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Town Board Authorizes Bond Issue

$120,000 for Sewer and Water Extension, $80,000 for Additional Paving and $35,000 to Refund Floating Indebtedness Approved—Paving Bonds Must be Approved by Property Owners—Floating Indebtedness Has Not Increased in Last 18 Months.

An order authorizing issue of bonds totaling $120,000 for sewer and water extension and $80,000 for additional street and sidewalk paving was passed by the mayor and town commissioners at a meeting Tuesday evening. The order also provides for an additional issue of $35,000 to take care of the floating indebtedness of the town.

The bonds for paving will be issued only after a petition requesting same has been signed by at least 51 per cent. of the property owners. The petition must also represent as much as 51 per cent. of the footage of property abutting the proposed paving. It is planned to extend the paving north on both Elm and Chestnut streets, also to pave the sidewalks on East Second street. Some cross streets between Elm and Chestnut also will be paved, providing the property owners petition for it.

Bonds for the sewer and water extension will be issued and sold without petition, this being provided by the municipal laws. It has not been determined just what amount of bonds will be sold for paving, as this depends upon the petitions filed. However, an amount up to $80,000 is provided for in the order.

The water and sewerage extension will be made in the eastern part of town, largely east of the Virginia & Carolina Southern railroad. The plan also provides for improvements in the present filter plant.

No Increase in Floating Debt

According to Mr. J. P. Russell, town clerk and treasurer, the floating indebtedness of the town has not increased any during the last 18 months, a part of the debt having been liquidated during that time.

A number of citizens of the town attended the meeting Tuesday evening. Messrs. T. A. McNeill and G. Badger McLeod, both of whom own property on the streets which it is proposed to pave, protested against the bond issue for paving. Others present who own property on the same streets seemed to favor the issue. Petitions will be circulated at an early date to determine the extent of paving to be done.

The board passed an order changing the fire limits so as to allow Mr. W. I. Linkhaw to erect a residence on West Third street.

Alleged Store Robber Arrested

Henry Smith is Charged With Robbing Stores in Lumberton and Fairmont—Robt. Williams Waded in Water to His Neck and Got Away—Both Negroes Also Charged With Robbing Freight Cars Here.

Henry Smith, negro, wanted in connection with the robbery of the stores of L. E. Squires & Co. of Lumberton and Mr. E. V. McDaniel of Fairmont was arrested here Tuesday afternoon by Chief of Police D. M. Barker and Policeman Vance McGill. He was located in the home of Jim McArn, colored, in the eastern part of town. He had a 38-calibre pistol in his pocket and made an effort to get hold of it when the officers approached him.

Robert Williams, another negro wanted in connection with the same robberies, was given a chase by local officers Tuesday afternoon and escaped by wading in water up to his neck. A reward of $500 has been offered for the arrest of Williams, who is wanted in Wilmington on the charge of murder, it is said. He carried a large pistol in his hand while the officers were after him, according to some people whom he passed.

Both Smith and Williams are wanted also in connection with the robbery of four freight cars here Monday night. The cars broken into were standing on a Seaboard sidetrack, near the freight depot. A quantity of flour and other things was taken.

Recorder's Court.

Frank Walters, who lives in the eastern part of town, was before Recorder D. H. Fuller Monday afternoon on the charge of assaulting his wife with a knife and also on the charge of cursing and raising a disturbance on the public highway. He was found not guilty of assault upon his wife, while he was found guilty of the second charge and was taxed with the cost.

Pete Edwards, colored, was fined $25 on the charge of carrying concealed weapons.

—A meeting of the Royal Arch Masons, with the grand secretary present, will be held next Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock for initiation of members, after which there will be a banquet at the Lorraine hotel. All members are urged to be present.

Stole Car From Under Church Eaves

While Preacher Was Attending Conference in Church at St. Pauls His Auto Was Stolen—Travis Bass Jr. Arrested at Marion on Charge of Stealing the Car.

