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Town Fathers Meet Consolidate Public School Districts

Discuss Plans for Additional Street and Sidewalk Paving and Water and Sewer Extension—Salary of Chief of Police D. M. Barker Increased—Other Matters.

The matter of additional street and sidewalk paving and the extension of the water and sewer lines was discussed at a meeting of the mayor and town commissioners Tuesday evening. While no definite action was taken, Mr. T. L. Johnson, town attorney, was asked to draw resolutions and secure information relative to the issuing and selling of bonds for financing this work.

The salary of Chief of Police D. M. Barker was increased from \$125 to \$150 the month, the increase to begin January 1.

The license of G. S. Wooten, local electrician, was suspended for 30 days, with the understanding that if further complaint of his work is made to the board his license will be revoked.

The board refused to grant license to drive automobiles to Herman Parham and Lee Allen, the last named an Indian. Parham and Allen had been refused license by the town clerk and treasurer, members of the police force failing to recommend same, and they appealed to the board.

Seaboard Ordered To Deliver Cars

Controversy Between Seaboard and Coast Line Over Freight Shipped Here for State Highway Work Settled by an Order of State Corporation Commission—Seaboard Must Place Cars Shipped Over V. & C. S.

A controversy between the Seaboard and the Atlantic Coast Line over the switching of competitive shipments reaching Lumberton over the Virginia & Carolina Southern was settled Monday night by the State Corporation Commission, the Seaboard being ordered to deliver four cars of freight at the National cotton mill siding. The freight in question was shipped here to the State Highway Commission for use in hard-surfacing the road between Lumberton and McNeill's bridge.

The Seaboard had refused to switch these cars to its siding at the National cotton mill for unloading. The commission ruled that the Seaboard may have a hearing on any general question involved, but holds a settled question the obligation of a carrier to make such switches.

Will Organize "Goat Club" Here

Log-Cabin Club House Already Under Construction—Plan to Erect Bath House on Banks of Lumbee—Many Have Already Enlisted as Members of Club.

Plans are on foot for the organization of a club here to be known as the "Goat club." While the organization has not yet been perfected, a log-cabin club house is being erected on the banks of Lumber river, about one mile north of town. Around 40 members have already enrolled. Members of the club plan to erect a bath house before the arrival of suitable weather for bathing in the waters of the "Lumbee." One feature of the club is that members are not solicited.

U. S. Page Resigns as Dunn Police Chief

A dispatch from Dunn states that Mr. U. S. Page has tendered his resignation as chief of police of that town. Mr. Page has served as chief of the police force at Dunn for two and a half years and his figured in at least two town elections there. There appears to have been a Page and an anti Page faction, the Page faction winning out in both elections. Mr. Page, who is a son of the late E. E. Page of Lumberton, is known as an officer who "stands his ground," and has killed several "bad men" during his career as an officer at Mt. that he will accept a position with Olive and Dunn. It is understood the State.

To Roads For "Taking" a Watch. Ernest McPharland, negro, was sentenced yesterday by Recorder David H. Fuller to 90 days on the roads for the larceny of a watch. He was given a hearing Tuesday and pleaded not guilty of the charge. After the trial he turned the watch, which was stolen from another negro, over to the officers and admitted "taking" it while visiting at the home of the owner. He pleaded with the recorder to make the sentence as light as possible and thanked him when he pronounced the sentence, evidently being pleased with it.

—Willie Jenkins and Charlie Houston, a colored couple, were married Tuesday at 4 p. m. at the court house, Justice S. S. Small officiating.

—Mr. H. J. McRae and family moved Monday from Wilmington to a farm that Mr. McRae purchased on R. 2 from St. Pauls. Mr. McRae is a Lumberton visitor today.

Parkton Letter

Folks Getting Down to Work After the Holidays—Young Folks Have Returned to College—New Year Ushered In With Much Noise—An Example of Poor Marksmanship—Social and Personal Mention.

