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## E. M. Johnson Lumberton's Next Mayor

Nominated in Tuesday's Primary Over E. M. Britt by Vote 444 to 255—Messrs. Alf. H. McLeod and H. T. Pope First Women Ever Nominated for School Board—Election May 1 to Confirm Nominations.

### 2ND PRIMARY FRIDAY FOR COMMISSIONER WARD NO. 4

Mr. E. M. Johnson was nominated for mayor of the town of Lumberton in Tuesday's primary over Mr. E. M. Britt by a vote 444 to 255. Mr. M. J. Rozier was nominated commissioner for ward No. 2 over Mr. R. W. Williams, the votes being 128 to 48. A second primary will be necessary to nominate a commissioner in ward No. 4. Three men entered the race—Messrs. L. C. Townsend, S. S. Small and D. B. McNeill. Mr. Townsend received 71 votes, Mr. Small 70 and Mr. McNeill 11. The second primary will be held tomorrow. Messrs. Alf. H. McLeod and H. T. Pope and Messrs. Jas. D. Proctor and F. P. Gray were nominated for graded school trustees. There were five candidates. The vote cast for the candidates follows: Mrs. McLeod 528, Mrs. Pope 489, Mrs. W. W. Parker 218, Mr. Proctor 496, Mr. Gray 479. There was no opposition in the contest for the board of audit and finance. Messrs. Frank Gough, H. M. McAllister and Jno. D. McMillan being nominated without opposition. Mr. Gough received 454 votes, Mr. McAllister 447 and Mr. McMillan 448.

The total vote for mayor was 699, the largest vote ever polled in a town primary here. Out of this number 281 votes were cast by ladies. This was the first town primary in which the women participated and it was the quietest ever held in Lumberton. There was no evidence of drinking about the polls.

The town election to confirm the nominations will be held Monday of next week, May 1.

## GREAT EVENT IN HISTORY OF LOCAL ODD FELLOWS LODGE

Teams from Wilmington and Fayetteville Will Confer Degrees Upon More Than 30 New Members—Banquet at Lorraine Hotel.

Perhaps the greatest event in the history of the Lumberton I. O. O. F. lodge will be staged this evening. As was stated in Monday's Robesonian, two out-of-town degree teams—one from Wilmington and the other from Fayetteville—will confer degrees upon more than 30 new members of the local lodge. Local Oddfellows will give a banquet in honor of the new members and visiting members of the organization at the Lorraine hotel from 7 to 8 o'clock. The banquet will be followed by a meeting in the lodge hall, where refreshments will be served and degree work put on.

## GOVERNOR PAROLES JESSE J. LOCKLEAR OF ROBESON

Governor Morrison yesterday paroled Jesse J. Locklear, of Robeson county, serving an 18 months' sentence on the roads following his conviction for manufacturing whiskey says today's Raleigh News and Observer. There was evidence at the time of the trial that Locklear was not the principal figure. Although he declined to give information that would lead to the arrest of the chief offender when he was convicted, he has since given valuable information to the sheriff of the county and as a result, a notorious blockader has been tried and convicted. The parole of Locklear was recommended by Judge John H. Kerr, who tried the case.

## MARIETTA SCHOOL FINALS

Senator Varsar Will Deliver Address—Picnic Dinner, Movie and Ball Game.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Marietta, April. 26.—The annual commencement of the Marietta high school will be held on Thursday, May 4th. In the morning at 11 o'clock Senator L. R. Varsar will make an address, followed by a picnic dinner on the grounds.

Efforts are being made to secure the historical picture "The Lost Colony", to be shown in the afternoon. In case this picture is not available some other educational picture will be substituted. The closing feature of the day will be a match ball game between Marietta and Lakeview. The public is cordially invited.

## Centenary School Finals

The closing exercises of Centenary public school will take place Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. There will be a concert on Tuesday evening and an all-day picnic Wednesday. State Senator L. R. Varsar will deliver the commencement address Wednesday at 11 a. m.

—Mr. W. W. Carlyle is undergoing treatment at the Hygea hospital, Richmond, for accessory sinus infection. He went to Richmond Tuesday night.

