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## McNeill Will Resign as Chairman

Has Served County Democratic Executive Committee Acceptably 8 Years—Precinct Meetings April 8, County Convention April 15—Ladies Participated in Well Attended Meeting Tuesday—Taxes Came in for Discussion—Suggestions Made by Several Speakers.

Eighteen of the twenty-six voting precincts in the county were represented at the meeting of the county Democratic executive committee held here Tuesday at 11 a. m. Several ladies attended and participated in the business meeting. Saturday, April 8, at 2 p. m. was named as the date for the various precinct meetings, while the county convention will be held in Lumberton Saturday, April 15, at 11 a. m.

The precincts represented at the meeting Tuesday were: Alfordville, Back Swamp, Britts, Burnt Swamp, Fairmont, Gaddy, Howellsville, Lumber Bridge, North Lumberton, South Lumberton, Maxton, Orrum, Pembroke, Raft Swamp, St. Pauls, Sterlings, Thompsons, Wisharts, while those not represented were: Parkton, Red Springs, Kennert, Rowland, Saddletree, Shannon, Smiths and White House.

### McNeill Will Resign.

Mr. T. A. McNeill, chairman of the county executive committee, presided at the meeting and Mr. Howard C. McNair of Maxton and Mr. F. Grover Britt of Lumberton acted as secretaries. Mr. McNeill expressed his delight at the attendance and especially at the presence of the ladies. He stated that he would tender his resignation as chairman of the executive committee at the county convention on April 15. Mr. McNeill has served in this capacity for the last eight years, and in a very capable and efficient manner. He urged that the ladies attend the various precinct meetings and also the county convention. Each precinct will be allowed to appoint as many delegates to the county convention as they wish, and it is expected that ladies will be named as a part of the delegates from the various precincts.

### Must Remedy Some Things

Short talks were made by Messrs. T. L. Johnson, H. C. McNair, M. Shepherd, J. E. Carpenter, Rev. E. W. Townsend and State Senator L. R. Varner. While each of the speakers held that the Democratic party is the only party to look to for relief from increasing taxes, it was brought out that there is unrest as a result of the high taxes. Mr. Johnson, the first to speak, declared that the party must remedy some things about which there is criticism, this being necessary to save the party from defeat.

### Important "Off-Year" Election

State Senator Varner declared that the election this year would be the most important "off-year" election held in many years. He expressed an optimistic view of the chances of increasing the number of Democratic members in Congress this year and also of winning the national election in 1924. Both the Republican and Independent press is criticizing the present Administration, he said. The masses, he declared, should take more than the ordinary interest in the election this year. There should be no slacking off in the vote.

Mr. McNair asked, "How can we reduce the burden of taxation?" He declared that this can only be expected from the Democratic party, the only party through which we may expect good government. The Democratic party, he said, should make an effort to reduce the burden of taxation.

### Economy Only Remedy

Mr. Shepherd said that the only remedy he could see was that of economy. It will be necessary to economize if progress is kept up and taxes reduced. Some offices must be cut out or salaries reduced, if taxes are to be lowered.

The importance of employing business-like methods in politics as in business was urged by Mr. Townsend. Mr. Carpenter had something to say of the unrest as a result of taxes. He pointed out, however, that much of the taxes had been voted by the people in various localities for school improvements, road bonds, etc.

### Women Urged to Attend Precinct Meetings

The resolution adopted naming the time for precinct meetings and the county convention was offered by Mr. T. W. Maxwell of Tolarsville. The precinct meetings are for the purpose of electing an executive committee of five in each precinct and delegates to the county convention. Women voters are urged to attend and take part in the precinct meetings and to be candidates for delegates to the county convention. Great pleasure was expressed at the presence of Miss Katie McL. Buie, chairman of the women's Democratic organization of the county, and her faithful co-workers, Mrs. D. Z. McGoogan of Lumber Bridge, Miss Mary Brown of Pembroke, Mrs. W. P. West of Wisharts, Mrs. W. L. Thompson of Fairmont.

