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## Boll Weevil Meeting at Court House in Lumberton Jan 8

This Promises to be One of Best Meetings of Kind Ever Held in Robeson—A Good Investment of Time—May Mean Difference Between Success or Failure.

By O. O. Dukes, County Farm Agent  
The county wide boll weevil meeting to be held at the court house, Lumberton, Monday, January 8th, at 11 a. m., promises to be the best of its kind ever held in the county. Those who contemplate farming this year will make a good investment in the time given to attending this meeting.

Mr. J. O. Taylor, one of the best authorities in the South on boll weevil control, will be the principal speaker. There will also be other speakers on important farm problems.

The meeting may mean the difference between success and failure to you, so come and ask your friends to come.

## General Assembly Convenes in Sixty Seventh Session

John G. Dawson of Lenoir is Speaker of House—No Bills Offered First Day—Governor Will Deliver Message Next Tuesday.

The 67th session of the North Carolina General Assembly convened in Raleigh yesterday at noon and within an hour both houses adjourned, no bills, except formal resolutions, being offered the first day.

John G. Dawson of Kinston, chosen as Democratic nominee for speaker of the House at the Democratic caucus Tuesday night, left a sick bed long enough to be sworn in.

Governor Morrison will deliver his biennial message next Tuesday.

Other officers nominated by the caucus and elected at the first session were:

Miss Rosa B. Munn, of Cabarrus county, engrossing clerk; Alex Laster, Bertie county, chief clerk; D. P. Dellinger, of Gaston county, reading clerk, and J. L. Burkett, of Randolph county, sergeant at arms.

In the Senate caucus W. L. Long, of Halifax county, was nominated president pro tempore. Other officers were:

Principal clerk, Frank K. Hackett, North Wilkesboro; reading clerk, Thomas P. Coker, Buncombe, and sergeant at arms, W. D. Gaster, Cumberland county.

T. F. BOAHN SUCCEEDS W. A. SMITH AS RURAL POLICEMAN

Latter Resigned—Others Re-appointed—Regular Monthly Meeting of County Commissioners.

A. R. Pittman, D. C. Ratley, J. H. Carper, W. W. Smith, J. T. McRainey T. F. Bohan were appointed rural policemen for Robeson county for a term of one year by the county commissioners at their regular monthly meeting Monday. All these were re-appointed except Mr. Bohan, who succeeds Mr. W. A. Smith in the Red Springs district. Mr. Smith resigned. The policemen will receive the same salary as paid last year—\$100 the month and commissions. Each is required to make bond in the sum of \$1,000.

The official board of County Auditor A. V. G. Wishart in the sum of \$5,000, with the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co., as surety, was approved.

The monthly report of the Bank of Maxton, county treasurer, R. E. Lewis, sheriff, Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, and Miss Elizabeth Frye, county welfare officer, were ordered filed.

The regular pauper list was allowed. The monthly allowance of H. A. Black was increased from \$3 to \$5. Robert Foy was given a special allowance of \$5 for the month of January 1923. Ephriam Buie was placed on the regular pauper list at \$5 per month.

Dollie Cooley was ordered admitted to the county home. Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, was requested to look into her general condition and report to the board.

Owing to illness, Mr. Jno. W. Ward, chairman of the board, was not present. Mr. C. B. Townsend acted as chairman.

Mrs. Stella McCallman of Faison this State, Mesdames Lula Usher and W. L. Lipscomb of Laurel Hill and Miss Mary Ella McColl of Augusta, Ga., spent the holidays here visiting their parents, Rev. and Mrs. B. F. McColl, Seneca street.

Mr. T. S. Greyard of McDonald was a Lumberton visitor yesterday.

## Coroner's Jury Orders 4 Indians Held

Jailed on Charge of Being Implicated in Fatal Shooting of Robert Wilkins.

Proctor Locklear, Walter Oxendine, Dock Wilkins and Clarence Oxendine, all Indians, were placed in the county jail here yesterday in connection with the killing of Robert Wilkins, Indian, who was shot on Christmas night in Burnt Swamp township. Wilkins died the following Thursday in a local hospital. The coroner's jury ordered that all the above-named men be held. The jury was composed of Messrs. J. L. Stephens, M. A. Odum, Ira B. Townsend, J. H. Barrington, F. Q. Williams and H. O. Floyd, County Coroner D. W. Biggs conducted the inquest.

