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## To Extend Intake Pipe Above Mills

Water for Local Reservoir Will be Pumped from Above Points Where Sewer Pipes of North and West Lumberton Empty Into River—Two Mills Will Pay \$2,500 Each Toward Cost Which Will Not Exceed \$17,500.

It was definitely decided to extend the intake pipe for the local filter plant to a point above the National and Jennings cotton mills and Jennings beach at a meeting of the mayor and town commissioners Monday evening.

The meeting Monday evening was attended by a number of local citizens and the following expressed themselves as favoring the extension: Messrs. L. R. Varner, A. E. White, E. L. Hamilton, A. S. King, J. H. Wishart, Jas. D. Proctor, R. H. Crichton, L. T. Townsend, J. D. Norment, E. J. Britt, W. M. Burney and A. P. McAllister.

The National and Jennings cotton mill companies have agreed to pay \$2,500 each towards paying the expense of the extension and it is estimated that the extension will eliminate a cost of around \$7,500 to the town in putting in sewer lines in the north-western part of town, while it is estimated that the total cost of the extension will not exceed \$17,500.

## 225,000 POUNDS TOBACCO SOLD AT AUCTION HERE THIS WEEK

Prices Somewhat Higher Than Last Week—Biggest Week of Season so far for Local Co-op Warehouses.

Sales on the local auction tobacco market for the first four days this week totaled approximately 225,000 pounds and prices have ranged somewhat higher than last week.

## First 'Possum Story of Season—One 'Treed' Under Bed

Mrs. A. E. Gilmore, who lives on Sixteenth and Sycamore streets, was both surprised and frightened early this morning when she located a full-grown 'possum under a bed in her home. She thinks the 'possum entered her home through a "cat hole."

## Name of Convict Guard is R. H. Davis and Not J. W. Davis

Mr. J. W. Davis says that the news item in Monday's Robesonian in regard to the escape of Elzie Hill from the chain gang was incorrect in so far as his name was concerned, that the name of the guard is R. H. Davis.

## Bleese Leads for Governor

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 31.—With only 93 of the state's 1,307 precincts unreported in the South Carolina Democratic primary Tuesday, a second race between Cole L. Bleese and Thomas G. McLeod for the nomination for Governor are certain. It is estimated that 5,000 votes are to be reported, indicating that 75 per cent of the total enrolled 226,581 voted.

Mr. M. J. Merritt went yesterday to Wilmington on business.

## M. G. McKenzie Answers Final Call

Well-Known and Beloved Citizen Died Yesterday—Funeral Here and Interment in Maxton This Afternoon—Confederate Soldier, Former County Treasurer and Active in Good Works.

Mr. M. G. McKenzie, well-known Lumberton citizen, died Tuesday evening at his home, North Elm street, of the infirmities of old age. Deceased had been in ill health for several months, confined to his room for about 4 months, and death was not unexpected. His widow, who before her marriage was Miss Lenora McKinnon of Montgomery county, and six children, survive. The surviving children are: two daughters—Mrs. W. O. Brewer of Romeo, Fla., and Miss Ida McKenzie of Lumberton—and four sons—Messrs. J. S. of Wilmington; W. B. of Wimauma, Fla., G. S. of Newport News, Va., and L. M. of Lumberton. All the children living out-of-town except Mr. G. S. McKenzie of Newport News, who was unable to leave home on account of the serious illness of his wife, are here for the funeral.

The funeral is being conducted from the Presbyterian church, here, at the time of going to press and the remains will be carried to Maxton for interment immediately following the service here.

## Story of His Life

Murdock Gaston McKenzie was born in Moore county on June 5, 1844, and was therefore in his 79th year. He moved to Maxton in the year 1888 and was editor of the Scottish Chief for a number of years. He was appointed county treasurer in the year 1906 to fill out the unexpired term of the late A. A. McLean, who died while holding this office. Mr. McKenzie held the office continuously until it was abolished by the Legislature in 1916. The large vote he received each election year showed something of the esteem in which he was held by the voters of the county.

Deceased served in the Confederate army during the War Between the States and was defending Fort Fisher when it fell to the enemy. Returning home at the close of the conflict, he took an active part in the political fights that followed. He was a strong Democrat and was ever ready to battle for the principals of his party. The first political office with which he was honored was that of Mayor of his home town, Manley, Moore county. After moving to Maxton he served two or three terms as town commissioner there. He was a justice of the peace from early manhood until the time of his death and officiated at more than 400 marriages.