Mr. I. P. Graham, cashier of the Bank of Proctorville, was a Lumberton visitor yesterday.

## Recorder's Court

A Number of Small Cases Made Up Grist for Recorder Fuller's Court This Week.

The following cases made up the "grind" for Recorder David H. Fuller's court this week:

James Warwick, Indian, forcible trespass upon the lands of J. H. Powers; fined \$5 and cost. Warwick gave notice of appeal and made bond in the sum of \$100 for his appearance in Superior court.

Fenterson Rowland, colored, bastardy; judgment continued upon payment of cost, the matter having been adjusted between the parties involved.

Sloan Powell, colored, drunk; judgment continued upon payment of cost.

E. S. Walters, allowing cattle to run at large; judgment continued upon payment of cost.

W. D. and W. C. Davis, filling ditch and ponding water upon lands of R. M. Davis, uncle of the defendants; not guilty.

Robt. Williams, drunk; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

Chas. Smith, drunk; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

### RENNERT MAN SETS 1,000 DEWBERRY PLANTS

Mr. W. L. Everett Believes in Growing Things Boll Weevil Doesn't Like—A Surprise Marriage—Two Whiskey Stills Captured and Lewis Lovett Gets Road Sentence—Death of a Respected Negro—Personal.

By E. C. Perry  
Rennert, March 22.—Mr. Walter J. Tolar and Miss Katie Belle Webster, both of Rennert, were married Saturday evening at the Presbyterian manse at St. Pauls by the Rev. Dr. Murray. It was quite a surprise to the entire community when it became known. Mr. and Mrs. Tolar returned Sunday afternoon and will make their home here. The newlyweds have the very best wishes of all the community.

Two whiskey stills were captured Friday night in the home of Lewis Lovett, who lives near Shannon. The raid was made by Deputy Sheriff Lucy McNair assisted by E. C. Perry. When the officers arrived one of the stills, capacity about 15 gallons, was on the cook stove and was just getting right to begin to issue its precious contents. The other was carefully concealed in a closet in the same house. Approximately thirty gallons of beer were poured out. Lovett was given a trial before Recorder J. N. Buie of Red Springs Saturday morning, convicted of manufacturing liquor, and sent to the county roads for 4-12 months. Both of the stills were of copper. About one half gallon of liquor was found and same poured out by Recorder Buie Saturday morning in the presence of a crowd of what appeared to be thirsty onlookers. Lovett is a white man and has a wife and four children.

Warren Campbell, colored, age 54 years died here Monday morning. Deceased had only been ill a few days and pneumonia set in and he did not last very long. He was an honest and industrious negro and well thought of by all. He was buried Tuesday evening and the burial was largely attended.

Miss Blanche Perry of Tenmile spent the week-end with her brother here.

Miss Marjalee Tolar and a number of friends from Meridith college spent several days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Tolar, recently.

The writer returned from Richmond yesterday morning where he had been to visit Miss Lucille Batten, who is undergoing treatment in a sanatorium there. We are very much disappointed to know that Miss Batten has not improved any during the two months she has been there.

Mrs. J. T. Horrell of Rocky Mount spent last week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Watson, here. She returned home Sunday.

Mr. W. L. Everett recently set out approximately 1,000 dewberry plants, requiring about six acres. Mr. Everett believes in growing things the boll weevil doesn't like.

Severe Earth Shocks in Middle West  
St. Louis, March 22.—Severe earth shocks lasting about 12 seconds were recorded by the seismograph at St. Louis university here this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. The shocks were violent during the first two seconds. Observers said that the shock was probably felt for a distance of 100 to 150 miles southeast of here.

Legion Minstrel to Play at Fairmont Monday.

The Legion minstrel will be presented in the Fairmont high school auditorium Monday, March 27, and the same two-hour production will be given in the neighboring town as will be given here.

Rehearsal of Minstrel Tonight.

