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3 Railway Wrecks In Three Days

16 Cars of Long Freight Train Go Through Trestle Near Kennert Monday—No One Injured—Repairs Quickly Made—17 Cars Derailed Near Marion Tuesday and 2 Pullmans Left Track at Pembroke Yesterday.

By Phone to Robesonian.
Kennert, Feb. 23.—Sixteen cars of a 66-car A. C. L. north-bound freight train fell through a trestle into Raft Swamp, near Kennert, Monday at 5 p. m. The engine and 40 cars had passed safely over when a car was derailed a few feet south of the trestle. The car struck the trestle with such force as to tear it up and the 16 cars were piled into the swamp before the train could be stopped. The major portion of the wrecked cars were loaded with lumber. All members of the train crew escaped unhurt.

Wrecking crews from Rocky Mount and Florence were hurried to the scene and trains were passing over the road yesterday at 8 a. m. Seventeen cars of a heavy freight derailed by way of Wilmington were derailed near Marion, S. C., Tuesday afternoon, blocking that line of the A. C. L. for several hours.

Passenger trains were derailed by way of Maxto while the main line was blocked at the Raft Swamp trestle. Two Pullman cars attached to A. C. L. passenger train No. 85 were derailed at Pembroke early yesterday morning. All passengers escaped injury.

Charity Club Will Be Organized

A Meeting for That Purpose Will be Held in Municipal Building February 28.

A meeting in which every citizen of the town should be interested will be held in the municipal building Tuesday evening, February 28, the purpose of the meeting being to organize a charity club. The plan of those behind the movement is to elect officers, whose business it will be to make investigation of reported needy cases and to render aid when it is needed. Members of the club will be asked to make regular monthly cash donations for the purpose of financing the work.

There are in every town the size of Lumberton and larger deserving cases that should receive help. Yet many demands are made upon the public that are not worthy. With an organization for looking into such calls the worthy would stand a better chance of receiving aid, while the impostors would find it more difficult to "collect."

Municipal Finance Act Again Invalid

Raleigh, Feb. 21.—An opinion by Charles F. Masslich, New York bond attorney, that the legislature made another error in putting through the municipal finance act during the special session, again making it invalid, caused surprise among state officials today.

The opinion was contained in a letter to city officials of Wilson, who had sent \$125,000 of street bonds to the attorney for approval.

It stated that "it appears the bill passed only two readings when three are required by the constitution of North Carolina to make it legal."

HONEY SORGHUM PEOPLE FORM AN ASSOCIATION

Believe Co-Operative Plan Will Help in Obtaining Prices for Product.

Raleigh, Feb. 20.—The honey sorghum people along the South Carolina line have followed the lead of the cotton and tobacco farmers and organized a co-operative marketing association to aid them in obtaining better prices for their products and to facilitate the marketing of them.

Charter was filed today in the office of Secretary of State Grimes for the Honey Sorghum Producers Co-operative Association, a corporation having a \$5,000 authorized capitalization and with its principal office in Pembroke, Robeson county. It is organized under the co-operative marketing act passed at the last regular session of the general assembly, and is primarily for the purpose of developing a cooperative spirit among the honey sorghum producers.

The directors of the association are O. R. Samson, W. H. Godwin, W. J. Jacobs, J. R. Cummings, D. F. Lowry, C. B. Brayboy, and James Cummings, all of the Scotch county.—Brock Barkley in Charlotte Observer.

"Black Bud" Brown, negro, was shot to death by a convict guard Monday when he attempted to escape from the Durham county chain-gang Monday near Durham.

Recorder's Court

Busy Days in Recorder's Court Follow "Crimeless Wave"—One Road Sentence and Several Fines.

After a two-weeks "crimeless wave" Saturday was a busy day in local recorder's court and Monday was another. The following cases were aired before Recorder D. H. Fuller Monday:

Lee Allen, Indian, driving automobile in town of Lumberton without paying drivers' license, fined \$5 and cost. Allen applied for the license, but was refused because of the fact that his former license had been revoked and the traffic officer failed to recommend that a new license be granted. Allen later appealed the matter to the town commissioners and they refused to recommend that the license be granted, after which he proceeded to drive without license, according to the evidence.

Don Yates was fined \$50 and cost on the charge of driving an automobile on the public highway while under the influence of intoxicating liquors. Yates was also charged with being drunk and disorderly in the town of Lumberton, judgment being continued in this case upon payment of cost.

Ernest Yates was found guilty of being drunk and disorderly on the public highway, judgment being continued upon payment of cost.

