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Stage All Set for Opening of Fair

Robeson County Fair Will Open Tuesday and Run Through Friday—Four Days and Nights of Pleasure as Well as Profit Are Promised.

BABY DAY THURSDAY AND CHILDREN'S DAY FRIDAY

The eighth annual Robeson county fair will open here tomorrow at 9 a. m. and run through Friday. Indications point to the "biggest and best" fair in the history of the Robeson County Fair association. While no program has been announced by the management, the gates will open daily at 9 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. and four days and nights of gaiety and fun are promised.

Fireworks Display
Aside from the exhibits, agricultural and industrial, the Matthew J. Riley shows will make up the midway attractions. A display of fireworks will take place on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights, beginning at 9 o'clock and lasting for one hour. While these displays will cost several hundred dollars, they will be a part of the free entertainment for fair visitors.

Baby and Children's Days
Thursday will be "Baby Day," and as has been the case at previous fairs, the baby show will be a special feature. Friday will be "Children's Day" and all school children will be admitted free from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. Thousands of children are expected to attend the fair on that day.

Reduced Railroad Rates
Reduced rates will be given on all railroads leading into Lumberton during the fair and thousands of people are expected to attend daily. Your friends will be at the fair. Meet them there.

E. McPhaul Ordered Held Under Bond

Coroner's Jury Finds That Skipper Was Pushed off of Car—Amount of Bond to be Determined at Hearing Tomorrow.

"We find that Sellers Skipper came to his death by being knocked off an automobile by Ernest McPhaul. We recommend that Ernest McPhaul be held for further investigation by higher court under a very reasonable bond."

This was the verdict rendered by the coroner's jury conducted Wednesday and Thursday of last week over the remains of Sellers Skipper, who died in the Pittman hospital, Fayetteville, Tuesday afternoon of last week. As has been stated in The Robesonian, Skipper, 37-year-old barber of Red Springs, was found in a road in "Black Bottom," a suburb of Red Springs, about 8 o'clock on Sunday night, October 1, in an unconscious condition. He died without regaining consciousness.

McPhaul, young white man, who lives in Hoke county, was arrested on the day that Skipper died. He has been in the custody of Robeson county officers since his arrest and is now in the county jail here. Several witnesses testified before the coroner's jury that they saw McPhaul and Skipper in a car on Sunday afternoon previous to the finding of Skipper in the road. The inquest was conducted by Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer and coroner.

A habeas corpus hearing before Judge W. M. Bond tomorrow will determine the amount of bond required of McPhaul.

BOLT NOMINEE OF MEETING

B. E. Britt Will be Independent Candidate for Road Supervisor of Wisharts—Tom Monroe Nominated at Township Meeting

Mr. B. E. Britt has entered the field as a bolting candidate for road supervisor of Wisharts township.

At a non-partisan township meeting held Saturday Mr. Tom Monroe was nominated for road supervisor, to be voted on in the November election. Mr. Rowland Mercer was the only other candidate.

Since the meeting, however, friends of Mr. Britt have offered him support as an independent candidate and have prevailed upon him to enter the race. So voters of Wisharts will choose on November 7 between two candidates, one the nominee of a township meeting and the other a free lance.

Cotton Gin Destroyed by Fire

Fire of unknown origin destroyed a cotton gin at McDonald on Sunday night, October 1. The cotton and seed houses, erected near by, were also destroyed, together with one bale of ginned cotton and several hundred pounds of seed cotton. The gins and other houses destroyed belonged to Mr. H. G. Stubbs of Fairmont. The loss totaled several thousand dollars, partly covered by insurance.

Britts Defeats Road Bond Issue

Britts township Thursday voted down a \$20,000 road bond issue, the vote being 4 for the issue and 161 against. The total registration was 258, which means that the issue lacked 126 votes of being carried.

Rev. L. R. Farmer is Declared Pastor

Crippled Preacher Wins in Big Colored Church Row and Rev. Hooper is Restrained From Acting Naughtily Toward His Brother Divider—Mighty Row Which Shook the Elect of Pine Hill Baptist and Reverberated All Around Maxton Comes to Close.

Rev. L. R. Farmer, D. D., colored divider of the Word, is by the finding of a Robeson county jury of twelve good men and true the duly elected pastor of Pine Hill Baptist church, hard by Maxton town, and Rev. D. A. Hooper, erstwhile shepherd of the same flock who repented him for that he received into his bosom, as it were, the aforesaid Rev. Farmer, is permanently restrained by order of the court from molesting Rev. Farmer in the discharge of the duties of and in the enjoyment of the emoluments appertaining to the pastorate aforesaid. Know all men by these presents that these things are true.