Travis Bass, Jr., of Lumberton was arrested in Marion, S. C., late Tuesday afternoon on the charge of the larceny of a Ford touring car at St. Pauls. Chief of Police Lindsay of St. Pauls went to Marion yesterday and brought Bass back to St. Pauls, making the trip from Marion in the car which Bass is charged with stealing. The car was stolen Tuesday about 1 p. m. from within a few feet of the Presbyterian church at St. Pauls, while Rev. Eugene Alexander of Raeford, who drove the car there, was attending services in the church. Mr. Alexander borrowed the car from a neighbor to make the trip, being accompanied by Rev. J. A. McMurray, who was conducting a layman's conference in the church when the car was stolen. Mr. Alexander took the switch key out of the car when he left it, but the switch key was removed from Mr. W. K. Bethune's car, which was standing near by, while he was in the church. It is supposed Mr. Bethune's key was used in starting the stolen car.

Bass has a brother at Marion and when officers here heard that Bass passed through Lumberton driving a car, Marion officers were advised to be on the watch for him. He reached Marion just before dark, it is said.

To Vote On $25,000 School Bond Issue

Election Will be Held May 6 to Determine Bond Issue for High School Building in Thompson Township—Monthly Meeting of County Commissioners.

A school bond election to vote on a $25,000 bond issue for the erection of a high school building in Thompson township was ordered to be held May 6 by the board of county commissioners at their regular monthly meeting Monday. Mr. E. W. Stone was appointed registrar and Messrs. H. S. McLean, Albert McCormick and D. H. McCall were appointed judges of election.

The monthly reports of the Bank of Maxton (county treasurer), Sheriff R. E. Lewis, Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, and Miss Elizabeth Frye, county welfare officer, were ordered filed.

L. H. Smith was exempted from paying poll tax on account of infirmity.

The regular pauper list was allowed and the following additions made to the list:

Bunyan, Weldon and Asdon Baysdon, a total of $10 a month; Arch Williams $5, Arthur Jacobs $3, M. L. Milling $5 (temporarily) Susan Jacobs $4, C. W. and Bettie Mercer $2.50 each, Millie Melvin $3, Sarah D. McNeill $5, Allie Hardin $3. The monthly allowance of Betsey Dowlas was reduced from $10 to $5, while the allowance of Robert Chavis was increased from $3 to $6. Nellie Lyde and children, Mary Sellers, H. A. Penfield, Mrs. I. J. Belch and children and Eddie Capps were ordered dropped from the list.

Insolvent court cost bills for the February criminal term were ordered paid.

Report of bills ordered paid is held over for next issue.

Officers Watched 'Em Operate Still

And There Followed a Tall Race in Which Blockaders Proved Best Sprinters—But 3 Men Are in Jail—Still Now is Not.

A large still was captured by Deputies A. H. Prevatt and F. A. Wishart and Rural Policeman A. R. Pittman in a bay, near Atkinson's mill, Monday night at 12 o'clock. The still was in operation when the officers located it, and while the operators ran faster than the officers and escaped, they were recognized by the officers. Marshall Davis, who lives at the National cotton mill village, one of the men recognized, was arrested last night and is in jail here. Alex Calder and Dave Jones, both of whom live near Fairmont, the other two men seen at the still, came in today and surrendered to Sheriff Lewis and were placed in jail.

The still was made of a 50-gallon gasoline tank and other appliances. Around 100 gallons of beer and a small amount of the finished product were found at the still. The officers watched the men operate the still for some time before they made their presence known. The race that followed was a hot one, according to the officers, who failed to overtake the offenders.

—Dr. R. G. Rozier, who was treated at the Thompson hospital for injuries received some weeks ago when a train struck his auto at St. Pauls, was able to return to his home at St. Pauls Sunday.

St. Pauls News Letter

Stole Preacher's Car from Under Church Eaves But Was Chased and Caught—Lee Parker Now Postmaster—Death of C. S. McArthur Correspondence of The Robesonian.