(By C. D. Williamson)

Parkton, Jan. 3.—Christmas has just about disappeared. The New Year has made its appearance and most everybody is down to work. The school reopened Monday with all the teachers present, except Miss Dixon, who is reported a little sick. We trust she may soon be well and return to her work.

The following young boys and girls have returned to college: W. J. Calhoun, C. Vance McMillan, Jno. K. Currie, Alvey G. Wright, Hector McRae, Milton Thompson, all to Davidson. Misses Nellie Thomason, Catherine McMillan and Virginia McCormick to Flora Macdonald college.

Misses Esdale Currie and Georgia Williamson returned to Seaboard Monday, where they are teaching and Miss Ruby Council to Bethel, where she is teaching.

Christmas was long to be remembered with most of us, noted for good feed, and visitors and a good time most every way. This scribe closed with spending Sunday and New Year's in the bustling town of Lumberton, where good things to eat always flush.

Our town was occupied on Saturday night by the young folks, judging from the racket they made for a brief spell. About the middle of the night ringing church bells, yelling, singing, shooting fire works, guns or something of much sounds, disturbing every one down to the children of the town, but we have excused them, as it only comes once a year.

Mr. Floyd Lancaster is in the lead so far up our way. His 27 months, old weighed 550 pounds, net. Some shoat, and we claim the weather is ample to save it.

Messrs. W. W. Gainey and E. B. Daniel went up to Raleigh yesterday and returned late this afternoon, making the trip by auto.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ammons arrived this afternoon from a two-weeks visit to relatives in Sampson county and report a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Bristow, of R. 1, spent Christmas with their son, Burnie, in Raleigh, thence on to Durham with near relatives, returning the latter part of the week and report the best time of their lives.

Rev. R. F. Munns returned home Sunday afternoon from the Pittman-Gainey hospital, where he spent a little more than two weeks after a successful operation for appendicitis. He says he expects to fill his appointment on next Sunday at Marvin at 11 a. m. and at Parkton at 7 p. m. We are glad to make this report and glad to know he is improving to that extent.

Mr. Boyd Stubbs made a flying trip to John's Station this afternoon.

One of our night watchmen had a most exciting experience one night last week, according to his statement. It was first thought that he had bagged some fresh meat, but after careful examination none could be found. Investigation shows that it must have been an escaped Giraffe, as the shot signal is some ten feet from the ground, through the plate glass of A. F. Hughes place of business. At any rate, he was not taking aim at his feet, but it takes a man of long experience as the above to do things. The burglar that enters a store in our town after the closing hour is doing so at the risk of his life, believe me. Some marksmen.

Mr. W. A. China, bookkeeper for the P. M. Co., spent Christmas with home folks in Georgia, returning this week.

Two very enjoyable socials were enjoyed last Thursday night. Miss Isabel Blount entertained a number of her young friends, also a most enjoyable social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Hughes, in honor of the home-coming girls. Also a New Year's party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Wright's on Saturday night.

Mr. Jack Carlyle of Wake Forest college, spent three days in our town last week, coaching the basketball team, returning Saturday morning.

The boys report the game in Lumberton on last Friday as the closest game of the season. They came home much encouraged with their success.

Messrs. Paul and Darrell Farrell returned to Chapel Hill yesterday.

Miss Marie McMillan left for Troy, where she teaches, Sunday.

—Mr. C. Guy Townsend of Lumberton today purchased the stock of the B. B. Hardware Co., at Rowland. Mr. Townsend will conduct the business at the same stand and will go to Rowland tomorrow to take charge. The deal was consummated through Mr. F. Ertel Carlyle, local attorney. Mr. Townsend has had several years experience in the hardware business, having been employed in the hardware department of Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son for several years.

—The young married ladies class of the First Baptist church will meet Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock with Mrs. A. M. Hartley.

—Mr. J. L. Stephens is spending the day in Charlotte on business.

J. I. Townsend Elected Supt. Roads

Succeeds W. B. Covington at a Salary of \$275 Per Month—G. T. Fisher of St. Pauls Elected as Member of Board from District No. 5—T. O. Evans Elected Chairman of the Board—Other Road Matters.