Thus endeth a famous church trial which made a Superior court judge squirm upon the bench for the space of two and a half days; which for the same space of time held the undivided attention of a cloud of witnesses; in which four legal lights sparred keenly over every inch of the ground; which, brought to town, arrayed in their now-and-thens, many of the elect of Pine Hill Baptist, which said elect and all sundry of the colored persuasion had the time of their lives; in the course of which much ground was covered between Louisiana and the White House at Washington, an alleged letter from President Harding and an alleged trial of a dusky sister for alleged participation in or guilty knowledge of the assassination of President McKinley figuring darkly therein; and out of the maze and tangle of which an alleged root doctor, fortune-teller and prophet, alleged to have said that he had risen from the dead after three days, that superhuman trick having been turned by the potency of a high Masonic sign, emerged victor.

Sisterin and brudders, to relate all that was said and preached and sung and laughed at this trial would make a book of size. Brief let the story be. Know, then, that it was in evidence that when this Year of Grace had grown but into its second month the Rev. Farmer, a negro much crippled as to his left leg and left arm, relict of a railroad wreck, who walks with difficulty on crutches, having his local habitation in Hoke county, held a protracted meeting at Pine Hill at the invitation of Rev. Hooper, the then pastor. Rev. Farmer preached with unction and with power, captivating his hearers, and Rev. Hooper resigned the pastorate of the church, saying that God had called Rev. Farmer to that church and that he, Rev. Hooper, had all the churches he could pastor in Bladen county. All went merry as a marriage bell for some months, when, in the budding month of April, Rev. Hooper seems to have developed a yearning for his former flock. Then things began to happen. Rev. Hooper, so the evidence ran, wrote to Farmer a brotherly letter in which he gently revealed to Rev. Farmer his intention to make something exceedingly unpleasant happen to him if he attempted to darken the door of Pine Hill again, which unpleasantness would go to the extreme of causing

Sealed Ballot Box Found in G. Marsh

It Contained 200 Tickets Same as Those Used in Primary Last June—Ballots Have Every Appearance of Having Been Cast by Voters—Would Have Changed Result of Recorder for St. Pauls.

A sealed ballot box containing 200 county tickets, the same as those used in the primary last June, and said to have been found in the Great Marsh, near St. Pauls, late Saturday afternoon, was brought to Lumberton Saturday night by Mr. Oscar Prevatt and a young man named Ratley. Messrs. Prevatt and Ratley said they found the box in the marsh. The box was opened in the office of Sheriff R. E. Lewis and the ballots appeared to have been placed in the box by voters.

A count of the vote for recorder of the St. Pauls district as shown on the tickets in the box gave Mr. Jno. S. Butler 124 and Mr. Marcus Smith 66. These tickets gave the vote for Sheriff as follows: R. E. Lewis, 113; B. F. McMillan, 81. Official returns from St. Pauls gave Lewis 165, McMillan 345.

Mr. Butler, one of the candidates for recorder of the St. Pauls district filed complaint with the county board of elections immediately after the primary and a recount of the vote, as sworn to by the poll-holders gave Mr. Smith a majority of 11 votes over Mr. Butler and he was declared the homine.

When seen by a Robesonian reporter today, Mr. Butler said he had no statement to make about the finding of the ballot box.

Portrait of Late Judge T. A. McNeill Presented to County

Splendid Oil Painting of Former Distinguished Citizen Now Adorns Wall in Court Room—Presented by Bar of County at Impressive Court Session Thursday Evening—Address Delivered by A. W. McLean and Portrait Accepted by Judge W. M. Bond.

PORTRAIT OF LATE G. B. PAT- TERSON WILL BE PRESENTED

A representative audience which filled the court room attended the presentation Thursday evening to the county of a strikingly handsome portrait of the late Judge Thomas Alexander McNeill, whose long and honorable career came to a close August 2nd, 1921. There was about the occasion in such marked degree the same sort of rare charm and grace and unaffected dignity that at all times fitted like a familiar garment the distinguished gentleman in whose honor it was held, that one could but feel that his benignant spirit had descended upon those who had gathered there.

