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HUSBAND AND WIFE DIE SAME NIGHT OF FLU-PNEUMONIA.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Britt of Long Branch Section Die Within Two Hours of Each Other—Five Small Children Survive—Four Deaths From Influenza in Long Branch Section During Past Week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Britt, both died Monday night at their home near Long Branch church, of pneumonia, following influenza. There was only about 2 hours difference in the time of their death. Mr. Britt was about 55 years old, while his wife was about 45. Five small children survive and two of these are ill with influenza. They were brought to the Thompson hospital Tuesday by Mr. J. L. Stephens of Lumberton.

Both the husband and wife were buried in the same grave in the Rice cemetery Tuesday at 4 p. m. Four deaths resulting from influenza have occurred in that immediate section during the last week.

HOUSE ON WHEELS DEMOLISHED IN COLLISION WITH TRUCK

Journey of Mr. T. W. Hiser and Family Rudely Interrupted When Their Ford "Residence" Ran Into Truck Left Standing on Highway Near Lumberton—On Their Way from Indiana to Florida.

A "Ford residence" in which Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Hiser and their two children, of the State of Indiana, were making the trip to Florida, was demolished about 6 o'clock last evening when it struck a Ford truck which has been left standing on the hard-surfaced highway, near the National cotton mill. The Hiser family cooked, ate and slept in the house erected on the Ford truck, and their belongings were also somewhat damaged in the collision. The family escaped unhurt.

The Ford truck which the Hiser outfit struck was left standing on the highway last Monday, according to people living near by. It is said the truck belongs to a man living in Rowland and was left on the highway by a negro driver. There were no lights on the truck left in the road. This truck was also damaged considerably. Mr. Hiser has wired the secretary of State to learn who owns the truck which he struck.

MEDICAL SOCIETY MEETS.

Dr. R. S. Beam of Lumberton Elected President—Dinner at Lorraine. The following officers were elected by the Robeson County Medical society at its annual meeting held in the municipal building here yesterday: Dr. R. S. Beam, Lumberton, president; Dr. J. F. Nash, St. Pauls, first vice-president; Dr. Price, Fairmont, second vice-president; Dr. J. A. Martin, Lumberton, secretary-treasurer; Dr. N. H. Andrews of Rowland, E. L. Bowman of McDonald and J. F. Nash of St. Pauls, censors. Dr. J. A. Martin was elected a delegate from the society to the annual meeting of the State Medical society to be held in Asheville next April, with Dr. T. C. Johnson as alternate. The out-of-town members present at the meeting yesterday were entertained by the local physicians at dinner at the Lorraine hotel.

New Bern Relief

Robeson County K. K. K. Makes Largest Contribution.

The largest contribution from any individual or organization to the New Bern fire sufferers was made by the Robeson County Ku Klux Klan, according to Monday's Raleigh News & Observer. A cashier's check for \$800 was sent to E. B. Crow, treasurer of the fund, by a special messenger from the Robeson county Klan. McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor, \$25.00
W. P. Barker and wife, 2.00
C. A. McArthur, 10.00
Heretofore acknowledged, ... 268.58

Total, \$305.58

—Mrs. J. Bennett, who lives in the National cotton mills village, is recovering from severe injuries received recently when she became entangled in a chain attached to the family cow. Her right collar bone was broken, her right shoulder injured, and the end was torn off of one finger. After the accident Mr. Bennett wanted to sell the cow, but Mrs. Bennett's affectionate regard clings to the cow and she refused to allow it to be sold. Mrs. Bennett was at the Thompson hospital Tuesday to have her wounds dressed again.

—The United States Senate yesterday confirmed the appointment of John W. McLean as postmaster at Rowland.

Lumberton School Now Ranks As A-1

Graduates of High School Will be Admitted to Any College or University in the South Without examination—Some of the Pressing Needs of the School.

By W. B. Crompton, Superintendent Lumberton Schools

It has been the aim and ambition of the trustees of the Lumberton graded school that we should have here one of the best schools in the State, one with such a standing, that the colleges of the State would look to graduates of the State school for students to be given full credit as entering the Freshman class without condition.

