

THE ROBESONIAN

ESTABLISHED 1876. SINGLE COPY FIVE CENTS.

COUNTRY, GOD AND TRUTH.

\$2.00 A YEAR. DUE IN ADVANCE

VOLUME LII

LUMBERTON, N. C., THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 1932.

NUMBER 93

Three Murder Cases To Be Tried

Superior Court convenes next Monday—Norman and Arch Cummings and Wesley Gibbs are in jail awaiting trial on charge of murder—19 prisoners are in jail—Civil term follows criminal.

A week's term of Superior court for the trial of criminal cases will convene here Monday of next week. This will be followed by a week's term of civil court. A number of cases appear on the criminal docket, among them being three murder charges. Norman and Arch Cummings, Indians, are in jail charged with killing Asbury Oxendine, another Indian, near Pembroke, several weeks ago. Wesley Gibbs, Indian, is also in jail awaiting trial on the charge of killing Parker Goins, his brother-in-law. Gibbs is both deaf and dumb. Goins was shot and killed at his home, near Rowland, several weeks ago.

There are now 19 prisoners in jail awaiting trial for various offenses, while a number who will be tried are out on bond. Judge Geo. W. Connor of Wilson will preside.

Light Snow Fell Here Last Night

Ground Covered With Thin Blanket This Morning—Weather Man Reports 22 Above Zero Last Night. Winter has arrived. While the weather has been one degree colder here twice this winter than during the present cold snap, it was not so prolonged and was not accompanied by sleet and snow. Last night was the coldest of the week, the thermometer registering 22 above zero, according to Mr. B. M. Davis, local government weather man. It has dropped to 21 twice this winter. The ground is practically covered with snow, with indications of more to follow. The snow fell early this morning.

62,295 Bales Of Cotton Ginned

Cotton Ginned of Robeson County's 1931 Crop to January 16 Falls 7,054 Short of Number of Bales Ginned to Same Date Last Year. Mr. W. H. Adams of Buie, special agent of the Census bureau, reports under date of January 25 that there were 62,295 bales of cotton ginned from the 1931 crop of Robeson county prior to January 16, as compared with 69,349 bales ginned from the 1920 crop up to the same date last year.

Charged With Selling Jamaica Ginger—Appeals From Road Sentence. Dewey Ellis was sentenced to 30 days on the roads by Recorder David H. Fuller yesterday on the charge of selling Jamaica ginger, containing 93 per cent alcohol. He gave notice of appeal and made bond in the sum of \$100. S. C. Ellis, his brother, was found not guilty of the same charge. The Ellis brothers conduct a grocery store on West Fourth street. Charlie Bennett was before the court on the charge of being drunk. Judgment was continued upon the condition that the defendant appear before the court every 30 days for six months and show good behavior.

BLOOMINGDALE NEWS BATCH

Store Robbed at Proctorville—Store Breakings and Stealing Becoming Frequent—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Bloomingdale (Orum, R. 1), Jan. 25.—We are having some real winter time now. We think if cold weather will get the boll weevil that a few more days will make it hard for him.

Robbers entered the store of Prof. I. P. Price at Proctorville Monday night and relieved him of a good bunch of merchandise. We hear he has missed 16 pairs of shoes, 7 suits of clothing and a suit-case. One pair of shoes and vest of the clothing were found about the depot.

Store breakings and stealing are getting to be numerous in the country now.

Messrs. Capers Horne and Comer Barnes visited in the Center section Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Byrd of route 1, Barnesville, visited Mr. Byrd's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stone, Sunday.

Mr. Kelly Bass of Fairmont visited his son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Byrd, Sunday.

Sorry to hear of so much pneumonia about, and lots of children are dying.

Messrs. J. G. Ivey and Sam Stone were Lumberton visitors Tuesday.

Miss Nellie Floyd of Barnesville spent one night last week with Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Barnes.

Mr. D. R. Byrd spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stone Sunday.