Proctor Locklear admits firing the shot that killed Wilkins. According to the evidence brought out at the inquest, the man that was killed and the others ordered held by the jury, excepting Proctor, went to a house where Proctor was visiting and dragged him out of the house. Several shots were exchanged, though Robert Wilkins was the only one struck.

## Reception in Honor of Governor Delightful Event

Most Representative and Democratic Crowd That Ever Attended Social Event in Robeson—Five Hundred People Called During Afternoon.

A constant stream of people, around five hundred in all, called at the palatial home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McLean, Chestnut street, Monday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock to attend the New Year's reception given in honor of Governor Cameron Morrison.

All sections of Robeson were represented among the callers, no doubt the most representative and democratic crowd that ever attended a social event in the county. It was a most delightful informal occasion. Governor Morrison received with his hostess and host, and handsomely gowned women served refreshments, assisted by several small girls, including the Governor's daughter, Miss Angelia. The home was beautifully decorated.

Callers from all walks of life agreed in private conversation among themselves that this was a most unusual occasion in that they had the honor and pleasure of attending a reception given in honor of the present Governor by the next Governor and the next mistress of the executive mansion in Raleigh.

Governor Morrison was delighted with his visit to Lumberton. He and his daughter, Miss Angelia, who had been guests in the McLean home since Saturday night, left Monday night to return to Raleigh.

## DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO STOP

So Lester Phillips Told Officer McGill, and the Chase Was On—Shots Unheeded—Recorder Found Him Not Guilty as Charged.

"I haven't got time to stop," said Lester Phillips, young white man, when hailed by Policeman Vance McGill about 8 o'clock Tuesday morning. It was then that Phillips picked up his speed and the race began. Policeman McGill chased the fleeing man for some five blocks, starting from Elm, in front of the North State drug store. The officer fired six shots, but the sound of the gun failed to slow the speed of Phillips. He was caught on Cedar street by Messrs. W. W. Prevatt and Kelton Powers. Phillips was wanted on the charge of jumping a board bill. He was hailed before Recorder W. B. Ivey and was found not guilty, however.

Quite a posse joined in the chase, which created considerable excitement.

## FEWER MARRIAGES IN ROBESON

Only 239 Marrying Licenses Issued by Register of Deeds Floyd Last Year—A Considerable Falling Off.

Dan Cupid saw a considerable falling off in his business in Robeson county during the year 1922. A total of 239 marriage licenses were sold by Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd during the year ending December 31. This was only about one-half the number that has been sold in a single year, according to Mr. Floyd. Licenses sold during the month of December 1922 totaled 40, as compared with 41 during the same month of the year 1921.

Cupid is optimistic, however, and expects that the New Year will be more favorable to matrimony than was the one just closed.

## Fairmont News

Mrs. Hybert Leggett Succumbs to Influenza-Pneumonia—Vital Statistics Show Falling Off in Births—Bank Makes Good Showing—Personal Mention.

By H. V. Brown

Fairmont, Jan. 3.—Mrs. Hybert Leggett, a well-known and well-liked young woman, died at her home on route 2 from Fairmont yesterday after a few weeks of serious illness. The immediate cause of death was pneumonia following influenza. A child was born to the deceased on Christmas day, during the severe illness of its mother, and only lived a few hours. Mrs. Leggett was the only daughter of the late Caleb Inman. Deceased is survived by her husband and three brothers—Donnie, Ernest and Joseph Inman—and two small children, Nannie Mae, aged 4, and Mildred, aged 2. The funeral and burial services were held today at the home place, where a large crowd gathered to pay their last respects and to sympathize with the unfortunate. The deceased was a devoted wife and mother and a faithful member of the Fairmont Baptist church.

