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Perished Performing Heroic Deed

Baby and Small Girl Burned to Death—Girl Rushed Into Burning House to Save Baby and Charred Remains Were Found With Baby in Her Arms.

MOTHER OF BRAVE GIRL DIED IN HOSPITAL ABOUT SAME HOUR

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Oliver of the Marietta section and a small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Oliver of Sellers, S. C., were burned to death at Sellers Tuesday of last week. The baby was in a house where some cotton was stored when the house caught on fire. The little girl rushed into the burning building in an effort to rescue the baby and both were burned to death. After the building had burned down the charred remains were found, the baby being in the arms of the little girl. Mrs. Ed Oliver, mother of the little girl, died in a hospital about the same time. The funeral of all three was conducted at the same time Wednesday and interment made in Olivet cemetery, Marietta.

Special Session Will End Tuesday Night

Municipal Finance and Education Bills Will Be Rushed Through—Over 300 Local Bills Have Been Passed.

Raleigh, Dec. 18.—Determined that the special session must be adjourned by Tuesday night, house and senate members are planning to rush through the municipal finance act and the Matthews educational bill, sidetracking other measures which advocates are wanting passed at this time.

The senate will give chief consideration tomorrow to Senator DeLaney's proposal to correct the senate journal so that third reading passage of the regular session municipal finance act will be properly accorded. The house will pull on final reading of the new finance act and also the educational bill.

An effort will be made to obtain reconsideration of the bill repealing the law fixing penalties for failure or delays in the payment of taxes. There is a strong sentiment in the house in favor of the repealing of this law, and supporters believe that if reconsideration can be gained, tax payers will be freed from the dangers of penalty for delinquency in meeting the tax bills.

Most local measures which flooded both houses earlier in the session have either been passed or killed and little remains to receive the attention of the representatives on the two final days other than the state-wide measures. Considerably more than 300 local bills have been recorded in the secretary of state's office as having passed both houses.—Brock Barkley in Wilmington Star.

CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR INMATES OF COUNTY HOME

Woman's Club Will Have Charge—Send Contributions to Mrs. John Knox.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Miss Lizzie Caldwell, finds it not convenient to take charge of the Christmas dinner for the inmates of the county home this year, but the Woman's Club has kindly consented to take it. All contributions will be sent to Mrs. John Knox not later than Saturday morning, December 24th.

We hopes all will help in this worthy cause. Send something, you will enjoy your own dinner better.

Four Young Men Shaken Up and Bruised in Ford Turnover Last Night

Messrs. J. L. Spivey, H. S. Burnap, A. H. Isley and Jack Spruill, all of Lumberton, had a close call last night about 8 o'clock when a Ford car in which they were riding turned turtle on the Lumberton-Maxton road, near Pates. Mr. Spivey's right arm was badly cut and he was somewhat bruised. Mr. Isley was also badly shaken up and bruised, while Messrs. Burnap and Spruill escaped with slight injuries. Messrs. Spivey, Isley and Burnap were taken to the Thompson hospital after the accident, where their wounds were dressed.

The car turned turtle in making the sharp curve where the highway crosses the Seaboard railroad. Mr. Spivey, who was driving, says he was too near the curve before he slowed down to make it, which resulted in the car turning over. The occupants were pinned underneath the car.

Recorder's Court. "Not guilty," was the verdict of Recorder David H. Fuller in all the cases "aired" Saturday. Berry and Henry Sellers were charged with killing a hog belonging to E. S. Walters of the "Kansas" section, near Barnesville. Bud Singletary was up on the charge of being drunk and disorderly on the streets of East Lumberton and also with assault upon Tony Ward.

Carey McDonald Killed Last Night

Gun With Which He and 12-Year-Old Brother Were Tussling in Front of Home Near Roziers Was Discharged and Load Entered Carey's Head—Boy Says He Did Not Know Gun Was Loaded—Funeral Will Take Place at Old Great Marsh Church Tomorrow at 11 A. M.

Carey McDonald, about 23 years old, was shot last night about dusk in front of the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McDonald, near Rozier church, 4 miles from St. Pauls, and died 2 hours later without regaining consciousness. He and his 12-year-old brother Newland were tussling with a double-barrel shotgun when it discharged, the load taking effect in Carey's head, just above the right eye. Nelson says he did not know the gun was loaded.