Hon. A. W. McLean made the address of presentation for the Robeson county bar and the portrait, a fine oil painting by Mrs. Fahey of Washington, D. C., was accepted for the county by Judge W. M. Bond of Edenton, presiding at this term of court. Judge Bond instructed the clerk of the court to set apart a page of the court minutes for an appropriate record of the proceedings of the evening and that the portrait be hung permanently upon the walls of the court room. Judge Bond also gave eloquent testimony to the noble character and notable public service of the deceased and declared that it was altogether fitting that men should pause in the hurried life of the present and thus honor a man whose life was worthy of emulation and place a permanent memorial of him in the temple of justice as an inspiration to the present and future generations. He expressed the appreciation of the court for the exceptionally well-prepared address delivered by Mr. McLean.

Distinguished and Learned
Mr. McLean's address was indeed a gem, most appropriate, complete, well-rounded and eloquent, portraying the characteristics of Judge McNeill as faithfully as the artist has placed upon canvass the physical likeness. "The Cape Fear section of North Carolina," said the speaker, "has produced many men who have distinguished themselves in one or more lines of human endeavor. It has produced strong ministers of the gospel, able lawyers, distinguished judges, statesmen, and others who have achieved success in the fields of science, letters and the creative arts. Judge Thomas Alexander McNeill was one of the most distinguished and learned men that this section of the state has produced. Though modesty, which was a cardinal trait in his character, caused him to spend his life in the neighborhood of his birthplace, his nearly eighty years of useful service to his community and to the state bear eloquent testimony to the fact that his life and works are comparable with those of any of his fellows who may have sought and won higher stations in other fields."

Here the speaker launched into the genealogy of the deceased, tracing his descent from a virile ancestry, and sketched outstanding incidents of his life—his early training in a godly home, his father, Rev. Hector McNeill, having been a distinguished Presbyterian minister; his life during his early years on a farm in what is now Scotland county, where he developed into a fine specimen of physical manhood; his patriotic service during the Civil War; his later career as lawyer, legislator, judge and citizen; his high moral character which made his name a synonym for integrity; his keen interest, which he retained to the last, in every movement that had for its object the betterment of conditions in his town, county, state and nation.

No Higher Compliment
"To his unusual physical charms," said the speaker, "were added vigor of intellect, sturdiness of character, and a consciousness of civic duty that made Judge McNeill worthy to be truly called a representative citizen in every sense that the words connote. After all, no higher compliment can be paid to any man."

Mr. McLean was associated with Judge McNeill for a number of years in the practice of the law, and during that time, he said, he met many of Judge McNeill's old comrades of war days, who made it a rule to call to see him when they came to town. He heard them "relate many stories of his conspicuous bravery, which they said gave him everlasting renown among his comrades."

Fired Last Shot at Fort Fisher
One of these stories was about an incident that happened when Fort Fisher fell. A combined sea and land attack in January, 1865, made it impossible for the Confederates to station.

THE LATE JUDGE THOMAS ALEX- ANDER McNEILL



A large oil painting of Judge McNeill was presented to the county by the Robeson county bar at a session of court held Thursday evening, Judge W. M. Bond presiding. The speech of presentation was made by Hon. A. W. McLean. The portrait hangs above the judge's stand in the court room.

Will of Late Dr. N. A. Thompson

Beneficiaries Outside Family Include 2 Churches, 3 Orphanages, Nurses, Colored Employees and a Special Friend.

The will of the late Dr. N. A. Thompson provides that the First Baptist church of Lumberton, of which he was a member, the Lumberton Presbyterian church, the Oxford Masonic orphanage, the Thomasville Baptist orphanage and the Barium Springs Presbyterian orphanage be paid \$100 each from his estate. Others beneficiaries of the will besides members of the immediate family are:

Each student nurse who had been an employee of the deceased continuously for one year at the time of his death, \$35; each student nurse who had been an employee continuously for two years, \$50; each graduate nurse who had been an employee continuously for one year, \$40; each graduate nurse who had been an employee continuously for two years, \$60. Mrs. Lucy Holmes, office assistant, comes in for the same amount as a graduate nurse. Each colored servant who had been an employee continuously for one year, \$25, and those who had been employees continuously for two years, \$50 each. The will also charges the executors to see that no colored servant "who has served us" shall want in case they become incapacitated for work and that none of them lack for a decent burial.

Mr. G. E. Rancke, Jr., is bequeathed \$250 "as a slight token of the esteem in which I always held him." The Planters Bank & Trust Co., of which deceased was president at the time of his death, and Mrs. Kate G. Thompson, widow of deceased, are named as executors of the will.