St. Pauls, March 8.—Our little town was all excitement yesterday afternoon, the 7th, when news was circulated of a Ford touring car which was driven over here by one of the ministers, a Rev. Mr. Alexander, who has charge of some of the churches in Hoke county. It seems that it was a borrowed car which he and some other parties had driven over to St. Pauls to the laymen's convention. During the forenoon services it was left in the church grove and while the crowd were at luncheon this bold thief drove the car away. It seems that some one of the crowd noticed a car being driven away, but just supposed it was some one who had attended the meeting, leaving. They decided to go over there tho', as were anxious for all to remain for the afternoon program. Upon further investigation it was discovered that Rev. Mr. Alexander's car was the missing one. A bunch immediately started out to find the thief and the stolen car. We learned last night that they came upon them over in Marion, S. C., and to jail he will go, this a. m. It seems that a suitcase and an overcoat belonging to the other parties who were with Mr. Alexander were in the stolen car which were also recovered. This was a bold robbery, sure, to seize a fellow's car in broad daylight. This no doubt was the same person who tried to take a car here the night before from Mr. Lee Terry, one of St. Pauls young men. He noticed some one hanging around when he drove his car into the garage at home in the late p. m. and later on the family heard someone trying to crank a car. When they rushed out, he jumped out and fled, leaving the car behind.

The new postmaster, Mr. Lee Parker, has been installed. He has for his assistant helper a young brother. Miss Beth Terry, who was Mr. Caudell's, St. Pauls former postmaster's efficient assistant, has a position with The Grantham Drug Co.

News was received here Monday eve, of the death of Mr. Colon Shaw McArthur Sr. who lived somewhere over in the county of Richmond. Mr. McArthur, who was quite old, had been in declining health for some time. He was a brother of the late Mr. John McArthur, Sr. of St. Pauls, and an uncle of Messrs. John McArthur, Jr., and Shaw McArthur, of our town, also an uncle of Mesdames, J. C. Lentz and L. L. McGoogan of St. Pauls. Mrs. McGoogan and brother, Mr. C. S. Jr., attended the funeral yesterday.

The fifth, which includes the last number of the Lyceum courses, was held in the school auditorium here on last evening.

The many friends of Dr. R. G. Rozier are glad to have him home again, and getting on nicely.

Mrs. McMurry spent yesterday with her sister, Mrs. Rozier. It was she and her husband Rev. Mr. McMurry, who came over with Rev. Mr. Alexander, and the McMurry's suitcase and overcoat, that was with the stolen car, we have since learned.

T. A. McNeill in Race for Solicitor.

Mr. T. A. McNeill of Lumberton has "come out" for solicitor of this, the ninth, judicial district, to succeed Mr. S. B. McLean, present incumbent. Mr. McNeill had been considering entering the race for some time and Tuesday he stated to a Robesonian reporter that he was already in it. The only other avowed candidate for the office is Mr. E. S. Smith, an attorney of Raeford, Hoke county. This district is composed of Robeson, Bladen, Cumberland and Hoke counties. Mr. McNeill is a son of the late Judge T. A. McNeill and is well and favorably known throughout the district. He has taken active interest in the Democratic party since early manhood and has been chairman of the Democratic committee for the last 8 years.

Mr. J. E. Carpenter of Maxton has been prominently mentioned as a probable candidate, but he has made no definite announcement as to his intentions.

Negro Jailed on Charge of Stealing Auto.

Andrew Julius Bethea, colored, was brought to jail today by Rural Policeman D. C. Ratley, having been bound over to Superior court by Recorder A. E. Floyd of Fairmont on the charge of stealing an auto. The car was stolen from Mr. Melvin Shooter, who lives on R. 1 from Fairmont, January 11, last, having been taken from the Shooter home. The car was abandoned in Dillon, S. C., and later recovered by the owner. Bethea was arrested near Fairmont yesterday by Rural Policeman Ratley.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Taplin and small daughter, Sophia, of High Point, arrived Tuesday and are guests at the home of Mrs. Taplin's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Pope, North Elm street.