No matter how smoothly our school may be conducted, no matter how well we are pleased here at home, if the colleges of the State refuse to allow our graduates to enter without an examination, our school is a failure. With the idea in view of meeting all the requirements of the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities, the school has been so equipped and the course of study so arranged that a boy or girl graduating from the high school will be admitted on certificates from the Superintendent of the school, without examination, to the Freshman class of any college or university in the South. That practically means any college or university in the nation.

I am sure everyone is proud of this distinction when we know that there are not very many of the high schools of the State placed on this accredited list. The large majority of them are unable to meet the conditions.

This does not by any manner of means signify that we should stop trying to improve the school. There are a great many things to be done in order for us to hold this position among the best high schools of the South. Some of our pressing needs are as follows: A new high school building in which the boys may be taken care of in manual training and other laboratory work; more books for the library; establishment of a business course in addition to the regular literary courses now being given. It seems to me one of the most needed things to be done just at this time is for the people of the town to begin a discussion of a new building. What kind of a high school building is needed in Lumberton? How much should the town put in such a plant?

LUMBER BRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

By R. F. Hall for Junior Class. Lumber Bridge, Dec. 11.—School is progressing under difficulties this morning, many pupils being out on account of influenza.

Everybody is looking forward longingly to the Christmas holidays. Henry and Frank Covington, basketball stars, are about straight after an attack of flu. This puts our team in pretty good shape and we are now ready to accept any challenge. Any team wishing a game should see the manager, Prof. L. H. Fogleman.

Saturday the women of the Baptist church held a bazaar for the benefit of their church.

Miss Siler, music teacher, will give her classes a Christmas recital Thursday evening, December 21st. Miss Siler has worked faithfully with her classes and every one expects a good program.

The Nitioner Literary society has decided to purchase for the school a United States flag to be flown from the top of the building.

Everybody is studying hard for the mid-term examinations, which begin next week.

—N. T. McLean writes from Rowland that Giles Oxendine, Indian, who lives near Rowland, killed the other day a hog that weighed 610 pounds.

—The Woman's club began today in the club tea room, the old Presbyterian church building on East Fifth street, a Christmas bazaar at which many attractive things are being sold. The bazaar will last through tomorrow.

Church Oyster Sapper and Bazaar at Roslin Friday Evening.

The Woman's Missionary society of Green Springs Baptist church, near Parkton, will give an oyster supper and bazaar at Roslin tomorrow (Friday) evening. The public is invited.

Oxford, Miss., Dec. 11.—A verdict for the defendant was returned by a jury in United States district court here early tonight in the trial of the suit of Miss Frances Cleveland Birkehead, stenographer, against Lee M. Russell, governor of Mississippi, for damages based on charges of seduction and other serious allegations.

—Messdames A. B. Baker and C. A. Floyd, Miss Flora Griffin and Mr. Ray Griffin of Fairmont were Lumberton visitors Tuesday.

Parkton Letter

Rev. V. C. Smith of Danville Accepts Call to Presbyterian Churches—Much Moving and Much Sickness—Mr. Walter Carver Died Tuesday—Postponed Concert Will be Given at Lumber Bridge Next Sunday—Other Items.

By C. D. Williamson

Parkton, Dec. 12.—The ladies of the Presbyterian church gave a supper and bazaar last Thursday night at the Perry building. It was very much enjoyed, and your money's worth. Receipts, \$125.

Rev. V. C. Smith of Danville, Va., has accepted a call to the Presbyterian church here. We presume the call includes also Lumber Bridge and Rex. Mr. Smith was pastor here once before, and his accepting the call meets with general approval, not only with his denomination but all. We only regret he cannot come to us before February 1923. The manse has been unoccupied for a long while. It will be re-painted inside and out.

Much moving already in our community. Mr. Charlie Stanton has moved to Mr. S. J. Thomasson's farm one mile north of town. Mr. Stanton has charge of the roads of Parkton Township.

Much sickness in our town and community. Rev. R. F. Munns is confined to his room with flu, also Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lewis. Mr. J. D. McCall is reported sick, and several others. Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Edens' 2-year-old baby has pneumonia and is quite sick. Miss Annie L. McArthur is nursing her.

Mr. Walter Carver, who lived about 3 miles from town, died this morning at 3:30 o'clock at his home. He was in his 82nd year. He had been in declining health for some time, rallied and got much better, but fell Sunday and was badly bruised but kept up and died suddenly. The funeral will be at the Adams graveyard tomorrow at 11 a. m., and will be conducted by Dr. Murray of St. Pauls.