Mr. J. I. Townsend of R. 1, Lumberton, was elected county superintendent of roads at a salary of \$275 the month at the regular monthly meeting of the county road board Monday. Mr. Townsend succeeds Mr. W. B. Covington, who resigned at the last regular meeting of the board.

Mr. G. T. Fisher of St. Pauls was elected as a member of the road board from district No. 5, succeeding Mr. J. I. Townsend, who resigned as a member of the board, of which he was chairman, at the last meeting on December 5. Mr. T. O. Evans was elected as chairman, succeeding Mr. Townsend.

After consideration the superintendent was instructed to lay out a new road in Howellsville township, near J. L. McWhite's farm, and discontinue a part of the old road, in accordance with a petition which was presented at the last meeting.

The superintendent reported that the matter of a road from the St. Pauls township line, through Saddle Tree township, to the Philadelphia road had not been decided upon and requested that it be continued until the next meeting.

A petition which was presented at the last meeting of the board for a new road to be built in St. Pauls township; beginning at the Lumberton-Fayetteville road and running through the McRaine farms and others, connecting with the Shaw-Mill and St. Pauls road, a distance of about 3 miles, was referred to the superintendent, supervisor of St. Pauls township and G. T. Fisher for investigation.

A petition was presented requesting that a new road be laid out near Bee Gee, in Lumberton township, as follows: Beginning at a point on the Meadow road, four miles north east of Lumberton, and running westwardly to the Fayetteville-Tolarsville road, about 3 1/4 miles from Lumberton. After consideration it was ordered that the petition be filed for 30 days and granted if no objections arise after that time.

A petition was presented, requesting that a road in Lumberton and Wisharts townships be laid out and built as follows: Beginning at seventh street in the town of Lumberton, and running eastwardly to the Josh Barnes farm, in Wisharts township, shortening the distance to Lumberton from that section of the county about one mile. It was ordered that the petition be filed for 30 days, and referred to the superintendent and the supervisor of Lumberton township for investigation.

A petition was presented requesting that a public road be established in Wisharts township as follows: Beginning at a point on the public roads at Gregory Lennon's mill and runs on the west side to the mill pond, as the old cart road to a point on the Whiteville road, near the John Pitman farm. It was ordered that petition be filed for 30 days and granted if no objection is offered during that time.

The superintendent reported that the controversy about a road and private cartway in Saddletree township, near the Zeke Pone place, had been continued for some time, and had never been laid out owing to disagreement about the location. It was ordered that the superintendent and E. B. Paul be instructed to lay out this road and also a private cartway in the most desirable and convenient location.

The matter of widening and moving fences on the Wiregrass road in Britts township, near Smyrna Church, was referred to the superintendent and W. L. Thompson for their investigation and report at the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. W. R. McNeill again presented a bill in the sum of \$1,296.92 for work done on ditching in Burnt Swamp township and this matter was referred to H. E. Stacy, attorney to the board.

The resignation of Angus Jernigan as supervisor of Parkton township was presented and accepted and the superintendent was empowered to secure a supervisor for that township.

The following notes were renewed at the Bank of Maxton for 90 days: Burnt Swamp township, \$750; Sterlings township, \$250; Wisharts township, \$1,250.

Bellamy Named Deputy Collector.

Geo. H. Bellamy, retiring United States Marshal for the eastern district of North Carolina, has been named by A. D. Watts, revenue commissioner, as one of 11 deputy collectors. The position calls for a salary of \$2,500 and traveling expenses. Mr. Bellamy is a native of New Hanover county. His work will cover a block of counties about New Hanover.

Mr. R. H. Livermore of Pates was among the visitors in town yesterday.

County's Business

New Order Relative to the Capture of Whiskey Stills and Blockaders Passed at Regular Monthly Meeting of Commissioners Monday—Will Pay \$20 for Copper Stills and \$10 For Other Devices When Turned Over to a Member of the Board of Commissioners—Ten Dollars Additional for Arrest of Operators When Convicted—Six Rural Police-men Re-elected—Bills Paid and Resolutions Allowed.

