray.

Fights in which fists, knives, shovels and a "saw log" were used as weapons were aired before Recorder David H. Fuller Saturday—and it took all day to air them. The first case to come up was that of Luther and Richard Hardin, Indians. Luther was found guilty of assault upon his brother, Richard, with a pole which measured around 7 feet in length and which was referred to during the trial as a "saw log." Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost. Luther was found not guilty of cursing on the public highway. Luther had Richard indicted on the charge of assaulting him with a knife, but he was found not guilty.

Willie Depeue was fined \$10 and cost on the charge of assaulting Nye Wilkins with a shovel. Wilkins carried one arm in a swing as a result of Depeue's use of the above on him.

Tom Handon, colored, was up on the charge of resisting an officer. Judgment was prayed in a continued judgment and Handon was sentenced to serve 18 months on the county roads. He gave notice of appeal and bond was fixed at \$500, in default of which he was remanded to jail. Handon served one term on the roads for alleged mistreatment of his wife. He was tried again soon after completing the sentence and prayer for judgment was continued. He was charged with continuing the mistreatment and Friday night Policemen D. M. Barker and Vance McGill went to arrest him. He made a strong fight and was apprehended after giving the officers a tussel and a race. Evidence brought out at the trial indicated that Tom had secured a bad gun and had repeatedly threatened the life of the officer who might "go after" him.

"Luke" Britt, A. L. James, Herman Parham and Raymond Musselwhite were all found guilty of an affray and each taxed with the cost. This trial grew out of a fight which took place Monday night at Bullock's garage. Musselwhite, who is a member of the local police force, went to the garage to see Britt about getting an overcoat which a traveling man left at the union station. Some words were passed and the fight followed.

Arms Conference In Brief Recess

But for Most Delegates There is No Rest from "Informal Consultations"—Progress on All-Important Subject of Naval Ratio Awaits Word from Tokio.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The arms conference is in recess until Wednesday, but for most of the delegates there is no rest from the increasingly prominent "informal consultations" in which individuals and small groups exchange views on important phases of the negotiations.

For the present these interviews are concerned chiefly with collateral elements of the situation while progress on the all-important subject of naval ratio awaits further word from Tokio. The far eastern discussions are to be resumed at a meeting of the committee of the whole on Wednesday, but it may be late in the week before the Japanese have received instructions from their government warranting a further step in the naval exchanges.

Like the deliberations of the lesser groups, the actual state of affairs in regard to the naval ratio remains secret, with the result that in its present phase most of the happenings of the conference must remain a mystery to the public. Even the delegates of some of the nations represented here are ignorant of what is in the minds of the naval "big three"—Hughes, Balfour and Kato—who are described as regarding it as a "matter of honor" not to divulge what happened at their two-hour conference on Friday night.

Woman Found Insane; Not Guilty of Murder.

Orlando, Fla., Dec. 2.—Lena M. T. Clarke was found to be insane and not guilty on the charge of murdering F. A. Miltimore here on the night of August 1, last, by a jury in circuit court late today. Baxter Patterson, indicted with Miss Clarke, was acquitted. The jury deliberated about two hours and 15 minutes.

Judge Andrews said he would continue to hold Miss Clarke in jail here until he had gone further into the evidence in the case. The action of the court in holding Miss Clarke until investigation of evidence is taken to indicate that he may order her incarceration in the state insane asylum at Chattahoochee.

Mr. W. N. Smith of Pembroke was a Lumberton visitor this morning. Mr. W. H. Lamb of R. 7, Lumberton, is in town today. Mr. Bill Leggett of R. 3, Lumberton is in town today.

Red Cross Roll Call Begins Today

Help Boost the Local Membership to 300 or More—Red Cross is Doing Great Work for Disabled Former Service Men.

The annual Red Cross roll call was begun here today. Mrs. W. W. Parker is heading the drive, assisted by others. An effort will be made to bring the local membership to 300. Have your dollar ready when the solicitor calls.