Better Headway Made in Paving

Elm Opened to Traffic to Eleventh and Asphalt May be Spread to 15th by Tuesday Night—Chestnut to be Paved Next.

Much headway has been made in Lumberton's paving program during the last week. The paving on Fourth, between Chestnut and Walnut, was opened to traffic some 10 days ago. The concrete base has been laid on North Elm between Sixth and the town limits, Nineteenth street. Asphalt has been spread on North Elm from Sixth to Eleventh and this section has been opened to traffic. It is expected that the asphalt will have been extended to Fifteenth by Tuesday night. If the concrete base on Elm between Fifteenth and Nineteenth is in good condition this street will be opened to traffic from Wednesday morning until the close of the fair.

Gravel shipments are arriving more regularly now and it is expected that the paving work will progress more rapidly. The laying of concrete base on Fourteenth, between Elm and Walnut, was begun today. The next street to be paved is Chestnut, between Sixth and Fourteenth, this to be followed by the paving of the Elizabethtown road, between Elm and Walnut. When this paving is completed the congestion of traffic in the northern part of town will be relieved.

Mr. W. H. Taylor of Wisharts township was a Lumberton visitor this morning.

Cotton Gin and Sawmill Burned by Lightning

A cotton gin and saw mill belonging to Mr. C. C. Carter, near Shannon, were burned Saturday night when struck by lightning, according to Mr. J. Warren Currie of R. 4, Red Springs, who is a Lumberton visitor today.

Placing Material for New High School Building at Fairmont

New Building to Cost \$80,000—Will Relieve Present Congested Conditions—Methodists Preparing to Build Large New Church—Death of Mrs. Jas. T. White—Diphtheria Epidemic Thought to be Over.

By H. V. Brown
Fairmont, Oct. 7.—Material is being placed on the large lot on Iona street, between Trinity and Pittman, preparatory to the erection of the new Fairmont high school building. Several car loads of brick have been unloaded and other materials are expected daily. The building will cost approximately \$80,000 when completed and furnished. Conditions at the old building are such that the pupils are not getting favorable accommodations, some of the classes being crowded so that the teachers cannot give the students all the necessary attention. This situation will be entirely relieved with the erection of the new building.

Methodists Will Build New Church
Several large trees have been cut down on the lot belonging to the Methodist church, and it is understood that a large new Methodist church will be built on this lot in the near future. This will be diagonally across the street from the school building and will necessarily make Iona street one of the most important in town. Just when the actual work will begin has not been learned yet.

The condition of Mr. E. Fisher doesn't seem to get much better, while no considerable change for the worse has taken place. His many friends are anxious for his recovery. He has been taking special treatment for the past several months.

Mr. E. V. McDaniel, who has been taking special treatment in a Richmond sanatorium, was able to return home last Thursday night. His many friends were glad to see him on the streets again Friday.

Mrs. Jas. T. White Passes
The death of Mrs. Jas. T. White, Sr. last Tuesday at the White home here on North Main street terminated a long illness. Deceased was an elderly woman who held the respect of all who knew her and though she had not been active in the church and social life of the town in her last years she was loved by many and was a faithful church woman. Interment was made in the family burying plot of the Fairmont cemetery.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jones, at Thompson's hospital in Lumberton last Monday, a girl, Alice Page.

Prevatt & Bullock, who have been operating a barber shop in one of the brick buildings on Center street, have moved to the Floyd building on Main street. Mr. John D. Purvis, who conducts a tailoring business, has also moved into the Floyd building, which was formerly occupied by S. S. Zydan, who ran a cafe. The building has been divided in half by a partition.

Many Cases of Diphtheria
A great number of cases of diphtheria has been reported in town during the last ten days. Several grown people have suffered with the dread disease while lots of children have been sufferers. No new cases have been reported in the last few days and it is thought that the epidemic is at its close.

The N. W. Jenkins Co., which bought the stock of the defunct Fairmont Supply Co., is staging a mammoth sale which is considered one of the greatest in the history of this section of the county. A special western sales company is handling the sale and much success is reported by Mr. Jenkins, manager.

Mrs. Alice Brice spent part of last week in Charlotte, where she visited friends and relatives and attended the Made-In-Carolinas exposition. She was accompanied by her brother, Mr. Vardell Grantham, who extended his trip to Statesville. They returned this week.

McDonald Seeks to Oust Lyon from Congress

Wilmingon Star: W. J. McDonald, of Fayetteville, is seeking Congressman Homer Lyon's seat in congress on the Republican ticket, according to letters received by voters in Wilmington.