## Officers Capture 6 Men and Still

Five Big Davis Brothers and D. M. Cox Jailed on Charge of Blockading—Arrested After Large Still Had Been Found Near Davis Home—No Resistance Was Offered But Guns Galore Were Found—Sheriff Lewis Thinks This Breaks Up One of Worst Whiskey Centers in County.

Six men—D. C. A. M., H. J., E. S. and Lonnie Davis and D. M. Cox—all of whom live about 4 miles south of Fairmont, were arrested Tuesday after a large copper whiskey still had been captured in a hog pasture near the Davis home. The five Davises are brothers and not one of them would weigh less than 200 pounds. All six of the men were placed in jail soon after their arrest.

The still was one of the most up-to-date outfits for making "good whiskey" ever captured in the county. It was only a short distance from the public road and apparently had been operated there for several months. It was around 100 yards from the Davis home. Some 300 gallons of mash and a small bottle of whiskey were found about the still.

The still was not in operation when the officers arrived on the scene and the men arrested offered no resistance. However, the officers found 4 Winchester rifles, seven shotguns and plenty of ammunition for both in the Davis home. Sheriff R. E. Lewis, who headed the posse, had been warned that the raid might be a dangerous one and he had plenty of officers along to handle the situation in the event of resistance. The posse was composed of the following officers, besides Sheriff Lewis: Deputies A. H. Prevatt; Ed Baxley, R. C. Miller, Jno. L. McNeill, Rural Policeman A. E. Pittman, D. C. Ratley, W. W. Smith, W. A. Smith, J. H. Carper and J. T. McRaney. The officers expected that the still would be in operation when they arrived.

Sheriff Lewis thinks that the raid Tuesday broke up one of the worst whiskey centers in the county. There has been complaint for some time that liquor was being made in that vicinity. The still was brought to town and locked up in the county jail, together with the six men arrested.

Appeal from Road Sentence  
All six of the men arrested were sentenced to 7 months each on the roads by Recorder David H. Fuller this afternoon. All gave notice of appeal and made bond in the sum of \$500 each. Solicitor W. B. Ivey was assisted in the prosecution by Mr. E. M. Johnson, while Mr. W. S. Britt appeared as counsel for the defendants.

## 59 DEAD AND MISSING IN FLOOD AT FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Property Loss Estimated at \$1,000,000—City Surrounded on Three Sides by Sheet of Water.

Fort Worth, Tex., April 26.—Continued reports of dead and missing in the flood that has gripped Fort Worth for two days, tonight had brought the list to fifty nine. A check is not yet possible and verification of the unofficial reports is held up while the flooded areas are searched by rescuers. Three bodies have been recovered.

The list of injured remained at 29, according to reports from the hospitals. The property loss is estimated at \$1,000,000.

New Orleans, April 26.—A section of the Mississippi river levee four miles north of Ferriday, Louisiana, in Concordia parish, went out at 4 o'clock this afternoon and tonight is flooding that parish and eventually will spread into parts of four other parishes. Catahoula is one of the richest farming sections of Louisiana and it is certain that the loss will reach into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The break occurred without warning and tonight had widened to 200 feet. Several important towns are in the immediate path of the flood waters. No loss of life had been reported.

## HAMLET AND LUMBERTON HIGHS PLAY HERE FRIDAY

Losing Team Will Drop Out of State Contest.

The Lumberton high school baseball club has entered the contest for the State championship. The first game of the contest will be played on the local grounds tomorrow between the Lumberton and Hamlet high school teams. The game will be called at 4 p. m. The team losing the game tomorrow will be eliminated from the contest.

## SHEPARD DISAPPEARANCE SHROUDED IN MYSTERY STILL

Nothing has yet developed to clear the mystery surrounding the disappearance of E. R. Shepard of Putney, Ga., whose abandoned automobile was found in a ditch beside the W.-C.-A. highway, one mile south of Lumberton, on Tuesday, April 11. Local officers are continuing the investigation begun soon after the car was found. No trace of the missing man has yet been found, however.