Fourteen representatives of the firm of McAllister, Vaughn & Seales, general fire insurance agents, from North Carolina, will assemble in Miami, Fla., today on a special free trip given them by the above-named firm for large volumes of work done by their agents during the past year. Robeson county will furnish two of these representatives and Fairmont will furnish one, in the person of George L. Grantham, who left here yesterday afternoon for the southern city. As was stated in The Robesonian a few issues ago, A. T. McLean of Lumberton was also fortunate enough to be the recipient of such a gift. The party will make their headquarters at the Hotel Royal Palm in Miami and will hold business meetings and a banquet during the few days there.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Mitchell, last Saturday, a girl, Julia Stephens.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Tetter, December 23rd, a boy, Gilbert.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Thompson of Florence, S. C., December 26th, a boy.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Leo T. Bullock December 21st, a girl.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bullock, December 21st, a girl.

## Vital Statistics

According to reports made to the local registrar of vital statistics, thirty nine children were born within the limits of the town of Fairmont during the year 1922, while there has been recorded twenty deaths. In Fairmont township, not including the town of Fairmont, 77 children were born and 36 persons have died. This makes a total of 116 births and 56 deaths in the township during the past year. In comparison to the report for 1921, there is much difference. During the year 1921 the town of Fairmont alone had 36 birth and 12 deaths. In the township there were 109 births and 40 deaths. A difference similar to this is noted from all sections of the state.

At the regular meeting of the Robeson county board of education last Monday, Dr. F. H. Pittman was duly elected a trustee of the Fairmont high school to fill the vacancy caused by the death of committeeman E. Fisher some time ago.

## Highways in Bad Shape

Public highways leading west and east from here are almost impassable today on account of so much rain. State highway No. 21 is, however, in very good condition. There has been a great deal of work done on the Atkinson mill pond dam during the past few days, cutting down trees and underbrush, preparatory to widening the dam.

Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Hayes, who were married on December 28th at the home of the bride in Scotland, Ga., returned to Fairmont last night after spending sometime in the Southern States on their honeymoon.

## Bank Pays Dividend

According to reports made here today since the annual meeting of the directors and officers of the First National Bank of Fairmont yesterday, the young institution added materially to its undivided profits and paid to its stockholders a six percent cash dividend. Rumors had it that the closing of the Commercial National Bank in Wilmington a few days ago had put the Fairmont banks in an embarrassing position, but this has been denied by the officials of the two banks here. The Bank of Proctorville, a few miles east of here, has closed temporarily on account of the closing of the Wilmington institution, but according to statements made to the correspondent there today the Bank of Proctorville will positively re-open at a very early date.

Repair work has started on the McIntyre building on Main street. A

## DENTAL CLINICS POSTPONED

Each School Will be Notified When and Where to Send Children.

By E. R. Hardin, Health Officer.  
The free dental clinics for school children which were advertised to begin January 1st have been postponed. The dentist who was appointed to do this work could not come on account of serious illness in his family. I regret very much that I did not know this in time to save so many parents the inconvenience in bringing their children to Lumberton for treatment.

However, the clinics will begin just as soon as the dentist can be sent by the State Board of Health, and the work will be carried on for about three months in all parts of the county.

Each school will be notified just when and where to send the children who want dental work done. Children under six years and over 13 years of age will not be treated in the clinic. It is hoped that all children 6 to 13 years old who are in real need of dental work will take advantage of this opportunity.

## Recorder's Court

Five Defendants Charged With Twelve Offenses—Austin Watts Appeals from Road Sentences and Makes Bond.

The following cases have been disposed of by Recorder W. B. Ivey this morning, raising a disturbance on the streets; week:

Lena Kemp, colored, cursing and prayer for judgment continued for two years upon good behavior.

Make Carter, three charges—operating auto while drunk, operating car without proper lights and running car into and damaging buggy belonging to Durham Rice; found not guilty of the first charge; found guilty of the other two and fined \$25.

Condary Hardin, Indian, assault upon Clarence Canady, also Indian; bound over to Superior court under a \$300 bond, which he made.

Lester Phillips, three charges—jumping board bill, vagrancy and larceny of fish nets; not guilty.

Austin Watts, four charges—assault with deadly weapon upon Memphrey Britt, carrying concealed weapon, cursing and raising a disturbance on the public highway and simple assault upon Memphrey Britt; sentenced to 4 months on roads on first charge, 3 months on second and judgment suspended upon payment of cost in last two. Watts gave notice of appeal from the road sentence and made bond in the sum of \$500.