Jim Kelly, colored, was sentenced to 30 days on the roads for cruelty to an animal, to wit, a horse. Kelly was also found guilty of being drunk and disorderly in the town of Lumberton, judgment being suspended upon payment of cost.

Leslie Bullard was found guilty of exceeding the speed limit and judgment was suspended upon payment of cost.

E. S. Walters was fined \$25 and cost on the charge of allowing his stock to run at large.

Thompson Williams was found guilty of allowing his hogs to run at large, judgment being continued.

Recreation Work In Public Schools

Pupils of Local Schools Introduced to New Games Yesterday by Representative of Community Service—Miss Haire Will Visit the Ten Schools of the County That Have Community Service Program.

Miss Frances Haire, representing Community Service, Inc., of New York, gave instructions in recreation work to pupils of the Lumberton graded school yesterday afternoon. As was stated in Monday's Robesonian, Miss Haire arrived Friday of last week and will spend two weeks in the county assisting Miss Louisa Williams, community service director in Robeson county, in her work. She was sent to this county by the Bureau of Public School Extension, Raleigh, having spent some time doing like work in the Raleigh schools before coming here. Miss Haire will visit the ten schools in the county which have the community service pictures and other features of the community service program.

One division of the third, one of the fourth, all the fifth and one division of the sixth grades took part in the program yesterday afternoon. Pupils of the third grade were taught a number of new games, among them "Old Buzzard", "Garden Scamp", "Singing Game" and "My Son John." The games taught the fourth grade were: "Exchange", "Lobster Race", "Rabbit Race", and "Pony Race." The fifth grade pupils were taught a game known as "Snatch the Handkerchief", while the sixth grade pupils were taught a game known as "Hiram and Mirandy".

The children took much interest in the new games, which will most likely make up a part of the recreation program at the local school in the future. Miss Haire is finding much interest in this work, especially in the rural districts.

Series of Sermons On Book of Romans

Evangelistic Services Conducted by Rev. Luke Rader Every Evening in High School Auditorium.

Interest is growing in the series of religious lectures which Rev. Luke Rader, pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle, is delivering at the high school auditorium. Mr. Rader delivered the first lecture Monday evening and will continue to give one each week-day evening at 7:30 through next week. The singing of Mrs. Rader, a talented gospel singer, is a delightful feature of the services. The meetings are evangelistic and un-denominational. The public is invited to attend the services.

Superior Court Next Week.

A two-weeks' term of Superior court for the trial of civil cases will convene Monday of next week. Judge Geo. W. Connor of Wilson will preside. The calendar was published in Monday's Robesonian.

Parkton Letter

Farmers Hauling Fertilizer, and Otherwise Busy—Basketball Team Tackles Sanford—Fine Entertainment Expected Friday Night—To Organize Epworth League—Fine Poultry—Personal and Other Items—By C. D. Williamson.

Parkton, Feb. 22.—If we were to state the order of the day we would answer "hauling fertilizer." The farmers are rushing plows and stalk-cutters. Some are planting Irish potatoes and English peas. From what we can learn much cotton will be planted up our way this year.

The basketball team of our high school went up to Sanford Friday, where they played the Sanford strong team Friday night. Of course our boys suffered a defeat. It is reported that the Sanford team is much stouter than our boys and have much more experience. Our boys say they were royally entertained while in Sanford. A reception were given in their honor after the game Friday night. They returned home Saturday p. m.

Rev. Mr. Clontz of Davidson preached an excellent sermon at the Presbyterian church here Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Mr. Clontz is a young man of much ability and the above church would be most fortunate if it could secure this able man to administer to them, or as their under shepherd.

Rev. R. F. Munns and Mr. A. M. Stubbs went up to Raeford Tuesday p. m.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lancaster, on the 12th, a fine girl, over at the Pittman hospital.—Both are doing well.

Probably the greatest entertainment of the season will be at the auditorium next Friday night, given by the South Fayetteville band, a minstrel that promises fun a-plenty. O. H. Seawell is some musician. He is leader and magician. Our good friend J. L. Burchman is cornetist. A large crowd is expected. Admission, 50c and 25c; doors open at 7:30, concert at 8 o'clock. All for benefit of Band and League.

Epworth League will be organized at the M. E. church here Thursday. All young people over 12 years old are invited.

Messrs. A. A. Wright and C. A. Bodenhammer went down to Boardman today on business.

We regret to report Mrs. O. Stanley sick, but somewhat better; also Mrs. Z. T. McMillan of route 1 has been quite sick since last Tuesday, but she is at present improving. Her son Charles Vance McMillan of Davidson college spent the week-end with her.