Messrs. Sam Stone and R. D. Barnes made a business trip to Chadbourne Saturday.

With best wishes to The Robesonian and its correspondents.

Farm-Life School Building Burned

Fine School Building at Philadelphia Was Burned Yesterday—Fire Started From Defective Flue—Loss Partially Covered by Insurance—Another Building Will Be Erected—Farm-Life at High School Will Be Continued in Dormitory Buildings.

Fire supposed to have started from a defective flue destroyed the Philadelphia county farm-life and high school building, near Buie, yesterday about 3 p. m. The building was a two-story brick structure. It contained 12 class rooms and a large auditorium. The building was erected some eight years ago at a cost of around \$15,000, and was insured for \$13,000. It will cost at least \$20,000 to replace the building, according to Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of schools. It is understood another building will be erected.

This was one of the most modern school buildings in the county, perhaps the largest and best of any rural school building. More than 200 pupils are enrolled, many of them boarding pupils. The Mt. Tabor district and the high school pupils from Raft Swamp district were consolidated with the Philadelphia district, two trucks being used in conveying the pupils to the school. The school will be continued, classes being held in the dormitories near by, according to information received here.

County School Extension Director

Miss Louisa Williams of Dunn Will Assume Duties in Robeson Tomorrow—Graduate of Flora Macdonald and One of Best Trained Women in State—Mrs. Claire Thomas Will Assist Her for a Few Days.

Miss Louisa S. Williams of Dunn will arrive in Lumberton this evening and tomorrow will enter upon the duties of county director of school extension for Robeson. Mrs. Claire S. Thomas of the State Department of Education will spend the next few days with Miss Williams visiting communities in the county to reorganize the work and put it on a definite working basis. Mrs. Thomas arrived last night from Raleigh and is a guest at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Sandy McLeod.

Supt. J. R. Poole and the county board of education feel that they are very fortunate in securing the services of Miss Williams for this work. She is said to be one of the best-trained women in the State. She is a graduate of Flora Macdonald college and has taken special work in rural organization and recreation under Dr. Howard Odum at the university of North Carolina. For the past year she has been doing Red Cross work in Florida.

This work, which was community service when organized in this county two years ago, has been going on under the direction of Mr. Richard Kinlaw for the past few months, and Mr. Poole feels that with Miss Williams and Mr. Kinlaw both working Robeson will attain an enviable position among the twenty counties in the State in which this work is going on.

Automobile Fell Through Bridge.

A large Allen touring car owned and driven by L. H. Revels, Indian, who lives on R. 3 from Lumberton, fell through a bridge across a swamp, near Woodell's crossing, last Friday night. Revels had four children in the car. All the occupants of the car escaped injury, however. The car was somewhat damaged. The car fell into the water and it was a difficult job to move it, according to Revels.

The local reporter has been asked to keep after folks about allowing their chickens to visit their neighbors' gardens. The death of one fine rooster caused from paying too much attention to some young cabbage has also been reported. A 100 per cent good neighbor does not allow his, or her (if it happens to be that way) chickens to run out and annoy others. Then, too, it's a violation of the law to act that way.

A fire which started about the gas tank on a pressing machine in the pressing club of Will Faulk, colored, Elm street, at 10:30 this morning was extinguished before any damage was done. The flames were extinguished by the use of chemicals, members of the fire company reaching the scene soon after the alarm was given.

Mr. Ed B. Freeman will soon begin the erection of a two-story brick building on the lot which he recently acquired adjoining the building now occupied by the Freeman Printing Co., West Fifth street. The first floor will be used by Mr. Freeman for his printing business, while the second floor will be equipped for offices. The building will be 25 x 75 feet.

—Born, Monday, to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Thompson of R. 4, Lumberton, a daughter.

Mr. J. A. Stone of R. 4, Lumberton, was among the visitors in town yesterday.

Fairmont News

Several Houses Nearing Completion—A Railroad Crossing That Needs Protection—Mr. Jas. Pittman Will Build Two Brick Store Buildings Soon—Other Items of Interest.