Deceased is survived by his widow, who was Miss Lella Mudd of Gibson, and a 3-months-old baby. They lived with the parents of the deceased, who had planned to begin work this morning erecting a residence on a farm given him by his parents near their home. He is also survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McDonald, 5 sisters—Mesdames Charlie Allen and Lee Throver of St. Pauls, Luther White of St. Pauls, R. 2, Elmer Kinlaw of Barkers (Lumberton R. 1), Troy Lawson of Orrum— and 3 brothers—W. J. of Palatka, Fla., and Masters Newland and Raymond, who live with their parents.

The funeral and interment will take place Tuesday at 11 a. m. at the old Great Marsh church.

Various reports have been circulated about this distressing accident. The facts recited above were given The Robesonian by Mr. Elmer Kinlaw, a brother-in-law of deceased, who arrived at the home shortly after the accident occurred. One report has it that the older man threw a stick of wood at the boy, who then got the gun, which Carey grabbed in an effort to prevent his shooting. An inquest is being held this afternoon.

Fair Grounds Improvements Planned

Dwelling House Will Be Built and Additions Will Be Made to Exhibition Buildings—Cash Dividend of 9 Per Cent. Declared—Officers Elected.

All the old officers were re-elected at the annual meetings of the directors and stockholders of the Robeson County Fair association Thursday evening. These are: president, Frank Gough; vice-president, T. L. Johnson; secretary-treasurer, W. O. Thompson; directors, D. D. Frech, W. O. Thompson, Frank Gough, B. Sam Edwards, J. A. Carlyle, K. M. Barnes, J. N. Regan, L. B. Barnes, T. L. Johnson.

The directors were authorized by the stockholders to erect a dwelling house on the grounds. The building will be rented to some person who will look after the grounds and buildings. It was pointed out that much material, such as lights, wiring and electrical fixtures, has been stolen on several occasions. Some additions will also be made in the exhibition buildings.

The Robeson fair was one of the few in eastern North Carolina that declared a dividend this year. A cash dividend of 9 per cent was declared.

SEVERAL WILL OFFER FOR JOB AS SOLICITOR 9th DISTRICT

T. L. Johnson, W. S. Britt and T. A. McNeill of Local Bar Probably Will Be Candidates to Succeed Solicitor McLean.

Indications point to a field full of candidates for solicitor of this, the Ninth, district, when the primary or rives next June. Three Lumberton men—Messrs. T. L. Johnson, W. S. Britt and T. A. McNeill, all members of the local bar—are considering "coming out."

This district is composed of four counties—Robeson, Hoke, Cumberland and Bladen. Mr. S. B. McLean is the present solicitor and it has not been learned whether or not he will offer for re-election next year.

Mr. J. Dickson McLean of the local bar also has considered entering the race, but says now that he has decided not to offer. Messrs. Johnson, Britt and McNeill stated to a Robesonian reporter that while they did not care to commit themselves definitely at this time, their present purpose is to make the race.

Business Houses Will Be Closed December 26th.

Next Monday, December 26th, will be observed as a holiday, since Christmas comes on Sunday, and all business houses of Lumberton will be closed on that day.

IN ARMY STORE AD ON PAGE 2

Wool Blankets should be \$2.50 and \$3.50. Army Wool Shirts should be \$1.75 and up instead of 75 cents.

County Cooperative Meeting Wednesday

Large Attendance is Expected at Meeting Here Wednesday—Township Officers and Delegates Were Elected Saturday.

LUMBERTON TOWNSHIP OFFICERS AND DELEGATES

As has been stated in The Robesonian, a meeting in the interest of co-operative marketing of cotton and tobacco will be held in the court house here Wednesday of this week at 11 a. m. Township meetings were held Saturday afternoon, delegates being appointed from the various townships to the county meeting to be held Wednesday. Indications point to a large attendance at the meeting here, according to Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator. County officers will be elected at the meeting Wednesday.

The following officers were elected at the Lumberton township meeting held Saturday at 2 p. m.: president, W. P. Barker; vice-president, R. H. Crichton; secretary-treasurer, O. O. Dukes. The following delegates were elected to the county meeting: D. B. McNeill, W. K. Bethune, R. H. Crichton, W. P. Barker, O. O. Dukes; alternate, Herod Allen, S. Powell, Mrs. Alf H. McLeod. The meeting was well-attended and those present are apparently much interested in the co-operative marketing movement.

FAIRMONT TOWNSHIP OFFICERS AND DELEGATES

Special to The Robesonian. Fairmont, Dec. 19.—An interesting township meeting in the interest of co-operative marketing was held here Saturday afternoon. The following officers were elected for the township organization: president, O. I. Floyd; vice-president, I. M. Thompson; delegates to county meeting to be held in Lumberton Wednesday: I. M. Thompson, A. P. Floyd.