## Active in Church Work

Mr. McKenzie was a ruling elder of the Lumberton Presbyterian church at the time of his death and was also honorary superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday school. He served as active superintendent of the school from a short time after he moved to Lumberton until a few years ago, when his health forbade his active services longer. He loved his church and the last time he left his home was to attend a church service early in April. He was an elder in the Maxton Presbyterian church while living there.

It can be truly said of the subject of this sketch that he was a friend of man. He spent much of his time in looking after the interest of the poor and needy. For many years he saw to it that the inmates of Robeson county home were provided with a bountiful dinner on Thanksgiving Day. He also was for a number of years active head of the local associated charities organization. He was a member of Camp Willis H. Pope, Confederate veterans, and served as commander of the camp for a number of years. He never lost an opportunity to serve his fellow followers of Lee and Jackson.

Mr. McKenzie was indeed a prominent figure in the business, religious and political life of Robeson county for 34 years and in his passing his adopted county loses one of its oldest and most valued citizens.

## Large Crowds Attending Poultry Meetings

Large crowds are attending the ducted throughout the county this week. The meetings were arranged by Miss Martha Flax Andrews, home demonstration agent, and Mr. Allen G. Oliver, poultry specialist from the State Department of Agriculture, is conducting culling demonstrations. Mr. Oliver is pleased with the flocks of Robeson poultry raisers. An account of the various demonstrations has been promised The Robesonian for publication at an early date.

Messrs. J. M. Jones and H. T. Lovett arrived here yesterday from Camden, S. C., where they are engaged in railroad work, making the trip in the latter's car. Mr. Jones will spend a few days here with his family and Mr. Lovett will visit at the home of his father, Mr. W. L. Lovett, on R. 4 from Lumberton.

## PROMINENT CITIZEN OF ROBESON DIED HERE TUESDAY



M. G. MCKENZIE

## How to Grow Strawberries for Market

Plant Specialist Addresses Meeting Here on Growing Strawberries as a Commercial Crop—It is Coming Back as a Money Crop Says Mr. Nelson—Some Farmers Have Planted and Others Will Plant.

The planting, fertilization and cultivation of strawberries as a commercial crop were outlined by Mr. L. H. Nelson, of the horticultural department of the State Department of Agriculture, in an address at the court house here yesterday afternoon. While the meeting, which was arranged by Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator, was not largely attended, several of the farmers present stated that they had already planted some strawberries and others indicated their intention of putting out plants this fall. Owing to illness, Mr. Dukes was unable to be present and his assistant, Mr. Woody Eubanks, presided and introduced the speaker.

Strawberry "Coming Back" In beginning his talk Mr. Nelson told something of the history of strawberry-growing in this State. While owing to failure to properly grade the berries grown and poor transportation facilities a few years ago, the growing of strawberries was abandoned by many farmers, yet those who stuck to the crop have profited thereby, said the speaker. He thinks the strawberry is coming back as a money crop with the approach of the boll weevil.

## Points to be Observed

Mr. Nelson urged that farmers who go into strawberry growing only plant such acreage as they can handle well. Land that is not easily drained should not be planted in berries, he continued. Selection of proper land, quantity of plants set, fertilization and cultivation have much to do with the quality of the fruit produced.

## When to Plant

August, September, October and November were named as the best months for summer and fall planting, while February, March and April were given as the best months for spring planting. Plants set in the spring months should not be allowed to bear fruit the first year, according to the speaker. The runners and blossoms should be cut off the newly-set vines. Mr. Nelson recommended the single plant row and not matted rows for the best quality berries. Rows should be from 3 to 4 feet apart and the plants about 18 inches apart in the row. It requires around 12,000 plants to set an acre.

In discussing fertilization of the plants, the speaker named July, September and December as the best months to apply the fertilizer. For the best results, from 800 pounds to a ton of commercial fertilizer should be used per acre each year, he continued. Mr. Nelson did not advocate the use of much nitrate in growing strawberries for market.

In order to get the best shipping facilities and buyers on a local market there should be at least 200 acres of berries planted in a community, said the speaker.