## Parkton Letter

J. B. McCormick Elected Mayor and Old Town Board Re-elected—New Street Opened—Burning Woods in Effort to Destroy Weevil—Baseball—Prospects Good for Bumper Peach Crop—Cannery Needed—Personal and Other Items.

By C. D. Williamson  
Parkton, April 25.—The election for the town of Parkton, held this evening, resulted as follows: for mayor, J. B. McCormick; for aldermen: D. C. Proctor, J. M. Johnson, T. W. Thompson, W. G. Britt, A. F. Hughes.

The above list is the re-election of the 1921 board. There being no opposition, the election was quiet.

Mr. L. T. Peacock and family have moved to our town from Bingham, S. C., and will occupy the Blount residence, formerly occupied by Mr. Ang. Jenerigan. Mr. Peacock is the new A. C. L. R. agent and we all welcome him and his to our town. Mr. R. B. Hutson, our former agent, has retired from R. R. and will give his time to his extensive farm and trucking.

Mrs. J. H. Pate, James Pate, Miss Verlie Stanton and Mrs. Hall, all of Clio, S. C., spent the week-end with Mrs. Pate's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Johnson.

Green street has at last been opened to the public, and it is one of the nicest streets in town, and was much needed.

Rev. R. L. Munn filled his regular appointment Sunday morning. A very large congregation, and the speaker was at his best and the closest attention was given. His theme was "More power. Tarry in Jerusalem until ye are imbued with power." The speaker emphasized the need of more spiritual power; not more business but a real revival of genuine religion. Time and space will not admit of details, but for 45 minutes not a dull moment passed.

The recent cold weather has taxed the vegetable kingdom on our way, but we hear of little damage done.

There will be none, or but few, whortleberries this year round here or in this territory, as the people have burnt all the woodland trying to burn up the boll weevil. We think this is the limit, as sensible people ought to know they can't burn up the boll weevil; but time will only prove it.

This scribe went over to Fayetteville Friday evening to enjoy the closing hours of the Cumberland county school commencement, which was held at the opera house. The large crowd of people made it impossible to get much of the benefit. I never saw just such a time. The exercises were good and the schools represented there were very creditably represented by those who showed good training. Cumberland county takes care of its children every year by giving them one big day and by offering numerous prizes which is appreciated. I am not saying that other counties do not care for their children, but we know more of Cumberland.

Mr. Floyd Blount is reported to have been married Saturday morning. The marriage was in South Carolina. I must mention some baseball games reported since our last letter. On last Tuesday Raeford high school team came over for a game and played our boys. The game was a good one and of much interest. The locals seemed to get on to their pitcher, Mr. Brown, and while it was somewhat of a pitcher's battle between McMillan for the locals and Brown for Raeford, yet the locals won, the score 9 to 4.

On Friday at Buckhorn the Wade team came down and played Buckhorn and another hard contested game was put up. Wade team being the victor; score 10 to 8. Last but not least, at Midway on Saturday evening St. Pauls and Buckhorn played a rather one-sided game; score, Buckhorn 11, St. Pauls 1. The feature of the game was the pitching of A. C. Canady for Buckhorn in that he fanned 21 and allowed only six hits, and could have easily prevented the only one run.

Mr. A. M. Stubbs spent the week-end at Clio, S. C., with relatives. The following from our town were Rowland visitors on Monday: R. T. Gaitley, W. G. Britt, J. Q. Parnell, Collier Cobb.

The present prospect is for a bumper peach crop and a canning factory is much needed in this section. Why not some one get busy and see to it that for this season the cannery will go into effect? Our good friend Mr. A. A. Wright should be the man to bring it to pass, and we believe he will. This would reduce the cost of living in this section wonderfully.

Mr. J. B. McCormick seems to be in the lead with young chickens as he now reports more than 400, and more setting.

Mr. R. M. Tolar, Mr. R. B. Hutson and Dr. D. S. Currie are the first to set strawberries. Let others report.

—A freight car loaded with cotton jumped the track beside the Virginia & Carolina Southern office building here Tuesday afternoon. The car fell against the building. Very little damage resulted, however.

## St. Pauls News Letter

Six Additions to Baptist Church—Red Springs Team Defeated—New Drug Store—Music Pupils Give Recital Night of May 5—Earthquake or Explosion?—Personal and Other Items.