Owing to the inclement weather and the rough road from Fayetteville and some sickness, the Fayetteville-Parkton orchestra did not play last Sunday at Lumber Bridge school auditorium but will play there next Sunday if the weather is favorable.

The following visited Charlotte last Thursday: Messrs. J. D. McCormick and W. A. China, Miss Virginia McCormick and Sergeant Harrison. They returned Saturday. Mr. R. B. Hutson visited Charlotte Monday and returned this afternoon.

Mr. P. Culbreth killed 4 hogs last week, netting 1540 pounds. Mr. F. P. Edwards killed one weighing 475 pounds, the largest we have yet reported.

People are planning and talking Christmas. We will mention the various Christmas trees in our next letter.

Interesting Talk by Miss Proctor on the Passion Play.

An interesting and instructive talk on the Passion Play by Miss Lillian Proctor was the feature of the program rendered at a special meeting of Robeson County B. Y. P. U. association at the First Baptist church Monday evening. Miss Proctor painted a vivid picture of the play as observed by her while in Europe last summer. Notwithstanding the inclement weather, ten unions were represented at the meeting Monday evening. Refreshments were served and the program was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Dr. H. M. Baker of Lumberton is president of the Robeson County Union.

Concert Friday Afternoon in High School Auditorium.

A concert will be given by the Alford Rowland chapter, U. D. C., tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the high school auditorium. This concert was to have been given several weeks ago and was postponed at the last minute on account of the sudden illness of the leader, Miss Viola Jenkins. An admission fee of 25c and 50c will be charged.

Play at Centenary School Friday Night.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Rowland, Dec. 12.—A play, "Dances of Dubbs," will be given at Centenary school Friday night, December 15, at 7:30 o'clock by the high school pupils. The public is invited. Admission is 25c and 50c.

Fair Premiums Are Coming to These. On account of the fact that no address was left when entries were made a few premiums won at the recent Robeson county fair remain unpaid. The following may obtain premiums by calling on the secretary, W. O. Thompson, in Lumberton: Elizabeth Parham, \$1; C. F. Hayes, \$3; Mairdie Locklear, \$3; A. E. Poppal, 50c.

St. Pauls News

Parent-Teacher Association Bazaar—Building Improvements—R. Fred Bethune Was Highly Esteemed—Social and Personal.

By Beas G. Johnson

St. Pauls, Dec. 12.—Today is the bazaar and oyster supper, which is being given under the auspices of the Parent-Teacher association. It will be given in one of the vacant buildings down town. We noticed the decorations from the outside as we wandered our way up town yesterday afternoon, looked as if it was very attractively decorated on the inside. When our ladies go into anything they usually go into it with a desire to win.

Quite a bit of colds are yet around. Master Wendel Thagard, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Thagard's little lad, has been ill the past few days, may possibly be a light form of grippe or flu; however, was better yesterday.

Announcements were received by friends here recently of the birth of 2 boys to Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Clark, who now reside in Danville, Kentucky. Mr. Clark was a former pastor of the Baptist church of our town and both he and Mrs. Clark have many friends in St. Pauls who will learn with interest of their whereabouts as well as of their good fortune. The lads arrived on Wednesday, Nov. 29th. Mr. Clark has a pastorate in Danville and is also connected with the faculty of Centre college in some way.

Mrs. J. S. Crenshaw returned last Saturday from a most pleasant little sojourn which she spent among relatives in Charlotte. Her son Mr. J. P. Crenshaw arrived in town Sunday a. m. from Rocky Mount, where he learned with regret.

Work is fast progressing on the new Baptist church. Mr. L. F. Nance is remodeling his nice little residence, which will be very attractive and be another improvement to St. Pauls.

Mrs. W. A. Nutting left last Saturday for a few weeks' visit to her people in Thomasville, will be away until after Yuletide at least.

It won't be so long until Christmas, sure enough, this has been a short-seeming fall as well as the few weeks since winter's approach.

Miss Clara McDonald spent last week-end among her people here, she is teaching near and can get home easily.

Mrs. Sam M. Davis left latter part of the week for Winston-Salem, taking with her a dear little granddaughter, Nita Montague, who for some weeks has been in the D. is home, the little lassie being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul N. Montague of that town.