All performers in the Legion minstrel are requested to be at the high school auditorium tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

## Have a Year-Round Garden

Gardening Discussed by Mr. Bowditch from State Department—Scandalous Amount of Money Sent Out of State Each Year Because of Folk Neglect Important Matter of Gardening—Most Neglected End of Agriculture.

A special gardening meeting, in line with the "Live at Home" campaign launched by Governor Cameron Morrison and now being waged throughout the State, was held in the commissioners' room at the court house Monday evening. The meeting was attended by a number of men and women and those who failed to attend missed a raft of information relative to successful gardening.

Miss Martha Flax Andrews, home demonstration agent, presided and the principal speaker of the occasion, Mr. E. D. Bowditch of the State Department of Horticulture, was introduced by Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator.

In opening the meeting Miss Andrews told of the special gardening program carried out through the home demonstration clubs throughout the county, even before the State-wide movement was launched. Special stress has been laid upon gardening in the various club meetings since the first of the year, she said.

Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of schools, made a few remarks in which he pledged his support to the "Live at Home" movement. The importance of increased gardening, poultry raising, etc., as a matter of meeting boll weevil conditions, was stressed by Prof. Poole.

Money Sent Out of State.

In his remarks preliminary to the introduction of Mr. Bowditch, Mr. Dukes told of the great amount of money sent out of North Carolina each year for produce that could be grown at home. The amount totals yearly more than \$100,000,000 and would equal the value of all farm lands and farm buildings in the State in less than 10 years.

### The Gardening Problem

Mr. Bowditch, who is a garden specialist, declared that the gardening problem is one that affects every home and every individual in the home, a problem for which each individual must assume responsibility. The importance of fresh vegetables from the standpoint of good health was forcibly impressed by the speaker. Fresh vegetables increase the vigor and vitality of the individual, he declared.

### Select Suitable Place.

The matter of selection of a suitable place for a garden was first handled by Mr. Bowditch. When possible the garden should be elevated and self-drained, and of a mellow soil. The speaker told of the importance of sunlight in successful gardening, declaring that gardening in the shade cannot be done successfully. However, there are a few vegetable plants that thrive well in the shade, though the majority of them require sunshine.

### Have a Year-Round Garden

Good preparation of the garden is necessary to successful gardening. Too many families are satisfied to grow only two or three vegetables. There are at least forty varieties of vegetables which can be grown in eastern North Carolina. Gardening is the most neglected end of agriculture in the South. The speaker urged the importance of a year-round garden, that is, a garden from which something suitable for the family table can be gathered at all seasons of the year. There must be several plantings for this result. Vegetable crops should be planted in rotation, one crop following another, especially in the towns, where the gardening space is limited.

In closing Mr. Bowditch urged that each one present try growing at least one new vegetable this year. Many questions relative to the planting, cultivation, etc., were answered by the speaker.

Mrs. W. W. Parker, president of the Lumberton Home Demonstration club, expressed regret that more members of the club were not present.

Both Miss Andrews and Mr. Dukes stated that they would be pleased to assist citizens of the county in preparing and cultivating gardens.

Like meetings were held at Ten Mile Monday afternoon, at Lumber Bridge Tuesday morning and at Philadelphia Tuesday afternoon.

### Dog Killed at Proctorville Was Rabid

A dog which was recently killed at Proctorville, the head of which was sent to Raleigh for examination, was rabid, according to a report received by Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer. The head was brought to Lumberton by Mr. C. C. Burns, who stated that a man who had sores on his hands had handled the dog just before he was killed.

Expect Bonus Bill to be Passed by House Today.

Washington, March 22.—Extreme confidence that the soldiers' bonus bill would be passed by the House before sundown tomorrow was expressed today by Republican leaders in charge of the legislation.

## Parkton Letter

New Street Being Opened—Electric Lights Installed—New Sawmill—One Farmer Has Commenced Planting Cotton and Has Corn Up—Building New Road to Fayetteville—Cafe Suspends Business—Rushing Work on Presbyterian Church—Personal and Other Items.