By Bess G. Johnson  
St. Pauls, April 25.—We are having lovely weather, altho' it is a bit cool. Easter seems to have brought us cool weather, as it has been somewhat chilly since, for the time of year especially.

Mrs. Maggie Oliver went down to Marietta Saturday, for a few days' visit among the Oliver relatives. Mrs. Oliver will leave Wednesday for the mountains where she spends the summer. We hope her trip will be "brim full of pleasure."

The series of meetings which began at the Baptist church on Sunday, the 16th, conducted by Rev. J. M. Page, the pastor, will continue throughout, and probably longer, if more interest is shown. Six have already joined and there will possibly be others ere its "finis."

Miss Ethel Cobb, who has been at the Catawba sanatorium, near Roanoke, Va., came home on Thursday p. m. the 20th. Miss Cobb graduated at this institution last June. She will be here for a month's vacation, will then go to Charlottesville, Va., where she will take up work in a sanatorium. We hope she will like Charlottesville as well as she has Catawba.

On last Friday afternoon the Red Springs baseball team came over to St. Pauls for a game with the boys here, the score being 2 to 3 in favor of St. Pauls. The high school pupils entertained the team here that night with a "chicken fry" over at Odom's mill. A good time was reported.

The new drug store opened on last Saturday afternoon. Success to 'em! St. Pauls is "coming." We hear some one will open up a jewelry store here in the near future, a building already having been rented for this purpose. What next?

The Parents and Teacher's association met yesterday afternoon. This will be the last meeting until next August. A prize was offered at the meeting yesterday afternoon for the room which had the most mothers there. The first grade proved to be the lucky one and was awarded the prize, which was a picture to adorn the walls of the room.

Mrs. E. C. Murray will leave this week for a few days' visit to her daughter, Mrs. Cooper. Mrs. Murray will attend the Federation convention at Greensboro ere her return to St. Pauls.

Little Miss Myrtle Peoples, who has been spending some time with relatives at Winston-Salem, is back at Mr. Locke's again, where she and her father, who is a cousin of Mr. Locke, make their home.

Miss Ollie May McInnis, who has been visiting her uncle Mr. Locke McInnis, returned to her home in Lamar, S. C., Monday a. m. Miss Sallie Hughes and the little McInnis "twins" accompanied Miss McInnis home and will spend a few days.

Mr. W. A. Nutting and mother, Mrs. Shaw, and little Miss Elizabeth spent last Saturday in Fayetteville. Mrs. R. G. Rozier was also in Fayetteville on last Saturday.

Miss Majorie Russell of the high school faculty spent the week-end with home people over in Lumberton, returning to St. Pauls yesterday. Mrs. Rozier substituted for her during her absence Monday.

The music pupils will give their recital on the 1st Friday evening in May, which will be the 5th. Only 2 more weeks of school, it seems, after this one leaves us. The commencement and vacation and then for the "good old summer time" once again.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. McEachern and Miss Ethel Cobb motored over to Fayetteville last Friday afternoon to meet Mrs. Neill A. McEachern, who was on her way home from Sanford, where she had been the past 2 weeks. Mrs. McEachern reported her aunt Miss Jennie Wicker convalescing nicely.

We notice Mr. Turnage is out again, also Mr. J. Brewen Evans. Mr. Evans and family enjoyed dinner at his mothers, Sunday. His many friends are glad he is getting on so nicely since his attack of pneumonia.

Miss Josephine Evans returned last Tuesday to Greensboro, instead of Enfield, as we mentioned in our last week's letter. Miss Evans will do city welfare work this time. Her numerous friends hope she will like her work at Greensboro.

Mrs. W. R. McKenzie returned this week to her home in Sampson, after a few days' visit to her sister Mrs. Roxanna McMillan, who resides on Armfield street.

Mrs. Margaret A. Johnson and nephew, Mr. L. A. McGeachy, went over to Lumberton last Sunday afternoon to see Mrs. Johnson's daughter, Miss Mary L. Johnson, who had been ill the past week. Found her very much improved.

