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## Survey Contract Let for Paving

**Also Sewer and Water Extension—It is Proposed to Extend Paving on Certain Streets and Sewer and Water in Eastern Part of Town, Also to Build New Clear-Water Reservoir—Bonds to be Issued.**

Contract for a survey of the proposed additional street and sidewalk paving and sewer and water extension in Lumberton was let by the town commissioners Friday evening to the Carolina Engineering Co., of Wilmington. It is planned to pave Elm street from Sixth to Nineteenth streets, Chestnut from Sixth to Fourteen and pave the sidewalks on East Second street from Chestnut to Cedar streets. The proposed sewer and water extension is in the eastern part of town, largely east of the Virginia & Carolina Southern railroad. It is also planned to build a new clear-water reservoir at the filter plant, the old one being cracked and liable to cause trouble at any time.

The work of making the survey will be begun at once. When this work is completed and estimates of the cost of doing the paving and making the sewer and water extension furnished, the board expects to issue and sell bonds for financing the work.

Chief of Police D. M. Barker and Mr. J. L. Stephens, the latter a member of the board, were appointed a committee to determine the advisability of opening Sixth street from Cedar to Chestnut streets.

Mr. E. M. Johnson acted as mayor pro tem in the absence of Mayor A. E. White, who is out of town.

## To Promote Poultry Industry

**Constitution and By-Laws Adopted by Poultry Association**

Constitution and by-laws were adopted for the Lumberton Poultry association at a meeting of the directors and by-laws committee Friday evening. The object of the association as outlined in the by-laws is to promote the poultry industry in all of its branches, to encourage the breeding of pure-bred poultry, to hold one annual poultry show, to cooperate with each member and other poultry associations that are in any way trying to encourage the production of better poultry and eggs, to help its members buy, sell, acquire poultry products, supplies, etc.

As has been stated in The Robesonian, the association was organized here recently. The membership fee is \$2 a year. A public meeting will be held early in March, which will be addressed by a poultry expert.

**Assisting in Community Service Work.**

Miss Frances Haire of Community Service, Inc., of New York arrived Friday and will spend two weeks here with Miss Louisa Williams, community service director. She was sent here by the Bureau of Public School Extension of Raleigh and she will inspect the work being done by Miss Williams, also aid her in her work of showing community pictures and recreation work.

North Carolina is apioneer in this work, being the only state in the union that has recreation work done in the rural communities in connection with community pictures. Iowa shows the pictures but does not have the recreation department.

**Reward for Married Man Who Ran Away With 15-Year-Old Girl.**

John Woodell, Indian, of Pembroke, was in Lumberton this morning in connection with his search for his 15-year-old daughter, Annie, and Lee Jacobs, a married man about 22 years old, who is said to have enticed the girl away from home Sunday night a week ago. Diligent search has been made during the past week but no trace of the missing couple has been found. Jacobs has a wife and child at Pembroke. Woodell is offering a reward for the capture of Jacobs.

**Dog That Bit Mr. Purvis Powers Was Rabid.**

The dog that bit Mr. Purvis Powers of the Barker's section Wednesday of last week, mention of which was made in Thursday's Robesonian, was rabid, according to a report to Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, from Raleigh. Mr. Powers killed the dog, which belonged to Mr. O. M. Britt, soon after he was bitten and the head was sent to Raleigh for examination. Mr. Powers is taking the Pasteur treatment.

**Stock and Fixtures of Pittman Drug Co. at Fairmont Sold.**

The stock and fixtures of the Pittman Drug Co. of Fairmont, recently adjudged bankrupt, was sold Saturday to the Coats Drug Co., of Coats, for \$5,400. This was a resale, the stock and fixtures bringing only \$4,000 at the previous sale. It is understood that the purchasers will open a drug store at Fairmont or St. Pauls.

## C. C. Webb Charged With Serious Crime

**Arrested in Wilmington and Brought to Jail Here—Father of Indian Girl Prefers Charges.**

Clyde C. Webb, wanted by local authorities on the charge of having criminal knowledge of a female over 12 and under 14 years old, was arrested in Wilmington Saturday and is now in jail here. Webb was arrested under a capias, a true bill against him having been returned by the grand jury. He was arrested on December 12, but escaped from the officers and had evaded them until Saturday.