Here are some reasons why you should belong to the American Red Cross:

Because It Is Helping the Nation's Disabled Service Men.

During the last year 2,397 American Red Cross chapters, in as many communities, carried on organized work for the service and ex-service men of the American army and navy and their families.

On July 1, 1921, there were 11,690 men under medical and surgical care in army and navy hospitals and posts. In these establishments were 280 Red Cross workers who made an average of 83,995 service visits each month during the year.

In 1,892 U. S. Public Health Service, contract and Government hospitals and soldiers' homes there were 26,300 disabled ex-service men. In these establishments 448 Red Cross workers rendered the same aid given the patients while they were in active service.

Every month during the last year the American Red Cross has been in touch with an average of 129,215 ex-service men and their families.

It rendered home service every month to the families of 14,574 men of the peace-time army and navy.

It made 32,495 loans of money to men entering Federal vocational training, pending the arrival of their compensation checks.

For the veterans of the world war the American Red Cross is providing service costing \$10,000,000 a year. This is more than all the membership fees paid to the Red Cross during the last roll call.

Your membership dollar will help to keep this work going until the need is over.

Mrs. Bridges at the Singer sewing machine office, Elm and Fourth streets, has a supply of receipts and buttons, so if the solicitor misses you, call there and enroll.

LUMBEE TENT ELECTS OFFICERS AND HAS A BANQUET

Members of Tent Have a Delightful Evening—One of Livest Tents in State

The following officers were elected by Lumbee tent No. 18, Maccabees, at the regular review Friday evening: Past commander, Rossie B. Britt; commander, J. T. Penny; lieutenant commander, John W. Long; recorder, L. M. McKenzie; chaplain, F. Grover Britt; physician, Dr. J. A. Martin; sgt., Hayes Pittman; master at arms, W. C. Cribbs; first master guards, Oakley Lovett, second master guards, J. O. Horn; sentinel, Alex. Sessoms; picket, J. B. Bruton.

The review was attended by more than 30 Sir Knights. After the regular business meeting several short addresses were made, this being followed by a banquet. Oysters and other edibles, soft drinks, cigars and cigarettes were served in abundance. The occasion was altogether delightful.

Lumbee tent is one of the liveliest in the State, having a membership of 57. Reviews are held each Friday evening at 7:45 and the reviews are well-attended. As has been stated in The Robesonian, this tent has twice been honored with three officers in the State tent, a distinction that has not been conferred upon any other tent in the State though some have much larger membership.

Much Army Material Turned Over to This State for Road Work

Washington, Dec. 2.—The Federal government has turned over to North Carolina for road building purposes more than \$3,000,000 worth of surplus army equipment. This is shown by a summary prepared by the Department of agriculture's bureau of roads. It is set out that up to November 1, the State authorities of North Carolina had received 620 trucks and 112 automobiles under the Wadsworth-Kahn act which authorizes the war Department through the Agricultural Department, to distribute surplus army material to the various states.

Total value of the property turned over to North Carolina at the time of the last compilation is given as \$3,093,920. Value of equipment distributed to other Southern States is given as follows:

Virginia, \$2,902,000; South Carolina, \$1,768,000; Georgia, \$4,271,000; Tennessee, \$3,156,000.

Altogether approximately \$150,000,000 worth of surplus war material turned over by the War Department to the Department of Agriculture was distributed through the bureau of public roads to the various states for road building purposes by November.—Theodore Tiller in Greensboro News.

Growth of 1st Baptist in 2 Decades

610 Members Now as Against 227 Twenty-One Years Ago—3 Other Local Baptist Churches Organized During That Time With Combined Membership of 1,300—Dr. Durham Has Served 17 Years.