This scribe has just viewed Mr. Jas. McNeill's fine poultry at Lumberton. He has two hundred beautiful young biddies, which beats all of us.

New Secretary for Soldier's Relief

Mr. A. P. Page will be Assisted in Work in Robeson by Messrs. David H. Fuller and I. L. McGill.

Mr. A. P. Page of Lumberton has been named secretary of the soldiers relief for Robeson county, succeeding Mr. J. P. Russell, chairman of the Lumberton Red Cross chapter. Mr. David H. Fuller, commander of the Lumberton post of the American Legion, and Mr. I. L. McGill, adjutant and finance officer of the post, have been named as assistants to Mr. Page. The new secretary was former insurance officer of the local Legion post and is secretary of the Lafayette Mutual Life Insurance Co. His office is on the second floor of the Planters Bank & Trust Co. building, Chestnut and Fourth streets.

Mr. Russell has handled this work for the last several months and asked for a successor, owing to the fact that he does not have the time aside from his duties as town clerk and treasurer to keep up with the work. Mr. Russell has given much time and attention to the ex-soldiers since taking over the work several months ago, having rendered assistance to numbers of them in various ways.

Mr. T. R. Buchanan, field secretary of the American Red Cross, spent Tuesday and yesterday in town assisting in forming the new organization for looking after the soldiers' interest.

Charge Raleigh Bankers With Embezzling Funds.

News and Observer, Feb. 23: Charged with embezzlement, R. G. Allen, former president; J. H. Hightower, president, and H. H. Massey, cashier of the defunct Central Bank and Trust company, of Raleigh, were arrested yesterday afternoon and held under bonds of \$50,000 each for Allen and Hightower and \$10,000 for Massey. A preliminary hearing for Hightower and Massey will be held Friday at 12 o'clock, while the Allen case was set for Wednesday, March 1, at 11 o'clock.

Dr. J. P. Brown of Fairmont is a Lumberton visitor today.

St. Pauls News Letter

Death and Funeral of Mr. Lige Gibson—Laymen's Convention March 7—Other Church Notes—Mrs. W. A. Inman Breaks Ankle in Fall—Another New Residence—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.
St. Pauls, Feb. 21.—As tomorrow the 22nd, marks the birthday of the "Father of our country," we shall quote a few words with Margaret E. Sangster, in his behalf: "Thou shalt live so grandly, that long after you are gone, the things you did are remembered and recounted under the sun; to live so bravely and purely, that a nation stops on its way, and once a year with banner and drum, keeps the thought of your natal day." This lovely, nice weather makes us feel like spring has arrived sure enough.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. McGeachy, went to Charlotte last Wednesday a. m. Mrs. McGeachy was to consult a specialist. As he found no serious trouble, they were able to return home Saturday night.

Very good crowds attended the prayer circle, which met at the home of Mrs. A. R. McEachern each afternoon last week, despite the rains and snow. The mission study class meets at the Presbyterian manse each p. m. this week at 3 o'clock. If this weather continues the attendance no doubt will be good. Mrs. W. D. Johnson had the chapter for yesterday afternoon, while Miss Mary MacLean is on for this afternoon. Certain ladies are asked to read and explain the different chapters in the book. The ladies of St. Pauls can hardly be excelled in work like this.

Last Thursday the prayer circle met one hour sooner, in order to give the ladies an opportunity of attending the Woman's club, which was to meet in the club room at 3 o'clock. This was the time for the regular monthly meeting of the Woman's club, but on account of inclement weather, Miss Andrews, demonstrator, phoned she could not be here. Mrs. Murray, who is president of the club, decided to have a business meeting anyway.

The laymen's convention will be here Tuesday, March 7th.

The many friends of Lawyer and Mr. John D. Canady rejoice with them in the improvement of their child, which suffered an attack of pneumonia some days ago.

Miss Mary L. Johnson, of Baker sanatorium, Lumberton, spent Friday and Saturday with home folks here.

Miss Maudie Guiton, who is in training at Pittman hospital, Fayetteville, spent Sunday night with her parents.

The Junior Christian Endeavor society will have a little entertainment tonight. This young bunch, no doubt, are anticipating a "great" time, as well as lots of fun.

Miss Aileen Bennett spent the week—(Continued on page five.)

Sweet Potato and Livestock Meeting

Important Meeting Will be Held at Court House Friday at 7:30 P. M.—Part of Boll-Weevil Fighting Program.