The sum of \$20 will be paid to the sheriff or other police officers of Robeson county for the capture and delivery to the board of county commissioners of a copper whiskey still and when the person, or persons, operating the same are arrested and convicted an additional reward of \$10 will be paid. For the capture and delivery to the board of any other device used in the manufacture of intoxicating liquors the sum of \$10 will be paid, also an additional sum of \$10 for the capture of the operators when convicted.

This order was passed by the county commissioners at their regular monthly meeting Monday. The order also provides that any member of the board may receive from an officer a whiskey still and dispose of same as provided by law.

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

Messrs. J. H. Carper, W. W. Smith, D. C. Ratley, J. T. McRaney, W. A. Smith and A. E. Pittman were re-elected rural policemen for a term of one year at the same salary of \$100 per month, each to make bond in the sum of \$1,000.

E. W. McWhite, Annie Rice and W. N. and Charity Speight were dropped from the regular pauper list.

The regular pauper list was allowed and the following were placed on the list: Lona Handon at \$5 per month, Louisa Johnson at \$4 per month, I. J. Hayes at \$5 per month, Arthur and Rosa Barnes at \$5 each per month, Sallie West at \$5 per month, Lucy A. Herring, at \$5 per month, Henry Locklear at \$5 per month. The regular allowance of Mary Maynor was increased from \$3 to \$5 per month.

It was ordered that a note in the sum of \$5,000 due the Bank of Maxton be paid.

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THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

David J. Lewis, Well-Known Whiteville Attorney Died Yesterday.

Mr. David J. Lewis well-known and prominent Whiteville attorney, died last night at 7 o'clock, his death following an illness of only a few days. Deceased was around 60 years old and was well-known here, where he studied law under the late Col. W. F. French. The funeral was conducted at Whiteville at 3 o'clock this afternoon. State Senator L. R. Varner and Mr. J. Dickson McLean, of the local bar, attended the funeral. He was a brother-in-law of Mr. J. A. Barker of Lumberton. His widow and 8 children survive.

Infant Died This Morning

Letha, 6-weeks-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Tyner, died early this morning at the home of her parents in Burnt Swamp township, death resulting from pneumonia and complications.

TAYLOR FISHERIES CO. IN HANDS RECEIVER

Red Springs Directors Among Petitioners—Hearing January 17.

Judge E. H. Cranmer, yesterday, signed an order for a receivership of the Taylor Fisheries company, Inc., and named Mangum Turner, Wilmington lawyer, as receiver. A hearing will be held before Judge George W. Connor, in this city, January 17, to determine the permanency of the receivership.

The suit was brought by stockholders and directors of the company, the allegation being that the plant, which is located on the Cape Fear river, near Carolina beach, was not in operation as the result of lack of funds. The petitioners are: J. H. Turner, W. H. McNeill and W. P. Lester, of Red Springs, directors, and F. G. Spearman, of Lumberton, a stockholder.

The assets are said to approximate \$100,000 and include the plant and \$15,000 or \$20,000 worth of fish scrap and oil. The liabilities are said to be about \$100,000.

A Brook Taylor, of Norfolk, is president of the company.—Wilmington Star, Jan. 5.

—Mr. T. W. Maxwell and family moved Saturday of last week from Fairmont to Mr. Maxwell's farm at Tolarsville. Mr. Maxwell was a Lumberton visitor yesterday.

—Mr. James W. Branch and family moved Tuesday from R. 4, Lumberton, into a residence owned by Mr. Andrew Bullard, Seneca and Second streets.

—Mr. Gus Paris, proprietor of the Olympia cafe, has placed an attractive electric sign in front of the cafe.

COTTON MARKET

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 16 3/4 cents the pound.

BRIEF ITEMS AND LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. F. L. Parnell and family moved last week from R. 6, Lumberton, to a farm on R. 1 from Buie.