\$34.55 Raised at Box Supper at Glennwood

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Rowland, R. 3, Dec. 17.—There was a box supper at Glennwood school house, near Rowland, last night. The amount received for the boxes was \$15.50. After the boxes were sold, there was a voting contest as to which was the prettiest girl present. The highest number of votes for any of the girls was 910, at one cent a vote. The amount received from the voting contest was \$19.05. The total proceeds were \$34.55, which will be used to purchase supplies for the school. All present seemed to enjoy themselves.

MRS. ROSA LEE BOWEN, Teacher.

Prison Sentence for Automobile Thieves

Raleigh, Dec. 16.—C. J. Kelly, Sanford automobile dealer, was sentenced to five years in the Atlanta penitentiary and fined \$5,000 in United States district court today for interstate traffic in stolen automobiles, when the jury brought in a verdict of guilty against Kelly and A. W. Hoffman, major in the New York national guard, and Harry Craig, of German, Pa., who were tried jointly with him. George Scott, suspended member of the New York automobile squad, and Frank Moran, of New York, other defendants in the case, were acquitted. District Attorney Aydtlett reserved prayer for judgment against Hoffman and Craig.

Britain Has Ratified Treaty

London, Dec. 16.—(By The Associated Press.)—Prolonged cheering greeted the announcement this afternoon that both houses of the British parliament had ratified the treaty creating the Irish free state by emphatic majorities. The house of commons immediately after the vote was taken approving the reply to the king's speech from the throne which meant ratification of the treaty, recessed until Monday to await action on the treaty by the Dail Eireann, which is deliberating in Dublin.

Box Supper at Deep Branch

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Lumberton, Dec. 17.—There will be a box-supper at Deep Branch school house Thursday night before Christmas, December 22. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the school. The public is cordially invited.

J. N. Bowen, Bessie Oxendine, Teachers.

Box and Fruit Supper

The Robesonian has received an unsigned notice to the effect that a box and fruit supper will be given Wednesday night of this week at Pleasant Hope school house, proceeds to be used for the benefit of the school. Since it is not known who is responsible for sending the notice this is given merely as a rumor.

—Rev. Paul T. Britt and family moved last week from Bolivia, Brunswick county, to Mr. Britt's farm near Mt. Elim church.

Three Powers Agree On Naval Ratio

First Great Stride Taken Toward Five-Power Treaty Limiting Naval Armaments.

The first great stride toward a five-power treaty limiting naval armaments was taken Thursday night when the United States, Great Britain and Japan announced a final agreement on the American "5-5-3" ratio, states a Washington dispatch.

The next step—elaboration of the agreement to include France and Italy—was initiated immediately within the new naval committee of 15, in which all five powers are represented.

Agreement among the three major naval powers was reached on the basis of a "status quo" understanding as to fortification of the Pacific islands. At the same time the United States and Great Britain acceded to Japan's desire to retain her newest battleship, the Mutsu, with proportionate changes in the American and British fleets.

While the principles of the original American proposal were not impaired by the triangular agreement, the settlement contemplates the following changes in fleets to be retained:

Great Britain, 20 ships instead of 22, with an aggregate of 582,050 tons instead of 604,450 tons.

United States, 18 ships as originally proposed, but with an aggregate of 525,000 tons instead of 500,650 tons.

Japan, 10 ships as originally proposed, but with an aggregate of 313,300 tons instead of 299,700 tons.

At the end of the 10-year building holiday, the fleets will stand under the revised detailed plan as follows:

Great Britain 525,000 tons; United States, 525,000 tons; Japan 315,000 tons.

In announcing the three-power agreement to the committee of 15 the official explanation was made:

"This arrangement between the United States, Great Britain and Japan is, so far as the number of ships to be retained and scrapped is concerned, dependent upon a suitable agreement with France and Italy as to their capital ships."

The maximum tonnage displacement of future capital ships is fixed at 37,000 tons, American measure, instead of 35,000 tons. It is understood this change was made to meet the British practice of equipping capital ships with anti-submarine coat "blisters," evolved during the war. These outside air compartments along the ship's hull add to the ship's weight.

The change in the naval scrapping plan was officially estimated tonight as being calculated to yield an additional saving of from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 for the United States, while it will add \$60,000,000 or more to Great Britain's expenditures and make no change over the original proposal for Japan.

Mr. J. H. Sellers and daughter, Miss Docia Sellers, of R. 1, Orrum, were among the shoppers in town Saturday.

Miss Helen Spruill, a student in the Lumberton high school, left Saturday for Roseboro to spend the holidays with relatives.