By C. D. Williamson

Parkton, March 21.—Mr. T. M. Blue is installing a sawmill a couple miles north of town near the location where he operated a mill several years ago. Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Johnson moved today into their nice bungalow on Third street.

At last Green street is being opened up. The bid was let to R. E. Wood, who is fast plowing the street, and within a few days will have it passable. This street leads direct to the school building.

Mr. A. A. Wright has installed a dynamo that is furnishing most of the business houses with electric lights, also some of the churches are using it. This is greatly appreciated and enjoyed.

Some sickness reported in our town, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Cobb with influenza, also Robert Munns and little Dan Currie.

Born, to Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Munns, on the 17th a son.

Mr. Frank Jones of Rockfish visited at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. J. Cobb, yesterday. Miss Unice Jones, sister of Mrs. Cobb, trained nurse, is with Mr. and Mrs. Cobb.

We are sorry to report our friend and machinist, Mr. Jno. A. Ferguson sick and in the Highsmith hospital. We trust he may soon be restored to health.

Mrs. Jas. Blue has returned from the Cumberland general hospital and her condition is reported much improved.

Mr. T. P. Blake and Mr. Dan Smith of the Kingham section were visitors in our town today.

Mr. S. W. Maynard, foreman of the J. W. Carter Co., two miles from town, commenced planting cotton last week and is rushing right along, also finished planting corn a couple weeks ago. He says he has corn up. We do not advise this early planting.

This fine weather is fast putting Walker and Turner out of business. So reports its present president, G. W. Wilder. Business was picking up a few weeks ago but reports dull times at present.

Cumberland county is erecting a road known as the Hope Mill road and when completed will be a direct line to Fayetteville, which has been much needed for a long while.

That barbecue served in our town last Saturday was all to the good. Mr. W. G. Britt prepared it and he proved to be some licensed cook. We never have enjoyed better food nor quite so much for the price. We have not been advised the amount realized.

The Parkton cafe has suspended business for a while, we are sorry to report.

Work on the Presbyterian church is rushing these days. Mr. G. W. Calhoun, tinner, is rushing the roof, while Mr. Phillip Johnson is looking after the wood work.

When a Ford car loses its eyesight on a dark rainy night you had as well knock it in the head, or it will land you in the ditch—or wait till day light.

Dock Oxendine Released Under \$1,000 Bond.

Dock Oxendine, Indian, who was ordered held in connection with the murder of Victor Bullard, another Indian, by the coroner's jury, was yesterday released from jail under a \$1,000 bond. The bond was signed by Mr. R. H. Livermore of Pates. An order was signed by Judge Geo. W. Connor authorizing the release, which was also approved by Solicitor S. B. McLean. Jesse Oxendine, a brother of Dock, who was also ordered held on the charge of murdering Bullard, is yet in jail.

As was stated in The Robesonian at the time, Bullard was shot from ambush and killed on a public road near Buie on Saturday night, February 26.

### Sweet Potato Bedding Demonstration

A sweet potato bedding demonstration will be conducted on Mr. L. H. Caldwell's Meadow farm, Howellsville township, Monday of next week, March 27, at 1:30 p. m. A representative of the State Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, will assist Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator, with the demonstration. Instruction will be given in the proper methods of treating potatoes before bedding. Farmers who wish instruction along this line are urged to be present.

—Messrs. L. C. and A. H. West of the Allenton section are among the visitors in town today. Mr. L. C. West stated to a Robesonian reporter that he found 10-boll weevils under a piece of plank on his farm yesterday. The weevils, he said, were very much alive and apparently fatter than when they went into winter quarters.

Mr. W. O. Kinlaw of R. 7, Lumberton, is in town today.

## St. Pauls News Letter

Perry-Howard Marriage—Old Maids Convention to be Given by Woman's Club This Evening—Much Sickness—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. St. Pauls, March 22.—We are having lovely weather just now, if it is "some cold." Several predicted frost last night. Better watch out, those little plants may get killed.