Miss Aileen Bennett, who has been teaching in the Massey Hill school in Fayetteville, is home, her school having closed last week. The teachers and students who have been away among the visitors in town today.

## Fairmont News

Wilmington and Fairmont Highs Play at Fairmont Friday—H. L. Stephens Renominated for Mayor—Other Results of Town Primary—Still and Alleged Blockaders Captured—Social and Personal.

By H. V. Brown  
Fairmont, April 26th.—The final meeting of the Sidney Lanier Book Club was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. E. Grantham, she and Miss Ora Kemp hostesses. During the meeting excellent papers were read by Mrs. C. A. Floyd and Mrs. G. H. West, which were very interesting and instructive. After the business of the meeting was completed, Mrs. G. H. West, after several appropriate remarks, turned over the gavel to Mrs. O. I. Floyd, who was previously elected president of the club for the next year. It is well known that this year has been a most successful and instructive year with the members, and the officers elected for the coming year look forward to a greater and larger club. Refreshments including salads, ice tea, salines and olives, followed by strawberry shortcake and favors containing salted almonds, were served. A pleasant interruption was next when Master Clayton Brice, "express deliveryman", called at the meeting and presented several large packages to Miss Viola Boone, bride-elect. These packages contained many useful and beautiful gifts. Miss Boone and Mr. F. F. Thompson will be married in June. Several invited guests were present at this final meeting.

According to reports, Fairmont high school lads will battle with Wilmington high here Friday afternoon. The local lads have had a very successful season and much interest is being taken in this game, as it will figure largely relatively to the Eastern Carolina Championship of High school baseball.

### Results of Town Primary

The town primary which was held here yesterday showed the following results: For mayor: H. L. Stephens, who has served for the past year, and who is reputed to be the youngest mayor in North Carolina. He had no opposition. The votes cast for aldermen were as follows: H. G. Mitchell, 167; E. V. McDaniel, 155; Isham Pittman, 137; E. G. Floyd, 85; W. A. Griffin 85; W. R. Taylor, 78; A. L. McDaniel, 68; W. M. Shockett, 33. In the case of E. G. Floyd and W. A. Griffin, Mr. Floyd stated last night that he had withdrawn in favor of Mr. Griffin. Mr. Floyd served last year on the board.

A party and dance were held last night in the hall over Grantham & Co., given by Mrs. H. Weinstein in honor of her guests Misses Bessie and Ida Feldman of Ahsokie. The hall was beautifully decorated in flowers and ferns and delightful refreshments were served. Among those who enjoyed the social affair were: Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Pittman, Misses Bessie Whitley, Beulah High, Amie and Katharine Jones, Mrs. C. A. Thompson, Messrs. Victor Hayes, H. O. Tucker, Clifford Stubbs, Max Weinstein, Floyd and Bryant, the last three named of Lumberton.

### Whiskey Still Raided

An illicit whiskey still was captured yesterday by Sheriff Lewis and deputies a few miles south of here at the home of the late Adam Davis. Over 300 gallons of beer were turned out and a small quantity of whiskey was held for evidence. Several of the Davis boys and another white man were arrested and carried to Lumberton, where they were placed in jail. One of the prisoners made bond later and was released.

## RAT CAMPAIGN GOES MERRILY ON. BOYS ARE WIDE AWAKE

Correspondence of The Robesonian. "I caught three rats last night" was the first word of greeting from a youngster on the street today. The boys are wide awake on the subject of killing rats and it is hoped that every child in the town is going to push this work with all his power until May 10th. Don't let anybody get ahead, let everybody work and just see how many rats we can kill and chase from Lumberton before May 10th. Remember the prizes are interesting and the time is short. \$10 for the highest number and on down. Bring in the rat tails.

MARTHA FLAX ANDREWS, Home Demonstration Agent.

## Robeson Soldier Among War Victims Buried Today

Washington, April 26.—The War Department announced today that bodies of the following ex-service men will be buried at Arlington cemetery tomorrow afternoon.

Private Henry Barr, Co. B 365th infantry, next of kin, Adolphus Barr, Route No. 2, Red Springs; Private Ira L. Satterfield, Co. A, 168th infantry, next of kin, Green W. Satterfield, Bruce.