Miss Thelma Gatewood left Saturday for Wadesboro to visit relatives.

CHRISTMAS TREE WEDNESDAY

The primary department of the Presbyterian Sunday school will have the annual Christmas tree Wednesday afternoon of this week at 5 o'clock.

Rennett School Will Give a Play December 23

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Rennett, Dec. 17.—A play will be given by the Rennett high school Friday, December 23rd. Public invited. Admission, 15 and 25 cents.

J. D. CRAFT, Prin.

Good Supply of Meat

Judging from the number of large porkers being killed, the farmers of Robeson county must have raised an unusual supply of meats this year. Every farm should produce enough meat to supply it, and then some.

Mr. M. W. Bryant of Wadesboro spent yesterday here visiting at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bryant.

Mrs. A. M. Hartley and daughter, little Miss Frances, left yesterday for Batesburg, S. C., where they will spend the holidays visiting relatives and friends. Mr. Hartley will join them later.

Mr. A. L. Farmer of Red Springs was a Lumberton visitor Saturday.

Mr. A. B. Andrews of the U. S. navy is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Andrews, near Fairmont. He was a Lumberton visitor Friday.

Mr. W. L. Thompson of R. 4, Lumberton, was among the visitors in town Friday.

—Mr. J. B. Byrd and family moved last week to the National cotton mills village from St. Pauls.

Basketball

PARKTON GIRLS AND LUMBERTON BOYS WIN AT PARKTON

Two Hard-Fought Basketball Games—It is Planned to Form League of School Teams After Holidays. Reported for The Robesonian.

The boys and girls of Lumberton and Parkton engaged in two hard-fought basketball games at Parkton Thursday. The girls played first and during the first half, with the score five to nothing, it looked as if the Lumberton girls would have an easy time winning. Parkton threw a field and foul goal before the end of this half, however, and then came back still stronger, ending the game with a 9 to 5 victory.

The boys' game was the fastest played so far this season by either team. Lumberton scored first but during the first five minutes Parkton tied the score. Thereafter, Lumberton by superior passwork and all-round good playing, kept a safe lead, ending the first half by a margin of 11 to 6 and winning by 23 to 9. The features were the five safe foul shots of Williamson, the smooth passwork of the entire Lumberton team, the goal throwing of H. Bryan and the guarding of Captain Floyd.

Lumberton, together with the other school-teams of Robeson county, is planning to form a league just after the Christmas holidays and we are expecting to have some real contenders for the state championship.

The line-up follows:

Girls' Teams. Parkton—Beard (5), Brown (4), McDonald, Council, Blount; Lumberton—Weinstein (3), Edwards (2), Barker, Allen, Nash.

Boys' Teams. Parkton—Williamson (6), Moore (3), Ferrell, Armstrong, Blount; Lumberton—Bryan H. (12), Bryan D. (7), Hedgpeth (4), Floyd, Prevatt.

Referee: White (Vanderbilt.)

LUMBER BRIDGE TEAMS ARE COMING INTO THEIR OWN

Good Games Played With Parkton St. Pauls and Raeford Last Week.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Lumber Bridge, Dec. 16.—The Lumber Bridge basketball teams are now coming to their own. On Tuesday afternoon they went over to Parkton and played their friends two games. After a close and exciting game the local boys lost 12 to 14, while their sisters won from the Parkton girls 24 to 8.

On Thursday both teams went over to St. Pauls and came home with two victories won from the St. Pauls teams. The Lumber Bridge girls won from the St. Pauls girls 12 to 6, while the boys came away with a 9 to 7 decision.

Yesterday afternoon the boys played Raeford in one of the clearest and prettiest games ever witnessed on the home court. The home boys won 14 to 4 by their all-round good team work. We all enjoy good clean games such as the Raeford boys gave us.

CHAPPELL WILSON.

POSSES SEARCH FOR ASSAILANT OF FWHITE WOMAN

Charlotte Observer, Dec. 19: With the offering of a \$500 reward for the arrest of Ada Miller, alias "Adam Brown," colored, alleged assailant of Mrs. D. F. Finger on Saturday night at her home at the three-mile post on the Matthews road, the dragnet around the negro is supposed to have closed in at a late hour last night when several posses were trailing him in the neighborhood of Matthews.

Indications were last night that another day will see the negro in custody.

Governor Morrison, in telephonic communication with Mayor James O. Walker, yesterday said the state would pay a reward of \$500 for Miller's arrest and Mayor Walker said the city would pay an additional \$100 reward for the arrest of the negro. In addition, Governor Morrison stated that as soon as the case could be put in shape, he would order a special term of court, believing that such cases should have a speedy hearing.