The warrant was sworn out by the father of the girl, who is an Indian, and charges that the girl is an expectant mother. Webb is a married man and has several children. He lived 4 miles from Lumberton on the Carthage road, his farm adjoining that of the father of the girl in the case. Webb has figured in court here before, having been charged with the larceny of automobiles. He formerly lived in Lumberton.

Chief of Police D. M. Barker went to Wilmington Saturday evening and returned with the prisoner last evening.

## Give To Save Starving Children

**Fathers of Starving Armenian Orphan County Boys—Give Till You Feel It.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian. With three million inhabitants five years ago, Armenia has but one million and a half today, and these are mainly women and children left to starve unless the Christians of Lumberton join the Near East Relief in their efforts to save these deserving people.

These children are roaming about over the plains in herds like swine, eating roots, dirt, in fact anything that will allay the pangs of starvation as they slowly eat themselves to death. At night they huddle together and sleep on the bare ground, and in the morning as they continue their restless, aimless search for life, many are unable to rise and are left there stark and stiff to join the other thousands that have starved or froze to death. These children are fatherless because every able-bodied Armenian fought the Germans, not a one ever was known to retreat and but few of them ever came back home. Their defense saved the lives of many North Carolinians because upon the authority of the German general Ludendorf, their defense of the Baku oil fields was so fierce that they were saved for the Allies and thus brought the war to an end at least six months earlier. Practically all the casualties from North Carolina were caused by about three days fighting, and what would have been the result if the old 81st had had to fight six months longer? Was your son killed in action? If not, thank the Armenians.

These children are almost all motherless because no sooner had the war ended than the Turks put on one of their regular massacre parties and wiped the country clean of all farm implements, cattle and carried all of the younger women away to their harems.

For centuries the Armenians have been persecuted by the Turks because they wouldn't quit being Christian and join the ranks of Mohammed. Yet during all this persecution and massacre not a one has been known to forswear the Christian religion. Doesn't such faithfulness on the part of these people deserve your financial support?

Don't say that you have heard of this suffering till you are tired or that you have given to this or that till you have done your duty. The Armenians must be kept alive. Don't get tired; we have given so much, let us do just a little more.

A committee will call on you some time during the week and if you don't know the conditions over there or if you think you have done enough, recall what they have done for you, how they have stood by the Christian religion, how they would be glad to get even the crumbs that you let carelessly fall from your table. As you sit at your meal think of the wandering hordes of starving human beings, children like your own, and your conscience will say give till you feel some of the pangs of that hunger and can feel with those unfortunate children.

EDWARD K. PROCTOR, Chairman, Lumberton Township.

**Bandit Robs Hostess and Guests at Dinner Party.**

Deal, N. J., Feb. 19.—A dinner party at the home of Mrs. Sarah H. Robertson was interrupted Saturday night by a masked bandit, who was admitted by the hostess, and at the point of a revolver robbed her of a handbag which she told the police contained jewelry valued at \$50,000, stripped her four guests of their valuables and escaped.

## Recorder's Court

**Trouble Between East Lumberton and Long Branch Boys Aired Before Recorder Fuller—A Cloud of Witnesses on Hand.**

Will Ward, Toney Ward, Barley Benton, Harley Benton, Clarence Taylor and Major Suggs—all of East Lumberton—were before Recorder David H. Fuller Saturday on the charge of cursing on the public highway and also with waylaying on the public highway and robbing Dewey and Heck Stone of one shotgun, valued at \$30. Harley Benton and Major Suggs were found guilty of cursing on the public highway, judgment being suspended upon payment of cost. The others were found not guilty of this charge. Will Ward and Harley Benton were bound over to the Superior court on the other charge, their bonds, being fixed at \$100 each, which they made. The other defendants were found not guilty.

Dewey and Heck Stone and French Hooks were charged with using profane language on the public highway. Heck Stone was found guilty, judgment being suspended upon payment of the cost. Dewey Stone and Hooks were found not guilty.

A large crowd attended the trial, the court room being packed with witnesses and spectators. The trouble took place on Saturday night, February 11. From the evidence it appeared that the Stone boys and Hooks, who live near Long Branch church, called upon some girls living in East Lumberton.

Between these and some boys living there. When the boys living in the country started home a crowd came out of the woods near the Kingsdale lumber plant, stopped the mule the Stone boys were driving and took a shotgun, which was in the buggy. Some threats were also made against the out-of-town visitors, according to the evidence.