Mr. Nelson answered numerous questions asked by farmers present and as a whole the meeting was very enlightening to those who have planted or plan to set strawberries.

Invited to Visit Parkton. Mr. Nelson was invited to visit Parkton at an early date. Several farmers in the Parkton section have set strawberries this year and others are planning to set them this fall, according to Dr. D. S. Currie and Mr. M. R. Tolar of Parkton, who attended the meeting.

Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Taylor of Stedman are here today to see Mrs. Taylor's daughter, Miss Frances Carter, at the Thompson hospital, where she was operated on for appendicitis a few days ago. Miss Carter's condition is rapidly improving. Mrs. Taylor is a sister of Mrs. N. A. Thompson. Another sister, Mrs. W. T. Fisher of Parkton, came with Mr. and Mrs. Taylor.

## St. Pauls News

Reports from Christian Endeavor Convention and Demonstration Training School—American Legion Will Install Radio Outfit—Personal and Other Items.

St. Pauls, Aug. 29.—Miss Mary Janet McNeill returned from Wagram on last Thursday after a very pleasant visit among relatives and friends. Her cousin, Miss Janet Livingston came over to St. Pauls with her and will be here a few days visiting among different relatives. Miss Maisie Guiton, who is in training at the Pittman hospital, Fayetteville, came over Saturday p. m. for a "week" visit among her parents. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Guiton, returning Sunday a. m.—Mr. Angus McBryde spent last Friday night among relatives here. He is a brother of Mrs. E. L. Grantham. Mrs. Grantham happened to be away at the time, visiting in the city of Red Springs that week.—Miss Lillie Locky returned Monday from Raeford, where she spent a few days. A cousin, Marguerite Sherrill, accompanied her home.—Mr. Robt. Sessoms returned Saturday from Boone, where he attended summer school.—Miss Flora McNeill of Rennett R. F. D. spent a few days here last week returning to her home Friday.

Miss Sarah McDuffie will leave Friday for Bladenboro, where she is to be one of the high school faculty. She has our best wishes. Miss Gola Willoughby, who has accepted work in a school at Magnolia, will leave Saturday. Good luck to her also.

Mr. Willie Bohman has been spending a while at the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. McGoogan, on Armfield street. Pardon our negligence in not mentioning heretofore.

Miss Margaret Fisher left us Wednesday of last week for Raleigh, where she has accepted a responsible position with the Atlantic Fire Insurance Co. For the past 3 years Miss Fisher has been employed in Mr. J. Browne Evans' insurance office here. We hope she will like her new place as well as the old.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. McNeill of Rennett were Friday visitors here. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lingerfelt of Newton came over Sunday night for a visit among Mrs. Lingerfelt's people, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Crump. Mrs. Lingerfelt, you will recall, was Miss Ruby Crump of our town before her marriage. They have 2 little tots to fill their home with joy and sunshine.

Mr. David C. Parker, who resides at Chesterfield, is visiting at the home of his father, Mr. Lee Parker, our efficient postmaster.

Miss Lois Bennett of Charlotte arrived in St. Pauls Sunday for a visit among her Bennett relatives. She is at White Lake for a few days just now. Mrs. Walter D. Johnson took her Sunday school class to the Lake yesterday for several days outing. The young bunch were very enthused over the trip. Mrs. T. L. Northrop, her 3 sons, Dawson, Theodore, and Dan and little daughter, Laura, have gone to Tar Heel this a. m. where they will join a party who are going to White Lake for the day. Mr. Francis, her eldest son, being already (Continued on page Eight)

## School Children's Day at County Fair

Keys Will be Turned Over to the Children One Day—Other Big Features.

The children all over Robeson county have been asking Mr. W. O. Thompson, secretary of the Robeson county fair, for a "school children's day" at the fair this fall, and he has decided to give them keys to the fair grounds on Friday, October 13. The children will all be admitted free, no charge whatever, from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. Mr. Thompson says that he expects to see several thousand children here on this date, and he intends for them to have a good time.

Another feature of the fair this fall will be the fire works display that will cost the fair several hundred dollars. This will take place on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights of the fair. A special man from the factory will be here in charge of this feature, which will take about one hour to complete.