—Mrs. Stinson Powell underwent an operation at the Baker sanatorium this morning. Her condition is reported as favorable.

Misses Florence and Mary E. McNeill of R. 6, Lumberton, are among the visitors in town today.

## COTTON MARKET

Middling cotton today 16 5-8 cents the pound.

## BRIEF ITEMS AND LOCAL NEWS

—The condition of Mr. M. G. McKenzie, who has been confined to his room for several days, is reported as somewhat improved today.

—Regular meeting of Lumbert tent No. 18, Maccabees, Friday evening at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to be present, as some important matters will be considered.

—List-takers from the various townships held a conference with County Attorney E. J. Britt here yesterday. Plans for listing property for taxation for the year 1922 were outlined by Mr. Britt.

—Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of schools, went yesterday to Goldsboro to attend a meeting of the Southeastern division of county superintendents. Prof. Poole is vice-president of the organization.

—Mr. J. Clinton Norment returned Monday night from a ten-weeks' trip through the West. He visited several points of interest while away. Though he had a fine trip, Clinton admits that he was pleased to get back to his home town—Lumberton.

—Mr. G. R. Lowe will address Lumberton citizens at the municipal building tomorrow (Friday) evening at 8 o'clock. The address is termed "A Business Talk to Business Men". Mr. Lowe will speak here under the auspices of the local Chamber of Commerce.

—Messrs. H. M. McAllister, K. M. Barnes and M. F. Cobb of Lumberton, Ralph Boring of Elizabethtown, J. F. Johnson of Fairmont and G. W. Covington of McDonald left Lumberton this afternoon for Pinehurst to attend the meeting of the State Bankers' association, which opened there yesterday. They made the trip in Mr. McAllister's auto.

—Mrs. H. M. McAllister and two children, H. M. Jr. and Jean, will go this evening to Monroe to attend the marriage of Miss Jean Ashcraft of Monroe and Mr. W. O. Huske of Fayetteville. The marriage takes place Saturday evening of this week. The bride-to-be has visited Lumberton several times and has many friends here. Mr. McAllister will probably go to Monroe Saturday to attend the wedding.

A young white man who gave his name as Edward C. Hundley was arrested here Tuesday night on the charge of hobnobbing Seaboard train No. 20, which arrives here at 10:04 p. m. He was given a hearing before Assistant Recorder L. J. Britt yesterday, prayer for judgment being continued upon condition that the defendant leave town at once. The young man related a hard-luck story and said his home was in the State of Michigan.

—Friends of Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Combs will be interested to learn that Mr. Combs has accepted a call to the Christian Alliance church at Onida, N. Y. Sunday, April 23rd, was his first day with that church. Friends will also be interested to learn that a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Combs on Saturday, April 22nd. Mr. and Mrs. Combs formerly lived here. Mr. Combs being pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle for a number of years, and they have many friends here.

—Portraits of Generals Lee and Jackson, also a North Carolina flag, will be presented to the Lumberton high school by the Robeson chapter, U. D. C., tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. The portraits and flag will be presented by Mrs. L. T. Townsend and accepted on behalf of the school by Supt. W. H. Cale. Little Miss Sue Blount Shaw and Master William Norment Parmele will unveil the portraits and flag. The public is invited to attend the exercises in connection with the unveiling and presentation.

## MAYOR WHITE TO CITIZENS OF LUMBERTON

April 26, 27 and 28 Set Apart as Clean-Up Days.

I have set apart Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, April 26th, 27th and 28th for a special cleaning up of our town.

It is desired by the town officials that the citizens cooperate with us to the fullest extent in this work to the end that we may keep Lumberton one of the cleanest towns in the state.

Please rake up all tin cans, rubbish, waste paper, and all other trash and place same on the edge of the street in boxes or other receptacles in order that the trash trucks may take it away without delay.

We would also suggest that all weeds be cut and piled out with the other trash so it can be hauled away. Vacant lots should be thoroughly cleaned off; by so doing you will destroy very many bad breeding places for mosquitoes. Let both white and colored cooperate in the fullest extent in this matter.

A. E. WHITE, Mayor.