—Mr. T. J. Powell, an expert electrician of Wilmington, arrived today to inspect the local fire-alarm system.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Hezzie Kinlaw and Ada Davis; J. Frank Bullock and Vietta Alford.

—Miss Sadie Rae Pope arrived home Monday night from Charlotte, having resigned the position she had held there for several months.

—Mr. Fred H. Townsend returned Tuesday from Richmond, Va., where he spent a few days with Mrs. Townsend, who is undergoing treatment at St. Luke's hospital.

—Mr. W. K. Bethune went Tuesday night to Raleigh to attend a meeting of the executive committee of the North Carolina division of the American Cotton association, of which committee he is a member.

—Mr. D. Bass and family moved Tuesday from R. 2, Fairmont, to a farm owned by Mr. A. W. McLean, near the Jennings cotton mill. Mr. Bass and two sons, Masters Graddy and Clayton, were among the visitors in town this morning.

—Mr. J. A. Sharpe, editor of The Robesonian, and Mrs. Sharpe, left yesterday for Winston-Salem to attend the mid-winter meeting of the North Carolina Press association, which will be held at the new Robert E. Lee hotel there today and tomorrow.

—Mr. Harry K. Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Russell, went today to Smithfield to attend a called meeting of the Presbytery. He will be taken under the care of the Presbytery as a ministerial student. From Smithfield he will go to Davidson college, where he is a student.

—A special meeting of the Lumberton post of the American Legion will be held this evening at 7:30. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected at this meeting and all ex-service men are especially urged to be present. The meeting will be held in the legion hall, second floor of the municipal building.

—Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Martin and two sons, J. A. Jr. and Raymond Jones, will leave this evening for Richmond, Va., to visit at the home of Mrs. Martin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Jones. Dr. Martin will be away about ten days, while Mrs. Martin and the children will spend several weeks in Richmond.

—Misses Nellie Hamilton of Marietta, Bessie Hayes of Lakeview, S. C., Mildred Griffin of Cerro Gordo and Nancy and Bennie Usery of Evergreen, Columbus county, passed through town Tuesday evening en route to Maxton to resume their studies at Carolina college after spending the holidays with home folks.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Redfearn and small daughter, Elsie Cora, left Monday evening for their home at Mc-Bee, S. C., after spending some time visiting at the home of Mrs. Redfearn's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Britt, Elm street. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Redfearn was born at the Baker sanatorium five weeks ago.

—Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Combs and their small daughter, Lillian Ruth, and Mrs. Combs' mother, Mrs. H. C. Gilliland, will leave this evening for Asbury Park, N. J. As has been stated in The Robesonian, Mr. Combs recently resigned as pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle, his resignation going into effect last Sunday. He has not yet accepted a pastorate and expects to rest for a few months before taking up work elsewhere. The local church has not yet called a pastor to succeed Mr. Combs. Mr. and Mrs. Combs have made many friends during the several years they have lived here, who regret their decision to leave Lumberton.

—The following Lumberton young people have returned this week to the various colleges to resume their work after spending the holidays with home folks: Misses Marion Allen, Annie Grace Williams, Mary Biggs, Wilma and Margaret Durham, Tuesday and Miss Elsie Thompson yesterday to Meredith college, Raleigh; Sarah Carlyle, Tuesday to the Greensboro College for Women, Greensboro; Janie K. Wishart, Christabel Moorehouse and Julia Thompson, Tuesday to Winthrop college, Rock Hill, S. C.; Anna Lawrence, yesterday to Salem college, Winston-Salem; Evelina Beckwith yesterday, to St. Mary's college, Raleigh; Messrs. R. T. Allen, Jr. and William Caldwell, Monday to Mars Hill college, Mars Hill; Osborne Lee, Monday, to Washington-Lee university, Lexington, Va.; R. A. Hedgpeth, Jr., yesterday, to Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, Va.; Marvin Barker, Tuesday, to Trinity college, Durham; Vernon McNeill, Tuesday and Robert W. Proctor yesterday to the State university, Chapel Hill; Hubert Thompson, Tuesday, to Carolina Military and Naval academy, Hendersonville.