Miss Elizabeth McDonald, who resides on Armfield street, made the little bunch of Junior Christian Endeavors quite happy when on last Friday evening she invited them to her home for a little social. The young bunch reporting a wonderful time in the way of fun and enjoyment. Miss McDonald is one of the leaders of this society.

Miss Martha Cameron, St. Pauls' very efficient milliner, will leave for her home, Union Springs, Ala., Friday of this week. Miss Cameron by her bright sunny disposition and pleasant ways has won for herself many friends during the past few months, she has been in our midst, who while they regret to see her leave will be glad to note it is her intention now to return again next season.

Mrs. Maggie Oliver came in last Saturday, after a few weeks absence, which she spent among the Oliver relatives and friends.

Miss Kate McDuffie returned to her home latter part of the week, we were misinformed in a recent letter, as she was visiting a relative at Elizabethtown, when we reported her as having returned to her home, Wagram.

The death of Mr. E. Fred Bethune was indeed sad, and was received here as a general shock, he having been a student in the local high school here some years previous and was well known and esteemed by all with whom he came in contact. He was a son of Mr. Alex Bethune of Tan Mills. The funeral services and burial took place at the Presbyterian church here at 2:30 Sunday afternoon.

The unusually large concourse of relatives and friends who attended the funeral of this brave young hero showed in a small way the esteem in which he was held. As his death was very appropriately recorded in Monday's Robesonian we will not attempt further in our letter except to say the people of St. Pauls very sincerely tender their deepest sympathy to the grief-stricken family, in the untimely death of their loved one.

Talked-of Opposition to Dr. Potat Fails to Develop

President of Wake Forest Captures Baptist Convention Hosts—Location of Meredith Settled—92nd Session Has Record Attendance.

Winston-Salem, Dec. 13.—The much talked-of opposition to Dr. W. L. Potat, president of Wake Forest college, relative to his reported views on the evolutionary theory, failed utterly to develop at the session of the State Baptist convention tonight, when Dr. Potat delivered the opening address and so stirred the great congregation that listened to him that when he closed the assemblage, as with one voice, broke into the song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Dr. Potat spoke with deep feeling and what he had to say seemed completely to satisfy the audience as to his religious views. When the song that followed his address ended, not a note of opposition arose, and the convention proceeded with other features of the program.

This afternoon the question of location for Meredith college was settled after several hours debate, with a practically unanimous vote ratifying the action of the board of trustees in selecting Method, near Raleigh, for the new site. The proposition to co-ordinate the college with Wake Forest was not sustained.

Winston-Salem, Dec. 12.—When Rev. W. A. Ayers, pastor of the First Baptist church at New Bern, arose tonight to deliver the sermon before the Baptist state convention in its 92nd annual session, he faced the largest attendance of any first day of a state convention. Over 500 messengers were present, twice as many as were present at the first session last year.

The committee on enrollment reported 498 messengers present, the largest attendance at the opening session in the history of the convention. And strange to relate, comparatively few women are here as representatives of the churches.

Owing to a change in the constitution the president is now chosen at the close of the convention, and Rev. B. W. Spillman gave notice to the convention that he would request that a successor be chosen, giving as a reason the fact that he had served the convention five years and that his health did not warrant a continuance in office.

Woman's Club News

Profitable and Enjoyable Meeting of Business and Professional Unit—Talk by Miss Nancy Sassar of Fayetteville.

Reported for The Robesonian.

The Business and Professional Unit of the Woman's club met at the home of Mrs. R. I. Belch Friday, December 8th, at 7:30. The members and guests were met at the door by Misses Ruth Jones and Leila Edwards and escorted to the punch bowl in the hall, where delicious punch was served by Misses Elizabeth Peay, Evelyn Jones, Ethel Pittman and Elizabeth Wishart. After a half-hour social feature the meeting was called to order by the chairman.

Resolutions on constitution and by-laws were read by Miss Nell Sutton, and approved, each being voted on separately. After all other business matters were discussed the program was turned over to the chairman of the program committee, and the following much-enjoyed program was rendered.

Piano solo, by Miss Leila Straughan; reading by Miss Lillian Proctor; violin solo by Mrs. E. A. McIntyre, accompanied by Mrs. L. P. Stack.