The biggest feature of the fair this year should be the canned goods exhibit. This year has been one of the best fruit years Robeson has had in several years past, and the people all over the country have put up lots of fruit. The premium list calls for all kinds of canned goods, pickles, preserves, jellies and jams, etc.

Show the people around you what you have been doing by bringing a large exhibit to the fair. Now is the time for you to begin to look around and lay aside the things you intend to bring.

Call at this office or on Mr. W. O. Thompson for a premium list. 'Squire G. S. Harrell and son, Master Luther, of Rennett R. 1, are Lumberton visitors today. Mr. M. B. Robbins is spending the day in Charlotte on business.

## New Insurance Company Formed Here

LaFayette Life is First Company Organized in Eastern North Carolina for Writing Industrial Insurance—Will Have Agents in All Industrial Towns of State—New Company Will Take Over LaFayette Mutual First of Next Year.

The LaFayette Life Insurance company was organized here Tuesday. The new company has a paid-in capital of \$50,000 and a paid-in surplus of \$25,000, making a total of \$75,000. The officers of the new company are: Robt. E. Lee, president; K. M. Barnes, first vice-president and chairman executive committee; A. P. Page, secretary-treasurer; Dr. T. E. Costner, medical director. The executive committee is composed of O. L. Clark, K. M. Barnes and Robt. E. Lee, while the board of directors is composed of O. L. Clark, K. M. Barnes, Sam J. Smith, A. P. Page and Dr. T. F. Costner.

This company will write industrial insurance until January 1, 1923, at which time it will take over the LaFayette Mutual Life Insurance company, which company has been doing business here for a number of years. After the two companies are consolidated the new organization will write all classes of industrial and ordinary life insurance.

The new company has already been chartered, the charter having been granted on August 17, last. The offices will be on the second floor of the LaFayette Life Insurance building, Fourth and Chestnut streets. Officers of the company expect to be ready to begin writing insurance by September 15, and in any event not later than October 1. Agents are being lined up for every industrial town in the State. When the two companies are consolidated additional office force will be employed, which will mean that a number of new families will move to Lumberton.

The organization of this company was fostered and encouraged by the State Insurance Commission, this being the first company organized in Eastern North Carolina for writing industrial insurance. As has been stated in The Robesonian, the LaFayette Mutual Life Insurance Co. is planning to add two or three stories to its two-story brick home, making a four- or five-story building. The organization of this new company means an addition to the industrial and business life of Lumberton.

## BONUS BILL MAY BE PASSED BY THE SENATE TODAY

Washington, Aug. 30.—All pending amendments to the soldiers' bonus bill were disposed of today by the Senate, but whether a final vote will be reached tomorrow depends upon the number and length of speeches.

With favorable action assured, the paramount question in the minds of friends and foes alike was the reception the measure would receive at the White House. There still was no official word from the President, but callers who discussed the subject with him today said they gained the impression that the addition of the land reclamation project and the provision for the payment of the bonus out of the interest on the foreign debt had made the bill even more objectionable than it was in its original form.

## TROOPS AT SPENCER LEAVE FOR HOME STATIONS TODAY

Raleigh, Aug. 30.—Following a conference with Governor Merrison, Adjutant General Meets tonight ordered the eight companies of national guardsmen stationed at Spencer to return to their home stations. They will leave tomorrow morning and all are expected to be demobilized by tomorrow night.

Conditions about the Southern railway shops and in Spencer and Salisbury were considered to be satisfactory by the governor and adjutant general, justifying the removal of the troops.—Brock Barkley in Charlotte Observer.

## Dr. Peacock Escapes from State Prison

RALEIGH, Aug. 30.—Sawing through the iron bars of his cell window and sliding down the prison wall on a rope of bed clothing, Dr. J. W. Peacock, slayer of Chief of Police Taylor, of Thomasville, made his escape from the state prison before day-break this morning and tonight is somewhere out in the free world.

All he left to greet the insane ward's keeper when he made his first round at 6 a. m. was a new hack-saw and a note expressing his "regrets" at the hasty departure. Dr. Peacock worked a clever scheme. If he was insane he was one of those smart fellows. At any rate, he must have had help from both the inside and the outside.—Brock Barkley in Wilmington Star.

Mr. T. Beverly Biggs returned from Baltimore, Md., Wednesday morning after spending several days there. Mr. Biggs will return to Wake Forest college September 2.