We hear of a good bit of sickness around over town, something like "flu." Mr. J. Brown Evans was real sick Sunday but was better at last accounts. Mr. Jas. A. Johnson has also been indisposed for several days now with an attack of influenza. Mrs. Johnson is said to be ill this a. m. with tonsillitis. Some few others are reported on the sick list, but we do not know whether it will prove to be influenza or not.

Miss Margaret McGeachy returned to her school near Mebane on the 18th.

Mrs. D. S. McEachern went to Raeford last Sunday afternoon to see her home people, returning last night.

Mrs. N. A. McEachern left last Friday a. m. for a few days visit to her mother, Mrs. J. M. Wicker, at Sanford. She is expected to return home today.

Miss Murphy Hall, a student at F. M. C. spent last week-end with home folks here.

Mrs. Rowena McCormac has been ill in bed for 10 days or more, at her home out from town. She seems to be helpless in one of her arms. Mesdames Maggie Olliver and Sallie Hartman went over to see her a while last Sunday afternoon and found her somewhat better. Her sister Miss Charlotte Alford, who was there when Mrs. McCormac's illness occurred, is still with her. Her many friends wish her a very speedy recovery.

### Perry-Howard Marriage

Our little town was the scene of another pretty home marriage on last Thursday evening, 16th when Mr. Leon Perry of Parkton claimed for his bride Miss Mable Howard. We are "holding our breath", to see who will be next. Mr. and Mrs. Perry have many friends over Robeson who wish for them a life of happiness. Mrs. Perry, who is a daughter of our townsman Mr. Will H. Howard, was a student at Meredith college until a few weeks ago, when she decided to obey "Cupid's call." Her brother, who is a student at some college came home for the marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion McNeill of Laurinburg spent last Sunday with Mrs. McNeill's mother, Mrs. Bettie Northrop. Mrs. McNeill is hoping to come for a few day's visit, possibly the middle or latter part of the week. Little Dan Northrop has been somewhat sick this week but was greatly improved yesterday.

The woman's club met for the regular monthly meeting in the club room last Thursday afternoon. They are getting up "The old maids convention" for Thursday evening, the 23rd. This will be in the school auditorium. Proceeds for benefit of the club.

Miss Mary L. Johnson came home yesterday morn, will return this p. m. Miss Johnson usually gets a night off every week or 10 days.

The many friends of Miss Elizabeth McDonald are glad to have her home again. Miss McDonald was a patient at Highsmith hospital, Fayetteville, the past few weeks, returning to St. Pauls, on the 16th.

News has been received here of the birth of a 10-lb girl to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Smith of Lumber Bridge, on the 15th. Mr. Smith is a nephew of Mesdames Jas. A. Johnson and Sam Davis of our little town, also a relative of Mesdames A. R. McEachern and Margaret A. Johnson and Miss Alice Shaw, and others of St. Pauls.

It is reported Miss Bettie McNeill, of St. Pauls, R. F. D., is sick with influenza.

Mr. Gordon Holder was called out to his father's home last Thursday p. m. on account of his severe illness. Was lingering on last account we had.

Another Richmond in the Field and Others Apparently Are Grooming.

Mr. Ira B. Townsend of Lumberton is the third candidate to enter the race for recorder of the Lumberton district. Mr. Townsend stated to a Robesonian reporter yesterday that he was in the race. As has been mentioned in recent issues of The Robesonian, Messrs. Jno. G. Proctor and W. B. Ivey, both of Lumberton, are candidates for this office. The water is apparently fine, and it is likely that others are yet to "come out" for recorder in this district. Among those "talked" as probable candidates, besides those already in the race, are Messrs. C. B. Townsend, Ben G. Floyd and J. Ed Tyson.

—Mr. W. L. Bishop of East Lumberton left today for Greenville, S. C., in response to a message advising him of the serious illness of a brother there.

