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## Grammar Grades Will Resume Work Wed. This Week

### Case of Diphtheria at Teachers Interrupts Work in Grammar Grades Two Days—Teachers Immunized—High School Work Not Interrupted

Regular work in the grammar grades of the local school will be resumed Wednesday of this week after being interrupted for two days on account of a case of diphtheria at the teachers.

Mrs. E. T. McInnis, matron at the teachers' home, developed a case of diphtheria Saturday. As soon as this was determined, each of the teachers living there was inoculated with an immunizing dose by Dr. H. M. Baker. It was at first thought that as a precaution it would be best for the grammar grades not to report for work this week, but Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, who returned to town Saturday night from Georgia, Dr. Baker and Supt. Crumpton decided after a conference that there would be no danger for regular school work to be resumed Wednesday morning.

Work in the high school has not been interrupted, teachers who have not been exposed to the disease carrying on the regular schedule.

Supt. Crumpton, with the approval of Dr. Hardin, county health officer, asks that it be borne in mind that the entire school will be in session Wednesday morning of this week at 9 o'clock, as usual.

## County Meeting of Co-ops Tuesday

### To Elect County Officers and Make Co-operative Marketing and Other Farm Plans for the Year.

Robeson County cotton and tobacco growers will hold the regular county meeting of their cooperative associations tomorrow, Tuesday, 16th, 11 a. m. at the courthouse for the purpose of electing their county officers for 1923 and making cooperative marketing and other farm plans for the year. This meeting tomorrow is one of a series which will be held here the third Tuesday of each month for the consideration of cotton and tobacco cooperation and other agricultural problems. It is expected that a large number of farm community leaders from all over the county will attend this meeting.

## SPORTSMEN WILL GATHER IN LUMBERTON WEDNESDAY

### To Organize Robeson County Branch of State Game and Fish Development League.

A large number of hunters and fishermen from all parts of the county is expected here Wednesday when a Robeson county branch of the North Carolina Game and Fish Development League will be organized. The meeting will be held at the court house at 3:30 in the afternoon. A director of the league will be here with a copy of the proposed state-wide game law and will address the meeting.

## Haywood Will be Tried at February Criminal Court

W. H. Haywood, the young Mt. Gilead white man who was arrested on Saturday, January 6, soon after he had passed a worthless \$1,500 draft at the Farmers & Merchants Bank at Fairmont, waived preliminary hearing Friday and will be tried at the February term of criminal court. Haywood succeeded in making bond in the sum of \$1,000 late Friday afternoon and was released from jail Friday night. He had been in the county jail here since his arrest.

## Solicitor McNeill Makes Favorable Impression

Solicitor Tom McNeill is making his first appearance as prosecuting attorney in Bladen court this week, and is making a most favorable impression. Judge Sinclair is holding his first term as judge in Brunswick this week.—Bladen Journal.

## Mr. Robert Belch and family moved last week from Lumberton to Laurinburg.

## BUDDIE'S SERVICE STATION, ELM AND NINETEENTH STREETS, NEVER CLOSED.

One per cent. will be added to all unpaid 1922 State and county taxes on February 1. After that date the tax books will be turned over to collectors in the various townships.

R. E. LEWIS, Sheriff.

## Would Elect County Auditor

### Robeson's Representatives Offer Joint Bill to Elect County Auditor by Popular Vote—Also Offer Bill to Provide for Registration and Transfer of Autos.

Election of the auditor of Robeson county by the people is provided for in a bill introduced in the house of the General Assembly Friday jointly by Representatives Collier Cobb and D. P. McKinnon of Robeson. This will be effective to elect a successor to Mr. A. V. G. Wishart at the expiration of the 2-year term for which he was appointed January 1st, which will be January 1, 1925. Heretofore the auditor has been appointed, either by the county commissioners or the Governor.

Messrs. Cobb and McKinnon introduced Friday a State-wide bill providing for registration and transfer of automobiles. This provides that in every sale or transfer of an automobile a bill of sale shall be given, that this shall be registered in the county where the sale is made, county registers of deeds providing a book for this purpose. The bill also provides that any auto upon which distinguishing marks have been defaced may not legally be sold. The person making sale of an auto shall give to the purchaser a history of the car so far as it is known.

Messrs. Cobb and McKinnon spent the week-end at their respective homes, Parkton and Rowland. Mr. McKinnon who is the youngest member of the house, was a Lumberton visitor Saturday. He says he does not know of any other local legislation of special importance to come up right away, but that a measure to provide for election of county superintendent of schools by popular vote probably will be offered for Robeson in case a State-wide measure of that kind, which will be introduced, fails to pass.