## EVANGELISTIC AND UNDENOMINATIONAL MEETINGS

**Mr. Luke Rader's Sermons on Book of Romans Begins in School Auditorium This Evening.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Tonight in the high school auditorium at 7:30 Mr. Luke Rader will commence his series of sermons on "The Book of Romans," continuing every night this week and next week with the exception of Sundays.

Mrs. Rader, his talented wife, who is one of the foremost gospel singers in America, will sing every evening.

The meetings will be strictly evangelistic and un-denominational. Every meeting the opportunity will be given to accept Jesus Christ a personal Saviour with the privilege of joining any church one may choose; the one objective of the meetings being to bring out the teachings of the Bible and let men and women know their privileges in Christ Jesus.

Admission is free. The public is cordially invited. There will be special music at each service.

**Fear Tobacco Plans Killed—Mercury Goes to 19.**

Thursday night was the coldest of the winter here. The thermometer registered 19 above zero, while the coldest registered before during the winter was 21 above. It is feared that many tobacco plants were killed by the cold. Some farmers report that they think the plants were killed, while others say they don't think theirs were injured. Much depended upon the location of the plant-beds and the cover provided.

**Farmers' Union President Speaks Here Friday.**

As has been stated in The Robesonian, Mr. R. W. H. Stone of Greensboro, president of the North Carolina Farmers' union, will be in Lumberton Friday of this week to give information relative to fertilizers. He is anxious to meet a number of Robeson farmers.

**Play at Zion's Tabernacle February 25.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian. There will be a play given at Zion's Tabernacle by Mrs. O. T. Lee's class, Saturday night, February 25th, title, "Too Much Married." Admission 10 and 15 cents.

**Detour Warning on State Road.** Lumberton—Westbound traffic follow the Fairmont road to detour sign turn to right for Maxton, Red Springs and Pembroke.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Stafford and small son, Joseph Neil, left Friday evening for their home at Nashville, Tenn., after spending sometime here visiting at the home of Mrs. Stafford's parents, Dr. and Mrs. N. A. Thompson.

Miss Vernie Martin left today for her home in Asheville after spending some time here visiting Mrs. T. L. Johnson.

Mr. S. Thad Stone and small son of R. 4, Lumberton, are among the visitors in town today.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Prevatt, who live near Lowe, were Lumberton visitors this morning.

## Public Schools and Bible Teaching

**In Sermon at First Baptist Dr. Durham Declares He Does Not Believe Jesus Christ Would Endorse Teaching in Public Schools Under Present Conditions—Origin of Bible Explained—Declines to Use School for Sermonettes to Those Who Will Not Go to Church to Hear Him.**

"I do not believe that Jesus Christ would endorse, under existing conditions, the teaching of the Bible in public schools," declared Rev. Dr. Chas. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, in his sermon last evening. Dr. Durham added that taking the country over, he did not think it best to read the Bible in the public schools. He explained that it might be advisable in some localities. "Would it be fair to make the Jews listen the reading of the New Testament, or Catholics to the reading of the King James version?" the preacher asked. Some would say "Yes, we are in the majority and we'll make you listen."

"If the Bible were taught in the public schools I might have a Catholic or a Russellite teaching my children," the preacher continued. The schools are maintained by taxation and every family has the same rights in the schools. The teachers' views of the Bible might be different from that of the students and their parents. "I hope I'll not live to see the day when the Bible is taught in the public schools."

"The home is the first place where the Bible should be taught. God Almighty established the home and He will hold the parents responsible for teaching His word. Teach it in the Sunday school and in the church." The preacher urged the importance of teaching the Bible more diligently in the home, the church and the Sunday school. "We have been playing about it," Sunday school teachers fail to study and prepare for teaching the Bible like it ought to be taught.

"I wish to thank the teachers and superintendent of the local schools for their invitations to visit the schools, but I'm not going to try to use the schools to make folks listen to my sermonettes who will not come to church and hear me. If I did, some would say I was using my influence there for the First Baptist church. There are Mormons in Robeson county. If members of that faith paid taxes to run the school they would have the same right to go there as I. The Russellites and the Catholics have the same right. God has not called the State schools and colleges to teach His word. He will not hold the schools responsible for ignorance of the Bible. The responsibility lies with the home, the Sunday school and the church."

In beginning his sermon, Dr. Durham asked, "How did we get the Bible?" He answered the question, giving a clear view of how it was inspired and handed down to the present day. The Old Testament was accepted by Jesus Christ. It was used by His disciples in their early preaching. The New Testament is a biography of Christ and His teachings. The history of the origin of the old and new testaments and the manner of their preservation as outlined would remove the doubts of any that it is the inspired Word of God.

## THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

**Mr. Jno. A. Leitch of Rowland Died This Morning—Funeral Tomorrow.**

Mr. John A. Leitch, well-known Rowland citizen, died this morning of heart trouble and complications. Deceased was around 73 years old and is survived by 8 children, among them being Mrs. A. H. Webster of Lumberton. The funeral will be conducted tomorrow at 10 a. m. and interment will be made in the cemetery at Ashpole Presbyterian church, of which church deceased had long been a member.

**Judge Landis Quits Bench for Baseball—Will Help Legion.**

Federal Judge K. M. Landis announced in Chicago Saturday that he had resigned from the bench, effective March 1, to devote his entire time to his position as supreme dictator of organized baseball. The judge said there are not enough hours in the day for all his activities, that he had been getting up at 5 a. m. and had had to go without lunch for two weeks. He said Sunday he would devote more time to the American Legion, which he said is "the greatest insurance policy this country has."

**Committee Meets February 25.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Pembroke, Feb. 20.—The committee appointed by the Legislature on school matters arising from the negro question in the Indian public schools in Robeson county will be in session at Union Chapel school house near Buies, on Saturday February 25th, for the purpose of hearing any case or cases desiring to be aired before us, at 12 o'clock noon.

R. H. LOWRY, Chm. J. E. WOODSELL, Sect'y.

## Lumber Bridge News Letter

**Social Items—Epidemic of Colds—Weather Interferes With Basketball—Personal.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Lumber Bridge, Feb. 17.—Immediately after B. Y. P. U. on Monday night, the 13th, group number two and the group leaders were entertained by Miss Thelma Tolar. As the guests arrived they were asked to register, the following registering: Misses Pearl Parker, Lissie Woodard, Mamie Monroe, Clara Brooks, Julia Tolar, Gay Sibly and Tasca Tolar; Messrs. Chappel Wilson, Foster Currie, Frank Tolar, A. L. Usher, Hugo Rowe, Sidney Boney and D. A. Sparks. The lucky ones in the contest were Miss Tasca Tolar and Mr. Hugo Rowe, this couple winning a lovely Valentine as their trophy. Delicious refreshments were served. The decorations of long-leaf pine and japonica added much charm to the occasion.

Mrs. J. S. Hodges most charmingly entertained the basketball teams at her home on Valentine night. The reception hall was effectively decorated with potted plants. It was truly a Valentine party and from the fortune book of the heart the guests' fortunes were read. In this way the king and queen of hearts were selected and these reigned supreme throughout the evening. In an interesting faculty and Mr. Allen Priest won first honor. Delicious refreshments consisting of chicken salad, wafers, olives, coffee and home-made candy were served by Elizabeth Hodges, Rebecca Currie and Leila Hubbard.

Messrs. D. G. and J. H. Malloy of Quitman, Ga., spent a few days here this week.

The Christian Endeavorers entertained a number of their friends on Wednesday evening at the home of Miss Margaret John. In spite of inclement weather a goodly number were present and the evening was filled with fun and happiness.

An epidemic of bad colds seems to be holding sway over Lumber Bridge and several of our school pupils are ill.

The playing of two basketball games with Parkton this week has been rendered impossible by the bad weather, both rain and snow falling on the days on which they were to play.

## Special Boll Weevil Meeting

**State Entomologist Sherman Will Address Important Meeting in Lumberton March 3.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian. The most important boll weevil meeting ever held in Robeson will be held at the court house, Lumberton, Friday, March 3, at 11 a. m.

The meeting will be in charge of Prof. Franklin Sherman, State Entomologist. He will be assisted by other specialists from the Department of Agriculture.

Every one interested in growing cotton this year should hear these men. I have heard these men and I am sure they will give you something that will be well worth the time you give in attending this meeting.

The meeting may make the difference between success and failure to you.

O. O. DUKES, County Farm Demonstrator.

## Sweet Potato and Livestock Meeting

**At Meeting in Lumberton February 24 Plans Will be Formulated for Large Potato Storage Plant.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian. A special sweet potato and livestock meeting will be held in the town hall, Lumberton, Friday, February 24, at 7:30 p. m. Every business man and farmer in and around Lumberton should attend this meeting. We propose at this meeting to formulate plans for erecting a large sweet-potato storage plant at Lumberton. The sweet potato is now proving a very profitable crop in many sections of the South. The business man should be interested from the standpoint of business building and the farmer from having a ready market for his product.