Mr. M. J. Merritt spent yesterday in Wilmington on business.

## COTTON MARKET

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

## BRIEF ITEMS AND LOCAL NEWS

—Cold snap. Heavy frost yesterday morning, lighter frost this a. m.

—Mr. G. S. Wooten entered the Thompson hospital yesterday for an operation.

—W. E. McNeill, colored, has opened a barber shop in the Caldwell building, East Third street.

—Rev. Lindsay Frazier, pastor of the Lumberton circuit, is able to be out after being confined to his room for several days with an attack of influenza.

—The Florida Blossoms, a negro minstrel, performed in Lumberton Tuesday night. A band with the show gave a concert on the streets Tuesday at noon and again at 7 p. m.

—Miss Elizabeth Peay, home economics teacher in the Lumberton schools, went yesterday to Greensboro to attend a conference of the home economics teachers of the State.

—Quite a number of Lumberton "fans" have gone to Hamlet today to witness an exhibition baseball game between "Ty" Cobb's Detroit Americans and the Rochester Internationals.

—Mr. E. J. Chambers of Fairmont and Mr. O. A. Reeves of Greensboro were Lumberton visitors this morning. Messrs. Chambers and Reeves are associated in the tobacco warehouse business at Fairmont.

—There will be a box supper at Zion's Tabernacle school house, Howellsville township, Friday night, March 31. The proceeds will go towards purchasing a piano for the Zion's Tabernacle church.

—Messrs. W. G. Britt and J. Q. Farnell, both of Parkton, were Lumberton visitors yesterday. Mr. Britt is a candidate for road supervisor of Parkton township and will make formal announcement to that effect in an early issue of The Robesonian.

—An ill wind lifted Jailer A. H. Prevatt's hat right off his head and landed it in Lumber river Tuesday night. As a result, Mr. Prevatt was wearin' a new one yesterday. That same wind blew to the good of the merchant from whom Mr. Prevatt purchased the new hat.

—Indications are that the farmers generally will use as much commercial fertilizer this year as they used last, if not more. One local dealer says he believes that more is being sold this year than last. The movement of fertilizer over the railroads operating through Lumberton has been heavy of late.

—The ladies of the Methodist church at Purvis will serve a chicken supper tomorrow (Friday) evening in the school building of that place, serving to begin at 8 o'clock. Various games will be engaged in and a good time in general is expected. The proceeds will go towards paying for the church organ. All are especially invited to attend and help in this worthy cause.

—Mrs. J. A. Martin and two small sons, J. A. Jr. and Raymond Jones, returned last evening from Richmond, Va., where they spent three months visiting at the home of Mrs. Martin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Jones. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Martin's cousin, Mrs. W. T. Stuart of Richmond, who will spend some time visiting at the Martin home, East Fifth street.

—How'd you like to spend a whole night in the swamps of Bladen county? That was the experience of two Lumberton citizens Monday night. The car in which they were making a business trip got all stuck up on a bad road in that county and the two worked until about daylight Tuesday morning before they were able to get the car out of the mud. They reached Lumberton some ten hours later than they expected.

—Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Cobb and daughter, Mary Cobb, returned Monday night from Rock Hill, S. C., where Sunday they attended the funeral of Mr. Cobb's mother, Mrs. Mary A. Cobb. As stated in Monday's Robesonian, Mrs. Cobb died Saturday at 8 p. m. While deceased had been in declining health for several months, her condition had not been considered serious until a short time before her death. Mr. Cobb was with her when she died.

—Mr. John Blount McLeod, young Lumberton attorney, has associated himself with the law firm of Messrs. Johnson & Johnson. While Mr. McLeod passed the State board Jan. 30, this year, he will not be granted license to practice law until July 22, this year, when he will become 21 years of age. He studied law at Wake Forest college and is perhaps one of the youngest men if not the youngest man, in the State to pass the examining board. Mr. McLeod is a son of Mrs. Alf H. McLeod of Lumberton.

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.