Fairmont, Jan. 25.—The entire stock of goods and fixtures belonging to C. L. Pittman were sold at auction here last Wednesday. Mr. A. L. McDaniel, formerly of the Robeson Hardware Co., was the highest bidder. The stock consisted of groceries and general merchandise. Just what kind of business Mr. McDaniel will run is not known just yet.

"The Man from Borneo" was considered a success from every point by those who saw it from here, when it was played in Lumberton last Friday night. The entire cast did their parts well and the audience was one that anybody would be proud to play to. The entire body was appreciative. Not a sound of disorder, from the oldest to the youngest their attention and order were excellent. This perfect audience enabled the cast to put forth every effort to please, and from the remarks heard the efforts were not in vain. Net proceeds, \$94.00.

Mr. S. Ralph McDaniel, with headquarters in Charlotte, spent last week-end here with friends and relatives.

Messrs. Memory Griffin and Alpheus Thompson spent last Thursday in Maxton and Laurinburg on business.

Mrs. John Page of Marietta spent a few days last week here with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jones, at their home on Mulberry and Red Cross streets.

Mr. W. N. Hubbard spent a few days last week in Wilmington on business.

Prof. R. L. Pittman, principal of the Orum High school, Orum, was a business visitor here last Saturday.

Houses Nearing Completion. Among the houses in town nearing completion are the following: nice bungalow belonging to Mrs. Sallie Stubbs on Walnut street; handsome brick building belonging to Mr. Furman Floyd on South Main street; nice cottage belonging to Mr. Aaron Inman, on Walnut street; nice bungalow belonging to Mr. P. R. Floyd on West Iona street; nice dwelling belonging to Mr. J. D. Purvis on Mulberry street; and three brick stores belonging to Mr. A. S. Thompson, on Center street.

Glad to report the condition of Mrs. J. C. Hubbard, who has been ill at home for the past few weeks, somewhat improved.

Where Protection is Needed. Any highway that is used as much as the one from Fairmont to Lumberton should at least have some method of protection at the Seaboard railroad crossing just before entering the town of Lumberton. Several lives have been lost at this spot. More are going to be lost. With electric warning signal and gates the danger would be eliminated.

Mr. J. Knox Kyle returned last week from Wilson and Goldsboro, where he spent a few days on business.

Messrs. "Billie" Britt and "Steve" McIntyre of Lumberton spent part of last Wednesday here on legal business.

Mr. Oscar Inman spent last week-end in Wilmington on business.

Mr. Ira Townsend of Lumberton was a business visitor here and at Marietta last Saturday.

Mr. F. F. Purvis of Proctorville is making improvements on his dwelling on North Main street and will in the very near future move his family here. Mr. Purvis will run a mercantile business in the house where Mr. A. F. Floyd now conducts a similar business. Mr. Floyd will move his business to the new building on South Main street.

Glad to note that little Miss Geraldine Pittman has improved considerably from a severe attack of pilitis last week.

Floyd-Nye. A marriage of interest took place in Orum last Sunday afternoon when Mr. Soggie Winslow Floyd was married to Miss Caroline Nye. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd will make their home in the southern part of town near the home of the groom's father, Mr. H. S. Floyd.

Sorry to report Recorder A. E. Floyd confined to his home on South Main street on account of illness.

Schedule Changes Needed. According to newspaper reports, some changes in the schedules are asked for by the Atlantic Coast Line between Elrod and Conway. Just what these schedule changes are we have not learned. It is hoped that there will be no discontinuance of trains as we haven't any too many just now, and it is a known fact that there should be some changes made so that a passenger could make connections somewhere when desiring to go south. Via Elrod one has to wait from about 9:20 a. m. until 6:02 p. m. and via Chadbourne from 11:15 to 5:55 for a train south. There is only one real close connection to be made by this train schedule here, and that

(Continued on page four.)