## Cotton Market

(Reported by J. H. Barrington.)

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 21 3-4 cents the pound. The first bale of "new" (this year's) cotton was sold on the local market today at 22c the pound.

## Items of Local News

—The Three local banks will be closed next Monday, Labor day. —Born, Tuesday night, to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bruton, a daughter—Lola Mae.

—Lest you forget, it was 36 years ago tonight that the "Charleston" earthquake occurred. —Mr. B. F. McMillan Jr. is placing material on his lot, North Pine street, for erecting a 6-room bungalow.

—Mr. W. H. Graham, a Confederate veteran of Rowland, is among the out-of-town people here to attend the funeral of Mr. M. G. McKenzie this afternoon.

—Miss Josephine Breece returned yesterday from a visit to Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York, where she purchased fall and winter stock for her millinery store.

—Miss Lillian Proctor arrived home this morning from a 3-months' trip to Europe. She visited England, Scotland, France, Belgium, Holland, Italy and Germany while in Europe and reports a most delightful trip.

—Mr. Sam Ashley, who formerly held a position with the Fairmont Garage Co., Fairmont, has accepted a position as mechanic in the H. A. Page garage, here. He began work Tuesday.

—The Robeson county road board has opened a regular office in the grand jury's room on the second floor of the court house. Mr. L. R. Stephens, secretary to the board, is in charge of the office.

—Mrs. C. F. Hayes has left the Thompson hospital and returned to her home on E. 2 from Lumberton from Lumberton after undergoing an operation there for appendicitis. Mr. Hayes was a Lumberton visitor yesterday.

—Mrs. Cynthia Britt of Wilmington is having erected a 5-room bungalow on North Pine street. Mrs. Britt expects to move to Lumberton when the building is completed. She formerly lived on R. 4 from Lumberton and is well-known here.

—Miss Amelia Linkhauer returned yesterday from New York, where she spent 10 days buying fall and winter millinery for the Style shop, of which she is proprietress. Miss Jonnie Robinson, who has been trimmer in the Style shop for several seasons, also arrived yesterday from Atlanta, Ga.

—Fire of unknown origin destroyed a small store building across the river from town on the Fairmont road at 7:30 o'clock last evening. The building was owned by Kan Evans, colored, and was occupied by a colored seamstress named Fbbie Graves. The loss is estimated at around \$400, partly covered by insurance.

—Mr. W. I. Linkhauer returned last evening from Charlotte, where he spent two days with his son-in-law, Mr. J. M. McCallum, who is a patient at the Charlotte sanatorium. Mr. McCallum's condition is fast improving. Mr. Linkhauer was accompanied to Charlotte by Mrs. McCallum. She will probably return home tonight.

—Mr. G. B. McCallum of Greensboro was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday. He says that the condition of his brother, former Auditor Jesse McCallum, who has been under treatment of specialists in Charlotte for some time, is very much improved and is now more favorable than it has been at any other time during the past 6 months.

—As stated in Monday's Robesonian, a feature of the Lumberton curb market Saturday of this week will be the special sale of fresh eggs and home-grown chickens brought in by the Lumber Bridge Poultry association. Members of the association have assured Miss Martha Flax Andrews, home demonstration agent that they will have a large supply of both eggs and chickens here Saturday morning. The market opens at 9 a. m.

—Ever see a grape 1 3-4 inches in diameter? Mr. P. S. Korgay plucked one that size yesterday from his vines at his home on Eighth street. It looks like a small apple. Mr. Korgay's vines are from a vine he brought some years ago from his father's home in Duplin county, and the grape is a special kind known as Korgay's. It is an early-bearing large black grape, with white specks, and of most delightful flavor.

—Rev. I. E. Wishart and son, Master Lowell Strong, left Monday evening for their home at Buffalo, Oklahoma, after spending 6 weeks in and around Lumberton visiting relatives. Mr. Wishart expects to return to his native county in a few weeks with his family. He and Mrs. Wishart will teach the Long Branch public school during the next term and Mr. Wishart expects to take up pastoral work in the county. He is a son of Mr. A. S. Wishart of R. 3, Lumberton, and is well-known throughout this section.

—Mr. J. J. Oliver of Marietta was a Lumberton visitor yesterday.