Fairmont News

Rumor Says Ice Plant Will be Started Soon—Burgled Bank Will Reopen Soon—Radiophone Equipment Ordered—Tearing Down Old Building to Erect 2-Story Brick—Social, Personal and Other Items.

By H. V. Brown.

Fairmont, March 8.—Mesdames E. J. Chambers and Mamie Pittman were hostesses last Tuesday, February 28th, to the Sidney Lanier Book Club in its regular monthly meeting. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Chambers on Iona street. Mrs. W. R. Taylor was in charge of the meeting due to the absence of the leader, Mrs. Charlie Baker. Very interesting papers were read by Mrs. Ernest Gardner and Miss Lela Floyd. Refreshments wrer served consisting of congealed salad, crackers and olives, followed by whipped cream and cake and coffee. A large number of members were present and the meeting was very successful both from a business and a social view.

A vulcanizing plant is being installed in the Brice building on Center street by a Mr. Sutton of Petersburg. Much work has been done and the managers expect to be doing business in a few days. Richard Bradshaw moved recently from this building to his old building, which has been remodeled since the fire a year or so ago, and has installed a refrigerating plant in the basement.

Rumor of Ice Plant.

Rumor has it that Fairmont will have a up-to-date ice plant in operation some time in the very near future. Just who is undertaking the project has not been learned, but it is thought ice "made in Fairmont" will be sold here this season.

Bank Will Re-open Soon.

The auditors and officials of the Bank of Fairmont have about completed checking since the burglary and it is understood the doors will open for business in a very short time.

Friends and relatives were saddened by the news of the death of Mrs. John Fisher in Mullins last Monday and Mrs. John Atkinson in Proctorville Monday night. Messrs. A. P., A. J. and J. P. Floyd attended the funeral of Mrs. Fisher in Mullins yesterday

Mr. F. F. Thompson has returned here from Evergreen, where he was principal of a school this year.

At a meeting of the United Daughters of the Confederacy chapter here in the American Legion hall Tuesday many applications were received for membership, and much important work was done toward perfecting the organization. Announcement of the next meeting will be made later.

Radiophone Equipment Ordered

A radiophone and full equipment is expected to arrive here at any time. Several of the citizens have pooled contributions for the instrument and it has been ordered out. Just where this will be located has not been definitely decided, but if the hall over the Bank of Fairmont is available, that will be the most likely place.

To Erect Brick Building.

Work has begun on tearing down the old building on the corner of Main and Iona streets. As soon as this is completed Mr. Jas. Pittman will erect a large two-story brick building on the lot.

Practice has begun among the school lads for a real baseball team this season. Fairmont was represented in Lumberton last Saturday and will be in the schedule which is being prepared by Mr. Ed. Glover of Lumberton.

A game of basketball was played on the school court last Saturday afternoon between the school team and a team from Camp Bragg. The final score was 6-4 in favor of the locals. The soldiers spent the night here and part of Sunday.

A large number of Fairmont township people are attending court in Lumberton today in interest of the Davis trial. Among those summoned as witnesses are Messrs. N. W. Jenkins, J. F. Davis and J. P. Brown. Other Lumberton visitors today are Messrs. F. C. Smith, W. R. Taylor and D. G. Rouse.

Roads Damaged by Rains.

Much damage has been done to the roads in this section by the recent heavy rains. Between here and Proctorville the water was running across the road in at least 10 different places. Drags are being used today, though, and the condition will be greatly improved as the rain has ceased.

Friends will be glad to learn that the condition of Mrs. J. C. Hubbard is somewhat improved. She has been in Columbia, S. C., for some time taking treatment.

Mr. Frank Jones has been confined to his room for the past few days with a severe attack of grippe or "flu". His condition is reported as being very much improved.

—Rev. Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Durham and daughter, little Miss Kathleen, returned this morning from Raleigh, where they went Monday evening to visit Dr. Durham's daughters, Misses Wilma and Margaret, who are students at Meredith college. They also attended the Truett meetings while in Raleigh.