Matters of interest to the livestock grower will also be taken up, emphasis being placed on a cooperative creamery.

Speakers from the Department of Agriculture will be present.

O. O. DUKES, County Farm Demonstrator.

**Negro Attacks 2 Meredith Students.**

Two students at Meredith college at Raleigh were attacked by a negro who entered their room at 3 a. m. Saturday. While attempted to assault one of the girls the other escaped and called for help, when the negro fled.

## NOTICE

Word has reached The Robesonian office that subscribers getting their mail at Fairmont, Orum and Boardman didn't get last week's papers on time, if at all. The papers were mailed as usual and the trouble lies with the people who handle the mail after it leaves the office. Subscribers who fail to receive their papers in due time should advise The Robesonian office and the matter will be investigated.

## COTTON MARKET

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 16 1-4 cents the pound.

## BRIEF ITEMS AND LOCAL NEWS

—License has been issued for the marriage of English Troy Nye and Bessie Britt.

—All the banks in town will be closed Wednesday of this week—George Washington's birthday.

—Mr. A. Weinstein was able to be at his store Saturday after being confined to his room for three weeks.

—Miss Rebecca Stack of Monroe, who is visiting here, sang a solo at the service at the First Baptist church last evening.

—Miss Josephine Breece returned last night from the Northern markets, where she purchased spring and summer goods for her store.

—Mr. S. Adams of Elrod came to town today to see his son, Thomas, who is at the Baker sanatorium suffering with pneumonia. His condition is favorable today.

—Miss Elizabeth Frye, county welfare officer, will go tomorrow to Greensboro, where she will place an 8-year-old boy in the North Carolina children's home.

—Mr. J. Ellie Walters left yesterday for New York, where he expects to purchase a 3-passenger DeHavilland airplane. He was accompanied by ex-Lieut. Woody of Wilmington.

—A check for \$3.00 has been received from the Singletary's Cross Road Baptist church for the Jewish relief fund. This amount was forwarded Saturday by Mr. J. P. Russell.

—Mr. R. M'White of R. 1, Pembroke, passed through town this afternoon en route home from a visit to the home of his brother, Mr. Duncan M'White, near Barker's, who is ill.

—The name of the Pope Drug Co. has been changed to the North State Drug Co., Incorporated. The company was incorporated recently. Mr. J. S. Cox, former manager, will continue in charge.

—Sgt. C. F. Smith, of the U. S. army recruiting service, arrived Friday and will be here until March 1. Young men desiring to enlist in the army will find Sgt. Smith at the local postoffice.

—Reported for The Robesonian: Miss Carolyn Shooter left last Friday morning for Trinity college, Durham, to attend Zeta Tau Alpha initiation. She will be the guest of friends there until Thursday.

—"Wallace the Magician" gave a corking good sleight-of-hand show in the high school auditorium Friday evening to a fair-sized audience that enjoyed every minute. Twenty-five per cent of the proceeds go to the 11th grade for the high school magazine.

—Miss Flax Andrews, home demonstration agent, left last evening for Greensboro, having been called there by Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon to assist in a series of dairy demonstrations to be given in Greensboro and High Point. She will not return before Friday or Saturday of this week.

—Mr. J. P. Russell, chairman of the Lumberton Red Cross chapter, has received a contribution of \$6 from Miss Catherine King of R. 1, St. Pauls, for the suffering in Europe. Mr. Russell has also received a second contribution from the Broad Ridge Baptist church, totaling \$14. The money has been forwarded through the proper channels.

—Mr. A. A. Wright of Parkton, owner of the gasoline filling station near McNeill's bridge, at which place Mr. R. Walter Bullock was murdered on the night of January 31, is among the visitors in town today. Mr. Wright says he has had a dozen applications for the position which Mr. Bullock held. There is yet no clue as to the murderer of Mr. Bullock.

Chapel Hill, Feb. 16.—At a meeting just completed here, of the joint commission of the North Carolina and Western North Carolina Methodist conferences in the Chapel Hill Methodist church, the program for erecting the new Methodist church for the students of the university and the local church was definitely decided upon, and committees were appointed to carry the program to completion.

Messrs. B. and Kestler Tolar of Rennett were among the visitors in town this morning.

Rev. D. C. Barnes of Barnesville was a Lumberton visitor this morning.