The church covenant was read by Rev. Dr. Chas. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, at the morning service yesterday. After reading the covenant, Dr. Durham gave some interesting figures relative to the growth of this church during the last two decades. Twenty-one years ago the church had 227 members. Now it has a membership of 610. Since that time three other Baptist churches have been organized—East, West and North Lumberton—and the combined membership of the four churches totals around 1,300. Twenty-one years ago the total contributions for all objects, including pastor's salary, totaled \$1,500 while last year the First Baptist church alone made contributions totaling \$25,000.

Yesterday was the third anniversary of Dr. Durham's second pastorate of this church. He served the church fourteen years before, making a total of 17 years as pastor. A large crowd attended the service yesterday morning despite the threatening weather. Dr. Durham told of the great work being done by the various agencies of the church and the field for ever a greater service.

"Ruth's Choice", was the subject of Dr. Durham's sermon last evening, the sermon being especially for young ladies. Music was furnished by the Fidelis class of the Sunday school.

SUPERIOR COURT

Superior court for the trial of civil cases convened at 10:30 this morning with Judge J. H. Kerr of Warrenton presiding. The following out-of-town attorneys are attending court today: Messrs. G. B. Patterson, J. E. Carpenter and H. A. McKinnon, Maxton; W. E. Lynch, Rowland.

THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

Mrs. Murdock McCormick
Maxton Scottish Chief: Mrs. Murdock McCormick, who had been in ill health for a number of months, died Tuesday evening about 7 o'clock at the home of her daughter Mrs. Hester, of McColl, S. C., with whom she made her home. She was about 77 years of age, and the mother of Mr. Arch McCormick, of Pembroke, also an aunt of Mr. Luther McCormick of Maxton. Deceased was laid to rest in the McCormick cemetery near Laurinburg, Wednesday afternoon, 3 o'clock. She was a good woman and will be sadly missed. Mr. and Mrs. Arch McCormick, of Pembroke, with Mr. and Mrs. Luther McCormick, Mrs. J. D. Medlin and Miss Sara McCormick, of Maxton, tended the funeral.

J. C. Birmingham of Laurinburg
Mr. J. C. Birmingham, father of Mr. R. C. Birmingham, formerly of Lumberton, died Thursday at his home in Laurinburg. Deceased was 68 years of age and death resulted from a stroke of paralysis. Interment was made in the family burying plot in Laurinburg Friday.

Mr. Isham Kinlaw.
Mr. Isham Kinlaw, aged 75 years, died Friday night at his home near Smith's church. Deceased had been ill for some time and his death was not unexpected. The funeral was conducted Saturday at 3 p. m. by Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, Lumberton, and interment was made in the family cemetery. Several children survive.

James Brayboy, Indian, Centenarian.
James Brayboy, Indian, aged 100 years, died last night at his home, three miles north of Lumberton, of the infirmities of old age.

CONSTRUCTION BONDS SELL AT A PREMIUM

Raleigh, Dec. 2.—Another big sale of state bonds was made today, a syndicate of New York bankers purchasing \$2,872,500 of construction bonds at 102 1-2. The premium amounts to approximately \$71,000 and makes the interest on the bonds about 4.80 per cent.

This money will be put into the construction work on the state's asylums and hospitals, which are being enlarged and improved, Governor Morrison announced.

The bond sale was consummated this afternoon by State Treasurer B. R. Lacy after a conference with the governor and council of state. The purchasers were the same banks that bought the first \$5,000,000 of bonds sold by the state a few weeks ago. The premium paid for the purchase of today was greatly in excess of that given for the first bonds.

The syndicate making the purchase is headed by the First National bank No. 2, of Wall Street. An offer for the purchase of \$15,000,000 of bonds was turned down only a few days ago.—Brock Barkley in Charlotte Observer.

COTTON MARKET

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 16 cents the pound.

BRIEF ITEMS AND LOCAL NEWS

—License has been issued for the marriage of Rowland Mercer and Pearl Tyner.

—Reported: Born to Mr. and Mrs. John McLean, on November 22, a 3-pound daughter.