Miss Nancy Sassar, chairman of the Business and Professional Woman's club of Fayetteville was with us and delivered a very inspirational and helpful talk on cooperation and aid. She also made a short talk on things to be accomplished, economy of our monthly social hour, and the recreation and pleasures to be obtained through this unit. We feel greatly enlightened and benefitted by Miss Sassar's helpful talk, and hope to have her with us again soon.

The Business and Professional Unit of the Woman's club will meet January 11th, at the club room, 5th street.

THIRD COTTON MILL PRO- JECTED FOR ST. PAULS

The Robesonian is reliably informed that St. Pauls is to have another cotton mill in the near future and that it will be built by Northern capitalists. This will make the third cotton mill for that wide-awake and progressive Robeson county town.

Mr. J. B. Walters of R. 1, Rowland, is among the visitors in town today.

Cotton Market

Reported by J. H. Barrington. Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 26 cents the pound; strict middling 25 1-2 cents.

Items of Local News

Numerous attractive Christmas windows have been arranged by local merchants.

—Tomorrow (Friday) will be the last day for paying current light and water bills to avoid being "cut out".

—The condition of Mr. J. T. Bullard, who had been ill at his home, East Second street, for several days, is reported as somewhat improved today.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Crichton returned Tuesday from Columbus, Ga., where they spent nearly a week with Mr. Crichton's sister, Mrs. R. M. Hardin, who is ill.

—A meeting of the Lumberton post of the American Legion will be held in the legion hall this evening at 7:30. Officers are to be elected at this meeting and all ex-service men are urged to be present. Refreshments will be served.

—Mr. and Mrs. B. F. McMillan moved Monday into their new 6-room bungalow on North Pine street. Mr. and Mrs. Cutlar Moore moved Tuesday into the rooms formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. McMillan in the McLean apartment house, Walnut and Fifth streets.

—As was stated in Monday's Robesonian, the Lumberton graded and high school will close tomorrow (Friday) for the holidays. The spring term will open Monday, January 1. Members of the faculty living out-of-town expect to leave Friday night and Saturday morning for their respective homes to spend the holidays.

—A turkey hen owned by Mr. L. J. Flowers, who lives on R. 5 from Lumberton, "stole her nest" and is expected to hatch 16 young turkeys between now and Christmas. Mr. Flowers, who was among the visitors in town yesterday, says it is an unusual thing for turkeys to "set" at this season of the year. This particular turkey had been laying an egg daily since last spring.

NEWS ITEMS FROM ORRUM

Influenza Prevalent Again—Work on New School Building Progressing Rapidly—Death of Little Watus McPhatter.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Orrum, Dec. 11.—Influenza is prevalent here again, though not so bad as one time, but several families here are suffering with the disease.

Work is rapidly progressing on the new brick school building here, and we hope soon to see it completed.

We are very sorry to report Miss Elizabeth Stone, one of our teachers on the sick list. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mr. Thomas Cottle of Lumberton was a visitor here Thursday.

Death of Little Watus McPhatter. The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl McPhatter Thursday, December 7, and claimed their only child, little Watus. He had been ill for some time, and everything was done to restore him to health. Little Watus was about two years of age, and was of a sweet, and loving disposition. To know him meant to love him. Though it seems hard to give up the little ones, God knows best. The bereaved family have our greatest sympathy. "This lovely bud so young and fair called hence by early doom, just came to show how sweet a flower, in paradise would bloom."

Miss Clara Stone attended preaching at Barnesville Sunday morning.

Miss Mary Carter of Chadburn spent the Thanksgiving holidays with Miss Rosada Israel.

A basketball game was played last Friday afternoon between the Fairmont girls and boys and the Orrum hi's.

Mr. Bailey Britt, one of our former students, was a welcome visitor in our school Friday.

Here's wishing to The Robesonian and all its readers a Merry Christmas.

FREE ALMANACS

The Robesonian will send to each of its subscribers early in January an Almanac, or year book, for 1923. Besides giving the weather predictions for every day in the year, the dates of the various changes of the moon and other information usually found in an Almanac, this book contains a wealth of valuable information that will be of interest to every member of the family. This book of knowledge will be sent to Robesonian subscribers absolutely free of charge, as a supplement to the paper.