Parkton Letter

A Concert Will Be Given at School Auditorium Friday Night—"Heavies" and "Lights" May Have a Foot Race Soon—New Residence Going Up—Setting Peach Trees and Strawberries—Death of Father of Mr. J. C. Hall—Personal and Other Items.

By C. D. Williamson. Parkton, Jan. 24.—We are requested to advise the public that there will be a concert given at the auditorium of the school building on next Friday night at 7:30 entitled "Uncle Josh and Snowball." The same concert was given last Friday night over at King Hiram school building to a full house, and you could hear on all sides that they were well pleased with the entertainment. A twelve-piece orchestra from our town was present and furnished music for the occasion, and the same orchestra will be a feature here Friday night. The following constitute the local orchestra: Mrs. D. S. Currie, piano; Miss Drew, 1st violin; Sarah Cobb, 2nd violin; Louise Joye, 1st violin; Sarah Currie, 1st violin; Sarah McCormick, 1st violin; C. D. Williamson, solo cornet; Prof. E. C. Hines, 2nd cornet; Chas. M. Williamson, B. drum; Phillip McNatt, snare drum; D. P. Williamson, cymbal.

The above concert is given for benefit new Baptist parsonage, which is near completion; wherefore on next Friday night the building should be crowded.

The best place in town to get a real hearty laugh.

We hear it talked in town of a probable foot race to take place at some future date. The contest will be the heavy weight against the light weight—as some would say, the fats and the leans. Following are a few of the heavy weights who will contest: E. K. Campbell, J. C. Lancaster, Collier Cobb; J. D. McColl, John Cash and C. L. Johnson; light weights: J. C. D. McNatt, A. B. Williamson, E. B. Daniel, G. D. Ammons, Vance Paul, W. L. Thames and H. M. Campbell.

The above promises to be one of the hardest-fought contests ever come our way. The promoters suggest a 250 yards dash. Why not charge admission and apply to new street which is soon to be opened up for the public?

Messrs. T. W. Thompson, F. N. Fisher and Gordon Beard made a business trip through the country to Greensboro yesterday, returning this afternoon.

Mr. J. C. Hall was advised by wire Sunday of the sudden illness of his father at Benson. Mr. Hall went up immediately to be with his father, who died last night.

Dr. D. S. Currie and family attended the funeral of Hon. G. B. Patterson at Maxton Sunday afternoon.

Mr. A. H. Perry is erecting a nice bungalow in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Ang. McLaurin of Johns visited home folks Sunday.

Mrs. J. H. Stubbs and two children are on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Stubbs.

We report A. B. Williamson setting 10 acres in peach trees. Others will follow, while several industrious farmers are planning to set strawberries. Get busy and put in one or several acres.

Rev. R. F. Munns will preach at the M. E. church next Sunday night at 7 o'clock.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Gaitley, on Thursday last week, a fine boy; also to Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Britt, this week, a fine boy.

It is reported that the above gentlemen actually refuse now to divide roads.

Campaign Will Close January 31

Cooperative Marketing is Now a Certainty and Now is the Time to Sign a Contract. Correspondence of The Robesonian.

The campaign for membership in co-operative marketing for both cotton and tobacco associations will close Tuesday of next week, January 31st. Up until that time one may sign either a tobacco or cotton contract for \$3 or both contracts for \$5. About 45,000 bales of cotton already have been signed up in the county and it is hoped that not less than 50,000 bales will be signed by the 31st. Any one desiring to sign a contract can do so by communicating with or seeing Dr. G. M. Pate, Raynham, L. A. McGeachy, St. Pauls, O. O. Dukes, Lumberton, or the undersigned.

Cooperative marketing is now a certainty for the entire South, and the associations for both cotton and tobacco will be functioning within less than a month. Now is the time to sign a contract.

W. K. BETHUNE, Treas., County Organization, Lumberton.

The National Bank of Lumberton will be represented at the chapel exercises in the high school auditorium tomorrow morning. As has been stated in The Robesonian, some local business is explained to the pupils of the schools each Friday morning.