—Dr. T. A. Norment recently presented the graded and high schools with two historic pictures.

—The county commissioners, the county board of education and the county road board are in session here today.

—Miss Cora C. Collins has finished her season as trimmer for Miss Josephine Breece and will leave in a few days for her home at Cristfield, Md.

—Mr. C. O. Rogers has opened a gasoline filling station in the new building recently erected by Messrs. C. M. Fuller & Son, Chestnut and Second streets.

—The Woman's Club will have hand-made aprons on display and sale tomorrow in the Singer sewing machine office. These are suitable for useful Christmas gifts.

—The Scottish Chief says that fire that started about 4 a. m. Tuesday in the colored Methodist church at Maxton destroyed the parsonage and its contents and the church near the parsonage.

—A professional bicycle rider entertained hundreds of people in front of the court house Saturday. His stunts were clever and those who saw them are unanimous in the decision that he can ride a wheel.

—The rains of the past ten days brought the water up in the wells, many of them having been dry for some time. In some instances farmers had difficulty in securing water for their stock as a result of the prolonged drought.

—Mr. S. N. Martin of R. 1, St. Pauls, brought to The Robesonian office this morning a freak ear, or ears, of corn. One large ear is surrounded by seven small ones, all under the same sheath. Mr. Martin gathered the corn on his farm.

—Mr. R. G. McCormick and son, Mr. Daniel McCormick, who live on R. 3 from Fairmont, were Lumberton visitors this morning. They were on their way to Orum, where the latter is attending school, having been on a week-end visit to his home.

—Mr. Clayton Hall underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Thompson hospital Saturday. His condition is reported as very favorable.

—The condition of Mr. Frank Collins, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at the hospital Wednesday, is reported favorable.

—Born, Thursday, to Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Stack, a 12-pound boy, at the home of Mrs. Stack's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. McIntyre, Walnut and Sixth streets. Mr. Stack arrived yesterday from New York city, where he recently accepted a position, and expects to return to New York Wednesday.

—Mr. C. D. Williamson and sons, Masters Wilbur and Donovan, of Parkton, were Lumberton visitors Saturday. Mr. Williamson reported that the new pastor of the Parkton Methodist church and circuit, Rev. R. F. Munns, Mrs. Munns and their five children moved to Parkton last week from Roseboro, Sampson county, and that Mr. Munns would fill his first appointment at Parkton yesterday.

—Mr. J. D. Taylor of Red Springs, who had been receiving treatment at the Baker sanatorium, went home Saturday.—Miss Kate Watson of Lake View, S. C., who underwent an operation for appendicitis Friday, is getting along nicely.—Mrs. G. H. Wiggins of Red Springs, who underwent a serious operation Monday, is getting along splendidly.—Mr. L. S. Townsend of McDonalds, who is receiving treatment in the sanatorium, is very much improved.—Mrs. D. B. McIntyre, who has been receiving treatment in the sanatorium, is very much improved.—Little Lillie Snead Varner, who is in the sanatorium for treatment, is getting along nicely.

CAROLINA LAWMAKERS ARE IN FOR A SEIGE

Women to Lobby at Raleigh for Action on Their Program for "Equal Rights."

Washington, Dec. 2.—When the North Carolina legislature meets the national woman's party will press for action on its "equal rights" legislative program Miss Anita Politzer and other expert lobbyists will go to Raleigh to argue with the legislators.

A whole regiment of Miss Alice Paul's workers have been bombarding the Louisiana solons. They boast that they "passed legislation admitting women to public office on the same basis as men and repealing nine specific legal and political discriminations against women."

North Carolina is in for a seige. The national woman's party is fairly well supplied with campaign funds, and will "worry" many a lawmaker the coming winter.—H. E. C. Bryant in Charlotte Observer.

Mr. J. H. Stone of R. 4, Lumberton, was in town Saturday.