Parkton Letter

Baptist Ladies Raise $50 at Chicken Supper—Great Odd Fellows Meeting at Fayetteville—Private Radio Station—Death of Eugene Tolar—Basketball—Personal and Other Items.

By C. D. Williamson.

Parkton, March 7.—In spite of the rough rainy night last Thursday night, the ladies of the Baptist church took in more than $50 at their chicken supper. It was said by many that they gave the best feed for 50c yet, served at Lancaster & Jones' store, 2nd floor.

Mr. A. McM. Blount attended the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F., which met in Fayetteville yesterday, seventh district. The following lodges were represented: Cross Creek No. 4, Hope Mills No. 123, Dunn No. 115, Jonesboro No. 127, Raeford No. 33, Sanford No. 160, Alpha No. 182, Lumberton No. 245, Cameron No. 326, Woodell No. 395, Roseboro No. 403.

A great time was reported. Banquet at 6:30, which was said to be the best.

Messrs J. A. Johnson and C. F. Caudell of St. Pauls were callers in town tonight.

Co. L. N. C. I., is out for drill tonight, enjoying the fresh breeze and the beautiful moonlight.

Our young friend C. G. Council can entertain his friends these nights with his wireless. Pittsburgh, Philadephia, New Jersey and New York can be heard plainly, which is a treat. This is what I call getting up-to-date. So, [illegible] larger towns—[illegible]ber Bridge for instance.

On yesterday morning we were advised by 'phone of the sad news of the death of one of our nephews, Eugene Tolar, aged 18 years. He had been in ill health for 5 or 6 years, suffering mostly from rheumatism. He had spent much of his time in the hospitals of Fayetteville, but nothing seemed to give him relief. He was buried at Mt. Pisgay Baptist church at 4 o'clock, yesterday. Services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Deacon and Rev. E. C. Maness of Fayetteville, also Rev. R. F. Munns of Parkton. A large number of neighbors and relatives assembled to pay their last tribute to one they had loved and admired. Eugene was exceptionally bright in his books while he was able to attend school, and the writer heard his teacher remark that he stood at the head of his class and never missed a word, and always had perfect lessons. The grave was banked with beautiful flowers. Deceased is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Tolar, five brothers and one sister ,all of Fayetteville R. 7.

Union prayer meeting this month at the Presbyterian church. Make up your mind to attend for a rariety. It will do you good.

Superior Court

Suit to Recover Money Paid for a Stolen Car—Other Cases—Court is Expected to Adjourn This Afternoon or Tomorrow.

The trial of A. R. McEachern vs. W. R. Clayton was begun in Superior court here yesterday and probably will be completed today. This suit grew out of Mr. McEachern, of St. Pauls, purchaseing from Clayton of Fayetteville a Cadillac automobile which later proved to have been a stolen car. Mr. McEachern lost the car and the suit was brought in an effort to recover the money paid for it.

The following jury trials have been completed during this, second week of a two-weeks' term of civil court:

W. I. Linkhaw vs. S. D. Strain; judgment for defendant.

C. A. Cox vs. Carl Hunt; judgment for defendant.

National Novelty Import Co. vs. D. S. Klarpp et al; judgment for plaintiffs.

Judge Geo. W. Connor of Wilson is presiding. Court probably will adjourn for the term this afternoon or tomorrow.

Simmons Says New Bonus Plan is Gold Brick.

Washington, March 6.—Senator Simmons said today the Republicans are now trying to sell the ex-service men a gold brick. The new bonus scheme would not work at all.

"No bank," said he, "would want to let out money on the proposed certificates. It would have to go three years without the interest on the money. The proposition under consideration in the House is a bad one from every standpoint. Republican leaders cannot expect such a measure to succeed."—H. E. C. Bryant in Charlotte Observer.