As was stated in Monday's Robesonian, a meeting of interest to farmers and business men alike will be held in the court house tomorrow (Friday) evening at 7:30. The meeting was suggested by Mr. L. S. Prevat, who has been employed by the State Department of Agriculture for several months. It is the purpose to perfect an organization for erecting a sweet potato storage house in Lumberton. Well-informed speakers will address the meeting and all who are interested in a program which will enable farmers to best meet the boll weevil are urged to be present.

A meeting attended by several local business men was held Monday evening and judging from the sentiment expressed at the meeting, a potato house will be erected here if the farmers will lend their co-operation to the movement.

Don't forget the place and hour for the meeting and be on hand.

The local Chamber of Commerce has issued the following letter relative to the meeting:

"You are invited to attend a special sweet potato and livestock meeting at the court house Friday, February 24th, at 7:30 p. m. Speakers from the Department of Agriculture will be present to discuss these matters.

"We realize that certain changes in our system of farming must be made and feel that sweet potatoes and livestock will add much toward making this change. The business interests of Lumberton are behind the proposition, and in order to make it go we must have your cooperation. Therefore we are making this special request for your presence at the meeting Friday night.

"Come to the meeting and bring your neighbor."

J. P. RUSSELL,
F. K. BIGGS,
Secretary.

Fairmont News

Great Mass Meeting in Interest of Calhoun Highway—Connect With W. C. A. at Boardman—School Meeting Tonight—Other Items.

By H. V. Brown.

Fairmont, Feb. 22.—The greatest mass meeting ever held in Fairmont was held last Monday night in the Jones building over the Bank of Fairmont. The meeting had been well advertised and was attended even beyond expectations, the number present running up into the hundreds. Representatives from Barnesville, Proctorville, McDonald and Boardman. The Hon. Joe A. Brown of Chadbourne was present and made a speech well worth hearing, as noted below. The meeting was called in behalf of the Calhoun Highway association, of which there is a local club here. Mr. Hannah, vice president of the South Carolina Calhoun Highway association, was present and presented facts before the audience that were pleasing and most interesting. He made special stress on the "Calhoun highway and how it affects Fairmont". He showed that the Calhoun highway was not just a small stretch of road to be built of concrete through a section of South Carolina and North Carolina, but that it was a trans-continental highway with terminals at Wilmington, on the Atlantic Coast, and San Diego, California, on the Pacific. He further stated that one reason for its soon becoming a reality was that the military authorities in Washington were back of the proposition mainly because it was or would be the only Southern trans-continental highway open twelve months in the year and, too, it would intersect all the highways running North and South. His heart and soul seem to be in the work as he showed that he wanted a memorial of stone in his honor but that he wanted this stone to be soled by the footprints of the children going to church and school and by wagon wheels and car wheels.

What Proposed Highway Means

Hon. Joe A. Brown was next introduced by Chairman E. Fisher and made one of those speeches that Fairmont people always enjoy. He showed whereby it was a settled fact that the W. C. A. highway would run from Boardman to Wilmington by Chadbourne and Whiteville and that he was especially anxious to see the Calhoun highway come through Fairmont and connect with the other highway at Boardman. He asked Mr. Hannah just what amount of work was now being done on the Calhoun highway and was informed that over one half million dollars worth was under construction. He also showed the enormous freight rates now being charged by the railroads and said with emphasis that if the highways of the country were built according to the undertaking and programs the railroad could go to—and he had to use a gesture here to signify where. Then Mr. Hannah stated again that the radiophones would be installed in every town where there was a chapter or club of the association and Mr. McIver then explained just what was meant by a radio wireless telephone. Several of the local men made short talks, including a most interesting talk by Lawyer V. H. Taylor, who made a fine appeal for the support of the local people in

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Armenian Relief

Lumberton Township is Still \$300 Short of Its Quota—Campaign Will be Continued Through Sunday.

Lumberton township has contributed \$516.43 to the Armenian relief fund, which is \$300 less than the amount asked for. This amount has been turned over to Mr. Edward Knox Proctor, chairman of Lumberton township. The drive will be continued through Sunday and it is expected that other contributions will be made.

Contributions have been turned in from the churches in town as follows: Chestnut Street Methodist, \$143.24; First Baptist, \$89.05; Presbyterian, \$337; Gospel Tabernacle, \$15.28. The sum of \$749.58 was collected at the graded and high schools.

Those who have not contributed to this worthy cause and would like to, should hand or mail same to Mr. Proctor immediately.

Red Springs Pythians Celebrating Anniversary.