Lumber Bridge News Letter

Basketball Teams Win Double Victory—Woman's Club is Rendering Creditable Service—Boy Scout Troop Doing Good Work—Other Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Lumber Bridge, Jan. 25.—Our basketball teams won a double victory over Red Springs on the home courts last Thursday. Girls' score, 25-13; boys' score, 23-11. With great anticipations our teams are awaiting the games with Parkton, which on account of unfavorable weather could not be played on Tuesday. Neither the Parkton nor the Lumber Bridge girls' team have lost a game since entering the league.

On Friday evening quite a crowd assembled in the Scout hall for an oyster supper, which was given by the Boy Scouts for the benefit of the Scout movement; here. Our troop is doing good work under the leadership of Scout Master E. G. Pophal.

Rev. J. L. Jenkins, former pastor of the Lumber Bridge Baptist church, delivered a most inspiring sermon in the Baptist church on Sunday evening.

The third and last number of our Lyceum course was indeed a success. In spite of sleet and rain, quite a number of people gathered to hear the Sorority girls' quartette. The singers won the hearts of their audience by rendering, with both grace and charm, a program consisting of classic, college and humorous selections.

The Woman's Club met on last Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Neil Shaw. Miss Flax Andrews, county demonstrator, demonstrated the electric fireless cooker. The topic of the afternoon was beautifying the school grounds. Under the able leadership of its president, Mrs. D. S. Currie, the club has done creditable work during the past year. We are expecting great things of this club.

Throughout all Dixie, January is publicity month for the Christian Endeavor societies. The Senior Christian Endeavor society of the Presbyterian church has advertised its meetings with home-made posters, some of which are exceedingly clever.

Among the visitors in our town, the past week, were: Messrs. John and Will and Mrs. Emma Owen of Fayetteville and Mrs. Jeff Graham of Georgia.

Funeral of Mrs. Florence C. Townsend This Morning—Death Occurred Tuesday Following Operation. The funeral of Mrs. Florence C. Townsend, widow of the late Clarence D. Townsend, whose death occurred at the Thompson hospital Tuesday at 12:15 p. m., was conducted from the home, Caldwell street, today at 11 a. m. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Dr. Chas. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, assisted by Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth. A large crowd attended the funeral. Music was rendered by the Lumberton male quartet, composed of Messrs. Frank Gough, E. B. Freeman, C. B. Skipper and J. Pope Stephens. The pallbearers were: active—Messrs. L. McK. Parker, F. Ertel Carlyle, Louis Stovall, Robert Caldwell, A. V. G. Wishart, F. Eli Wishart, Adrian Britt, Q. F. Williams, Dr. M. A. Waddell; honorary—Messrs. H. M. McAllister, T. L. Johnson, E. B. McMillan, G. L. Thompson, Ed B. Freeman, Jno. D. McMillan, W. O. Thompson, Jno. S. McNeill, T. W. Bullock.

Interment was made in Meadowbrook cemetery. The floral offerings were beautiful and banked high upon the grave.

Mrs. Townsend's death followed an operation for cancer of the stomach. She had been ill for three weeks and went to the hospital Monday afternoon. Deceased was 49 years old and is survived by four children—one daughter, Miss Louise Townsend, who teaches at Brevard, and three sons—Messrs. C. Guy Townsend of Rowland, V. E. Townsend of Lumberton and Vernon Townsend, who is in the U. S. navy. Mr. Vernon Townsend was at home on a furlough at the time of his mother's death. Miss Louise Townsend arrived home from Brevard yesterday morning. Two sisters—Messdames W. I. Linkaw of Lumberton and T. W. Pennegan of Latta, S. C., and three brothers—Messrs. L. H. A. P. and M. F. Caldwell, all of Lumberton—also survive.

Mrs. Townsend had lived here all her life and her kind and genial disposition endeared her to all her acquaintances. She was a loyal member of the First Baptist church and took a live interest in church and Sunday school work. In her death the town loses one of its best Christian women and she will be sorely missed.