## T. A. McNEILL SWORN IN AS SOLICITOR 9TH DISTRICT

Lumberton Man Succeeds S. B. McLean—Will Hold First Court at Elizabethtown Next Week.

Mr. T. A. McNeill of Lumberton was sworn in Monday as solicitor of this, the ninth, judicial district. He was sworn in by Mr. C. B. Skipper, clerk of the Superior court of Robeson county. Mr. McNeill was elected in the November election. This district is composed of Robeson, Bladen, Cumberland and Hoke counties. Solicitor McNeill will represent the State in Bladen Superior court for the trial of criminal cases at Elizabethtown next week, this being his first appearance as solicitor.

Solicitor McNeill succeeds Mr. S. B. McLean, who served this district as solicitor for 8 years.

Miss Ruby Thompson returned last night from South Boston, Va., where she spent a week visiting Misses Elias Green and Margaret Tuggle.

Miss Eulalia McGill returned Tuesday evening to Whiteville, where she is a member of the high school faculty, after spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McGill, Second street.

Mrs. J. S. Cox and son, Master J. S. Jr., went yesterday to Morven, where they will spend some time visiting relatives.

Miss Lula M. Cassidy, former home demonstration agent of Robeson county, left last night for her home at Atlanta, Ga., after spending a few days here visiting at the home of Mrs. Daisy W. Jenkins.

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new, modern front will replace the old one which has been in a bad condition for some months.

## St. Pauls

### News Letter

Schools Have Opened Again—Students Return to Their Various Colleges—Movements of the People.

By Bess G. Johnson

St. Pauls, Jan. 2.—The local schools have all opened again after the holidays, and everything seems to be going on as usual. The flu is still around among some of our citizens. Master Grover Martin, whom we reported as ill with pneumonia, is improving nicely now being able to sit up a bit yesterday.

The young folks who have been in town for the holidays are leaving us by degrees now. Miss Sarah McDuffie went back to Bladenboro on last Sunday afternoon to resume her teaching. Misses Louise Bennett and Flora Belle McGoogan go to F. M. C. today, while the Davidson boys are leaving too, viz., Messrs. Marion Murray, Lee McLean, Alex Guiton, Heck McRaney, Malloy Davis, Frances and Dawson Northrop.

Miss Nonie Johnson returns Wednesday to East Carolina Teachers college, Greenville, where she is pursuing her degree.

Miss Florence Murray's many friends were delighted to have her spend the holidays in the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Murray, on Main street. She returns Thursday to her post of duty at Old Fort, where she is a member of the faculty. Misses Josephine and Pearle Evans spent the holidays with their mother, Mrs. Joseph Evans. Miss Elva Harrington, who is teaching at Gibson, spent the holidays with her people in town.

Miss Macy Guiton, who is in training at Pittman hospital in Fayetteville, spent from Friday a. m. until Monday night with her father, Mr. W. J. Guiton. Mr. Guiton's family moved just before the holidays, now residing East Main street in a house formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Powers.

Mrs. T. L. Northrop and son, Dawson, went to Charlotte yesterday to consult a specialist in regard to the latter's attacks of asthma which he sometimes suffers.

Mrs. Marion McNeill, who was Miss Katie Groves Northrop, came over from Laurinburg Sunday and is spending a few days in the Northrop home.

Mrs. D. C. Cox and little lassie visited her people in Lumberton during the holidays.

Mr. Albert Guiton, who has a position with a drug company in Charlotte, came over Sunday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Guiton. He returns Wednesday.

Miss Nell Rice has been here for the holidays, much to the delight of friends.

Among the other students who were here for the holidays we note, Misses Grace Butler and Jessie Allen, Meredith, Misses Alyce Stanton and Lena Johnson N. C. C. W., Greensboro; Miss Murphy Hall, F. M. C.; Messrs. David Lancaster, Paul and Fay Caudell, Wake Forest; Messrs. Robt. McDonald, Alton and Charlie Bowen and Edd Butler, Chapel Hill; Devare Lentz, Trinity.

Mrs. Elias Johnson of Lincolnton, formerly Miss Berta Butler of our town, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Butler, to the delight of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Lary Brock and the latter's brother came over Saturday for a few days' visit in the home of Mr. W. K. Brock.