At St. Peter's hospital where Mrs. Finger was rushed for medical treatment, it was said yesterday that she was still in a very highly nervous condition and the superintendent would not permit her to be seen by anyone except Mr. Finger.

Man Killed and Property Demolished in Storm

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 18.—(By Associated Press.)—A 95-mile an hour gale swept the city today, uprooting trees, tearing down chimneys, smashing plate glass windows and piling up the water in the harbor to an unprecedented stage. One man was killed in the storm. The property loss will run into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

—Mr. J. L. Hickman and family will move tomorrow from a farm belonging to Mr. K. M. Biggs, on R. 3, from Lumberton, to a farm belonging to Mr. Wilson McLarry, R. 1 from Lumberton. Mr. Hickman was a Lumberton visitor this morning.

APPROPRIATE CHRISTMAS GIFT

A subscription to THE ROBESONIAN is a Christmas Gift that any citizen of Robeson county or any of the county's "scattered abroad" in other counties and States will appreciate. It will be a reminder twice a week for a year of the thoughtfulness of the giver. THE ROBESONIAN will send a card to any one to whom the paper is ordered sent conveying the compliments of the season of the donor.

COTTON MARKET

Middling cotton is selling on the local market today at 17 cents the pound.

BRIEF ITEMS AND LOCAL NEWS

—License has been issued for the marriage of Colon T. Brock and Josephine Willis.

—Mr. R. B. Kinlaw of R. 7, Lumberton, has accepted a position as bookkeeper for Bullock Brothers Auto Co.

—Mr. Herman Britt of R. 4, Lumberton, killed two hogs last week, one weighing 545 and the other 409, dressed.

—Mr. Ralph Whaley arrived here Friday from St. Louis, Mo., where he took a mechanical course in an automobile school.

—Mr. W. C. Brown of Fairmont killed two hogs Thursday that were 11 months old and the two netted 720 pounds of pork.

—Miss Cora C. Collins, trimmer in Miss Josephine Breese's millinery store, left Thursday evening for her home at Cristfield, Md.

—Miss Jonnie Robinson left this morning for her home at Maiden, this State, having completed her season as trimmer in the Style shop.

—Some needed improvements are being made on the streets and sidewalks in the eastern part of town. The work is being supervised by Chief of Police D. M. Barker.

—For the first time since the World War began, the Seaboard will offer reduced holiday rates this year. Tickets will be on sale December 22 and good returning up to January 4.

—Mr. John Lawson of the Orrum section was a Lumberton visitor Saturday. Mr. Lawson was recently married to Miss Lessie Smith of Howellsville township. They were married in Dillon, S. C.

—Mr. Forest McGill, a student at Washington-Lee university, Lexington, Va., spent last night here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter McGill, East Second street. He left this morning for San Francisco, California, to attend the bi-annual convention of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. He goes as a delegate from Washington-Lee.

—The Baraca class of the First Baptist Sunday school elected officers yesterday to serve for the next six months. The officers elected were: president, W. B. Ivey; vice-president, E. Knox Proctor; secretary-treasurer, Stinson Powell, re-elected; teacher, L. R. Varner, re-elected; assistant teacher, W. H. Calce, re-elected; reporter, F. Grover Britt.

—They evidently intend to keep dry during the Christmas holidays. The pastor of a certain church requested a week ago yesterday that any member of the church who expected to get drunk Christmas to advise him yesterday, as he wanted to take the names of such a member off the church roll before they got drunk. There were no reports of intended drunks.

—The following students in out-of-town institutions have come home for the holidays: Miss Anna Lawrence, Thursday night, from Salem academy, Winston-Salem; Miss Rosa Caldwell, Saturday, from Ward-Delmont college, Nashville, Tenn.; Miss Maitland Thompson, Friday, from Mary Baldwin Seminary, Staunton, Va.; Messrs. Theodore Pope and E. W. Williams, Saturday, from Wake Forest.

6 Wake Forest Students Expelled for Hazing

Wake Forest, Dec. 17.—In an official statement given out this afternoon by President William Louis Poteat, it is learned that six Wake Forest students have been expelled for hazing which has occurred during the year. The statement given out by President Poteat does not contain the names of the men whom the faculty and senate committee expelled. President Poteat's statement follows a recommendation on the part of the student senate committee, after the committee had found these men guilty of hazing at some time during the year. It is understood that the student senate and faculty have not finished their investigation of the recent hazing episode, in which Ralph Patterson, of Fayetteville, was hazed in the form of his hair being cut and his face being blacked.