Mr. E. B. Stone of R. 4, Lumberton, was among the visitors in town yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Brisson of St. Pauls R. 1, were Lumberton visitors yesterday.

AFTER READING THE TRASHY CIRCULARS AND ADVERTISEMENTS of traveling fakirs and failures of other towns, have your eyes examined by your local experts. Cheap eye service is a dear purchase. —Adv.

COTTON MARKET

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

BRIEF ITEMS AND LOCAL NEWS

—Born, Monday, to Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Fetner, an 8 1-2 pound son.

—All members of the order of the Eastern Star are urged to be present at the regular meeting at 7:30 o'clock this evening. Election of officers.

—Miss Thetis McKeithan has returned from Port Clinton, O., where she was superintendent of nurses at the Pool hospital for several months.

—Mr. Joe Freeman underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Baker sanatorium Monday afternoon. His condition is reported as favorable.

—Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of schools, was able to be at his office yesterday after being confined to his room for 10 days with influenza.

—Dr. G. E. Moorehouse, pastor of the Presbyterian church, and Messrs. A. T. McLean and W. K. Bethune attended at St. Pauls Tuesday a laymen's conference.

—Daisy Raye, negress, was placed in jail here yesterday to begin a 90-days' sentence imposed by Recorder J. A. McKay of Rowland for carving another negress with a razor.

—Mr. A. Weinstein returned Tuesday from New York, where he spent several days buying goods for his department store. He was accompanied by his son, Mr. [illegible] Weinstein.

—The number of prisoners in the county jail increased from 4 Saturday at noon to 18 Monday at noon. In other words, Jailer A. H. Prevatt had four for dinner Saturday and Monday he had 18.

—As was stated in Monday's Robesonian, a meeting of the Lumberton American Legion post will be held in the legion hall this evening at 7:30. An interesting program has been arranged and refreshments will be served. All ex-service men are urged to be present.

—A recruiting party from the 17th field artillery, Camp Bragg, will spend Friday and Saturday in Lumberton. The party will likely give some artillery demonstrations while here. Sgt. C. F. Smith of the recruiting service will be in Lumberton through the month of March for the purpose of enlisting recruits for the army.

—Mr. D. R. Shaw is today installing a radio telephone in Grantham Brothers drug store, of which he is manager. This is the first radio receiving station to be installed here, though several others have placed orders for the outfits. The public will be invited to hear the concerts at the drug store each evening when the apparatus has been installed.

—Mr. J. C. Carlyle of R. 2, Lumberton, is going to try out a new plan in growing sweet potatoes. Last fall Mr. Carlyle banked up a supply of live potato vines and will transplant them as soon as the danger of frost has passed. He says the vines have kept fine during the winter. Mr. Carlyle and his daughter, Mrs. Pearl Herring, and Miss Mary Gregory were among the visitors in town yesterday.

—Rain fell in torrents here Tuesday morning, the total fall being 1.13 inches, according to Mr. B. M. Davis, local government weather man. The total rainfall here since March 1 is 3.65 inches. The fall during January this year was 2.54 inches, while the February fall totaled 6.20 inches, making a total since January 1 of 12.39 inches. The total rainfall here for the entire year of 1921 was a fraction over 40 inches.

ONLY ONE MORE WEEK TO MAKE INCOME TAX RETURNS

Extensions Will be Granted Where Good Cause is Shown—Make Returns Now and Save Penalty or Interest.

Raleigh, March 8.—Commissioner of Revenue Watts said today that only one week more remains to income taxpayers to make their returns and pay their taxes without penalty or interest. The time expires on Wednesday, March 15th, at midnight, after which time a penalty of five per cent, which in no case will be less than one dollar, will accrue and be collected on returns voluntarily made on or before May 15th. The Commissioner will grant extensions of time from March 15th to persons, partnerships and corporations whenever they apply for such extensions and show good cause for them. Where extensions are granted interest at the rate of six per cent per annum from March 15th will be due and will be collected in every case.

Make your returns now and save penalty or interest.

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.