Mr. McDonald calls attention of voters to the majorities of the Republican party in both branches of congress, and says there is a need for this district to have a representative of the dominant party to represent them in Washington.

He also bases his appeal on the grounds that it is time the agricultural business interests are given representation in congress from this district.

November Term of Court Will Begin 8th

The November term of Superior court for the trial of criminal cases will convene on Wednesday, November 8, instead of Monday, November 6. This change has been made on account of election day on Tuesday, November 7. Jurors need not report until Wednesday.

Mr. Jos. Clark of Pembroke was a Lumberton visitor this morning.

Cotton Market

Reported by J. H. Barrington

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 21 cents the pound.

Items of Local News

—Thanks for the dust-layer before the opening of the county fair.
—License has been issued for the marriage of Mrs. Vivian Kinlaw and Harry Daniel Bowers.

—The Jacob and Back swamp drainage tax books have been turned over to Sheriff R. E. Lewis for collection.
—Born, Wednesday night of last week, at the Baker sanatorium, to Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Stuart of R. 2, Rowland, a daughter, weight 11 pounds.

—A near fight, following a political argument on Elm street, in front of Mr. L. H. Caldwell's department store, marked the opening of the 1922 campaign in Lumberton late Saturday afternoon.

—Connecting pipes from the new reservoir at the local filter plant to the water lines are being installed and it is expected that the "cut over" from the old to the new will be made Wednesday of this week.

—Miss Albertine Duncan, who has been taking training at Cumberland General Hospital in Fayetteville, is sick with Malarial fever at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Duncan in Howellsville township.

—The Registration dates for the November election run from Saturday of last week through Saturday, October 28. Mr. Geo. W. Lennon is registrar in South Lumberton and Mr. R. A. McIntyre in North Lumberton.

—Mr. Bunyan Floyd, who was seriously hurt on August 7th last, when an A. C. L. train struck his car at a road crossing in Orrum, is expected to leave the Thompson hospital this week. He has been a patient at the hospital since the day of the accident.

—Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of public instruction, and Prof. W. B. Crumpton, Jr., superintendent of the Lumberton schools, attended Friday and Saturday in Wilmington a district convention of county and city school superintendents.

—New seats will be installed in both the white and colored waiting rooms at the union station this week. The seats have already arrived here and are made of oak wood. Mr. A. F. Mitchell, local Seaboard agent, has been trying for several months to get the new seats.

—Mr. A. E. White Thursday sold the building occupied by The Robesonian to Mr. Jno. D. McMillan, the consideration being \$7,500. The adjoining building, occupied by the J. D. Quick drug store, was sold recently by Mr. Ira B. Townsend to Mr. S. D. Sanderson for \$4,500.

—Not in the history of farming in this section of the State have the farmers had finer weather during September than during September of this year for harvesting crops. The hay crop, which it is generally admitted was the largest ever "saved" in Robeson county, has practically been harvested. The major portion of the cotton crop has also been "housed."

FIRE AT ST. PAULS SUNDAY

Early Morning Fire Damages Stock of Eham & Son \$9,000 or \$10,000 and Badly Damages Building.

Special to The Robesonian.
St. Pauls, Oct. 9.—Fire of undetermined origin damaged the dry goods stock of Eham & Son here about 4 o'clock Sunday morning. The damage to the stock is estimated at between \$9,000 and \$10,000, with \$5,000 insurance. The building, owned by Mr. Jess Odum, was badly damaged.

Turks Are Expected to Accept Allied Demands

Mudania, Oct. 8.—Associated Press.)—The allies presented a united front on their return to Mudania at 10 o'clock tonight and the feeling of all three delegations was that Ismet Pasha would be forced to yield. The delegation expressed optimism regarding the outcome and there was little doubt that the Turks would accept the allied demands leaving the question of limitation of the Turkish gendarmerie only as a possibility of friction.

A New Animal Discovered

A new animal has been discovered by Mr. G. B. Wishart, who lives on R. 3 from Lumberton. While the "living creature" resembles both a ground mole and a wood rat, he is neither. Mr. Wishart thinks this new specimen of the animal kingdom is a cross between a mole and a rat. He brought the curiosity to town Friday, but was unable to find one who had seen his like before.

Baseball at Pembroke Wednesday

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Pembroke, Oct. 9.—There will be a ball game played at Pembroke Wednesday of this week between Pembroke and Camp Bragg 5th P. A. This will be the last game of the season. Don't miss it.