Red Springs, Feb. 21.—Red Springs lodge No. 235, Knights of Pythias, is observing Pythian anniversary week with special services. A memorial service was held Sunday afternoon in St. Stephens Episcopal church, the lodge attending in a body and hearing addresses from the rector, Knight T. F. Opie, and the chancellor commander, J. S. Jones.

Special anthems and vocal duets were rendered by members of the Presbyterian church choir under the direction of Knight C. G. Vardell, Jr., dean of the conservatory.

Tonight the lodge held a meeting in its castle hall with a program in celebration of the 53th anniversary of the founding of the order.

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

BRIEF ITEMS AND LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. A. P. McAllister has been confined to his room for several days with an abscessed jaw.

—A. J. Jr., 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Holmes, has practically recovered from an attack of pneumonia.

—Lumber river has been rising rapidly during the last week, the waters having left the banks in the lowlands hereabouts.

—Mr. R. T. Sanderson purchased Tuesday from Mr. Jno. W. Bullock a 5-room cottage, which Mr. Bullock recently erected on Seneca street.

—Miss Jontie Gray Robinson arrived yesterday from Atlanta, Ga., and has resumed her duties as trimmer in the Style Shop.

—A check for \$14 for Jewish relief has been received by Mr. J. P. Russell, local treasurer for this fund, from the Lumberton Presbyterian church.

—Mr. Maston Britt and family are moving today from their farm on R. 2 from Lumberton to Greensboro. Mr. and Mrs. Britt were Lumberton visitors yesterday.

—Mr. A. Weinstein and son, Mr. Max Weinstein, expect to leave Saturday night for the northern markets to buy goods for Mr. A. Weinstein's department store.

—The Lumberton high school basketball team will play the Rowland high school teams on the local court this afternoon at 3:30. Two of the best games of the season are expected.

—Students of the Barker-Ten Mile high school will give a play, "Farm Folks", on the night of March 3. An admission of 20 and 35 cents will be charged, the proceeds to go to the athletic department of the school.

—Mr. Jno. T. Bateman returned last evening to his home at St. Pauls after undergoing treatment for a few days at the Baker sanatorium. Mrs. Bateman came to Lumberton and returned home with her husband.

—Mr. O. M. Britt informs The Robesonian that it was in error in stating that he owned the dog which recently bit Mr. Purvis Powers after he had gone mad. He says while the dog belonged to the family, he did not own him.

—Mrs. O. H. Bracey returned yesterday from Baltimore, Md., where she spent 3 weeks in a hospital undergoing treatment. Her condition is very much improved. Mr. Bracey went to Baltimore Sunday and returned with Mrs. Bracey.

—Messrs. Stephens & Barnes, local undertakers, recently have equipped a dust-proof show room for caskets on the second floor of their store, Chestnut street. They have also fitted up a model embalming room on the same floor.

—Who said it does not pay to advertise? A local merchant ran an "eggs wanted" ad in The Robesonian's penny-a-word column and has as a result of the ad bought more than 100 dozen eggs in one day. An ad in The Robesonian brings results.

—Misses Amelia Linkhauer and Lina Gough and Mr. Frank Gough, Jr., returned yesterday from New York, where they spent two weeks. Miss Linkhauer went to New York to purchase spring and summer millinery for her store—the Style Shop.

—Dr. W. W. Parker recently has completed a 4-room cottage on the banks of the Lumbee, 6 1/2 miles north of town, where he and Mrs. Parker will live much of the time during the summer months. Attractive fishing waters thereabouts had much to do with Dr. Parker's decision to build at that point.

—A delightful program of Hawaiian music, vocal and instrumental, was rendered at the Pastime theatre yesterday afternoon and evening in addition to the regular picture program, by the "Texas Duo," a man and a woman. The same people will present a change of program today and tomorrow, afternoon and evening.

—The following men have enlisted in the U. S. army here this week and have been sent to Camp Bragg: Bennett Scott, Chester Ross, James Haney, Fred Stone, Joe Stephens, J. D. Beck, E. D. Beck, Fred Ellis, Sgt. G. F. Smith will be in Lumberton until March 1 or longer for the purpose of enlisting men for the army.

—Messrs. Clayton Ross and J. G. Council, of Parkton, were Lumberton visitors Tuesday. Mr. Council went on to Whiteville to take back to its owners an automobile that came to grief near Roalin Sunday night, overturning in rounding a curve. One of the four men who were in the car was hurt but they all returned home that night, leaving the car to be hauled out and repaired and brought home.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF LUMBERTON has money to lend to Farmers on Bonded Warehouse. Receipts for cotton or other acceptable securities. Farmers seeking a permanent banking connection are advised to consult the officers of this strong National Bank.