Dr. G. L. Clark, well-known Bladen County Physician, Died Tuesday—Father of Messdames D. D. King and Margaret Harrington of Lumberton.

Dr. G. L. Clark, well-known Bladen county physician, died Tuesday at 11 a. m. at his home in Clarkton. De-

COTTON MARKET

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 15 cents the pound.

BRIEF ITEMS AND LOCAL NEWS. —Born, this morning, to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Kornegay, a daughter. —The condition of Mr. A. Weinstein, who has been confined to his room since Sunday, is reported as improved today. Mr. Weinstein had a slight attack of pneumonia.

—Mr. Wm. C. Campbell has opened an electric supply shop on West Fourth street, opposite The Robesonian office.

—About twenty local Masons went Tuesday evening to St. Pauls, where they assisted members of the St. Pauls lodge in putting on third degree work.

—Private James H. Pridgeon, who spent a 2-months furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Pridgeon, who live on R. 5 from Lumberton, returned this morning to Camp Bragg.

—Mr. Frank J. Nye of Orum passed through town yesterday en route home from Charlotte. Mr. Nye went to Charlotte Monday to be with his daughter, Miss Quintaline Nye, who Tuesday underwent an operation at the Charlotte sanatorium. Her condition was favorable when Ma. Nye, left Charlotte yesterday morning.

—Mr. Haynes Britt arrived home yesterday from Florence, S. C., where he recently underwent an operation at the Florence infirmary. His condition is favorable. Mr. Britt, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Britt of Lumberton, has been employed as bookkeeper in the Butters Lumber company's store at Boardman for several months. He will return to Boardman in a few days.

Mr. Ed Willoughby's Condition is More Favorable Today. The condition of Mr. Ed Willoughby, who was shot and seriously wounded Sunday afternoon, an account of which was published in Monday's Robesonian, is a little more favorable, according to reports from the Thompson hospital. Evander Parker, who is charged with the shooting, is still in jail.

ceased had been in ill health for several months, though the immediate cause of his death was pneumonia. He was about 70 years old. Eight children survive, among them being Mrs. D. D. King and Mrs. Margaret Harrington of Lumberton. The funeral was conducted from the Presbyterian church at Clarkton, of which deceased was an elder, yesterday at noon. Interment was made in the family cemetery, near the home. Besides Messdames King and Harrington, who were with their father when the end came, Dr. D. D. King, Mrs. D. B. McNeill and Mr. Robt. E. Lee of Lumberton attended the funeral.

Dr. Clark was one of Bladen county's best-known and best citizens. He practiced medicine for a number of years and enjoyed a wide practice. In his death Clarkton and Bladen county lose a wide-awake and valued citizen.

Mrs. G. C. Smith of East Lumberton. Mrs. G. C. Smith, aged 21 years, of East Lumberton died early Tuesday morning at the Thompson hospital. She is survived by her husband and an infant. The funeral was conducted yesterday at 10 a. m. and interment made in Hollywood cemetery, near the county home.

WOODROW WILSON FOUNDATION. Those Who May Desire to Contribute May Do So This Week. To the Public: On account of the lateness in getting the campaign started in this county in behalf of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, it has been decided to run the campaign for another week in order to give all those who may desire to do so an opportunity to make a contribution.

I would like it understood that this is a matter of purely voluntary gifts. While I am very anxious to raise the quota expected from this county, still no pressure will be brought to bear upon our people. I have never known them to fail yet to do their part in any worthy public enterprise, and I do not believe they will fail in this. Reports reaching me from other parts of the State are to the effect that numbers of other counties have already raised their quota, while in Robeson we have hardly made a start.

Hon. A. W. McLean, wired a contribution of \$300 with a handsome tribute to ex-President Wilson accompanying it. May I not ask that every friend and admirer of this foremost American send in their subscription without delay? The campaign will close this week and the final returns will then be made up.

R. C. LAWRENCE, County Chairman. Lumberton, N. C.