Among those from here who attended the New Year's reception in Lumberton yesterday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McLean, in honor of Gov. Morrison, we note Messrs. A. R. McEachern and J. M. Butler, who report quite a nice time.

Mrs. Graham Powers and little daughter are expected home today from Chadbourn, where they have been visiting.

—The "Troubadour Male Quartet" of the Redpath Lyceum course under the auspices of the Woman's club, will give a concert at the school auditorium Thursday evening, January 18th. This is considered perhaps the best number in the course and it is hoped that a large crowd will attend.

—Mr. C. M. Martin and family moved yesterday from R. 6, Lumberton, to R. 3, Lumberton, near Center church. Messrs. Murphy Lewis and Lester Townsend of R. 6, Lumberton, and Mr. Martin's son, Mr. Elza Martin, are Lumberton visitors today.

—The curb market will be open as usual Saturday morning of this week, opening promptly at 10 o'clock. Pork, sausage, butter, buttermilk and all the products that are in demand now will be on sale.

## Cotton Market

Reported by J. H. Harrington  
Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 26 3-8 cents the pound.

## Items of Local News

—License has been issued for the marriage of Miss Lalia Straughn and Lexy Clark.

—Mr. Jno. S. Gore has accepted a position with the sales department of the Lumberton Motor Car Co.

—Mr. Vernon Townsend left last evening for Detroit, Mich., where he will enter the Michigan State Auto school.

—Mr. J. M. McCallum went Tuesday evening to Charlotte, where he will undergo treatment at the Charlotte sanatorium.

—The local postoffice has paid out approximately \$4,000 in cash for war savings stamps this week. Quite a number of stamps has also been handled by the local banks.

—The condition of Mrs. Wm. P. Bullard, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis and gall stones at the Baker sanatorium, is reported as favorable.

—Lumbee tent No. 18, Maccabees, will give an oyster supper and serve other refreshments in the Maccabee hall tomorrow (Friday) evening at 7:30. All Maccabees are invited to be on hand.

—Jno. C. Willard, who had served about 18 months of a 5-year sentence, escaped from the Robeson county chain gang, stationed near Proctorville, Sunday. Willard was sentenced in Hoke county.

—Officers recently elected by the local I. O. O. F. lodge will be installed this evening at 7:30. Grand Master W. R. Coppege is expected to be present. All Odd fellows are urged to be present.

—The condition of Edmund Cummings of Pembroke, Indian, who was shot and seriously wounded on Thursday night of last week, is reported as more favorable. Cummings is at the Baker sanatorium.

—Mr. J. H. Wishart's delivery truck was damaged considerably about 6:30 Tuesday evening when struck by a car driven by Mr. R. A. Hedgpath, Jr., at the corner of Fourth and Chestnut streets.

—Mr. Billie Brooks of Boardman, who was seriously carved up with a knife by a negro on December 22, is fast recovering from his wounds. He is still at the Baker sanatorium, where he was brought soon after he was cut.

—An order for 300 feet of fire hose, a ladder and some hooks was placed by the mayor and town commissioners at their regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening. Other business transacted was the regular routine.

—Mr. A. L. Smith has opened a fruit and grocery business in the metal stand on East Fourth street, formerly occupied by Mr. J. D. Barfield. Mr. Barfield has moved his business to another stand on West Fourth street.

—Mr. B. F. Townsend and family are moving this week from R. 1, Lumberton, to Elizabethtown. Mrs. Townsend will have charge of the hotel at Elizabethtown, while Mr. Townsend will be employed by the State Highway Commission.

—The Lumberton graded and high schools opened Tuesday for the spring term, after being closed since December 15 for the holidays. Fifteen new students entered for the spring term. While there is considerable sickness in town, the average attendance is about the same as it was prior to the time the schools closed for the holidays.

## DID YOU INCLUDE

Church Attendance in you New Year Resolutions? To Come and Bring your family to the house of God for Divine worship every Sunday?

We believe you did, because you know it is the right thing to do.

Don't wait till Sunday to prepare for proper observance of the day. Begin now! Be ready when the day and hour comes. Talk to your friends about it.

There is a place for you in all the services at the First Baptist Church, and you are needed to help carry on the Lord's work.