## AN ENCOURAGING ELEMENT IN LOCAL BUSINESS SITUATION

### Farmers and Others are Learning to Conduct Their Business on More Economical Basis—Passing Through an Unusual Period, Says McLean.

In his report to the stockholders of the National Bank of Lumberton at their annual meeting last Tuesday, mentioned in Thursday's Robesonian, President A. W. McLean said in part: "The year just closed has been a more favorable one from a local business standpoint than the previous year, due to higher prices obtained for farm products, though the yield of both cotton and tobacco was much smaller in the county than heretofore. "One of the most encouraging elements in the local business situation is that farmers and others are learning to conduct their business on a more economical basis than that which prevailed during the war, and the two years of inflation which succeeded the war."

"The bank has shown good results for the past year, and has passed through the period of deflation, as well as the period of deflation and depression in a most gratifying way."

Passing Through Unusual Period "I feel that for the next year or two that this particular section will be passing through an unusual period, so far as agricultural activities are concerned, due to the boll weevil infestation. Experience has shown that the first few years of this infestation are the most serious, for the reason that it takes three to four years generally for the farmers to adjust themselves to the new conditions brought about by the boll weevil.

"Referring to business conditions generally throughout the country, there are strong indications that more favorable conditions are likely to prevail during this year than have prevailed since the general depression set in."

## Mr. Boyd Resigns Superintendency of Three Cotton Mills

Mr. Chas. H. Boyd has resigned, effective February 1st, the position he has held for the past seven years as general superintendent of the Lumberton, Dresden and Jennings cotton mills. No announcement has been made by the mills as to who will succeed him, nor has Mr. Boyd indicated when or to what place he and his family will move.

Mr. Boyd has made a splendid record here in the exacting and responsible position of superintendent of three cotton mills, and he and his family have filled a large place in the social and church life of Lumberton. They have a large circle of friends here who will regret to learn of their decision to leave Lumberton.

## Fairmont News

### J. E. Mason Wanted in Virginia on Charge of Larceny—Church Ladies Will Serve Luncheon Wednesday—Fire Caused by Carelessness—Other Items.

Fairmont, Jan. 14.—Chief of Police Lawson received last Thursday extradition papers from Governor Morrison for one J. E. Mason, who was arrested here several days ago on the charge of grand larceny in the State of Virginia. Mason has spent several days in the county jail awaiting the necessary papers for his return to Virginia. The wife of the accused man stated that she knew nothing of the accusation, and with her two children left here this week for her home.

Mr. C. B. Thompson is spending some time in Winston-Salem, where he is taking treatment at a sanatorium. Carlton Floyd, who underwent a serious operation at Baker's sanatorium, Lumberton, last week, is reported as improving.

A. S. Thompson and little Florence Mitchell are confined to their homes on account of sickness.

Messrs. B. E. McMillan of Lumberton and John Graham of Red Springs were business visitors here last Wednesday.

Mrs. Mayme Pittman is spending some time in Nashville, N. C., with her sister Mrs. B. S. Oliver, who has been suffering with influenza for the past few days.

A. C. Pullock, who has been conducting a grocery business in the Dunie building on Main street, has moved his business into a building on Center street.

The members of the ladies adult class No. 11 of the Methodist church will serve a luncheon in the Floyd building on Main street next Wednesday, January 17th. The proceeds from this luncheon will be used for the new Methodist church building. Serving will begin at noon.

Mr. D. B. McIntyre called the correspondents attention to the fact that a slight mistake had occurred in a newspaper item several days ago when it was stated that Mr. McIntyre was repairing his building on Main street by erecting a new, up-to-date modern front. The front has been completed but it is not an up-to-date, modern affair. It is new and does improve the looks of the building somewhat, but even Mr. McIntyre is somewhat disappointed, so he stated.

## Two Important Meetings

Two meetings of very much importance and much interest were held here last Wednesday. The first meeting was the local demonstration club, which met at the home of Mrs. C. B. Thompson on Cottage street, and at which time Miss Flagg Andrews, county demonstrator, was present, making some useful and helpful demonstrations. The other meeting was the regular meeting of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, which met at the home of Mrs. N. W. Jenkins on Cottage street. This meeting, like the other was well attended and much interest taken in same.

Mrs. L. P. Bellanger of Muskegon, Michigan, is visiting friends and relatives here this week. She was accompanied by her two adopted children.

## A Fire and a Near-Fire

Carelessness in burning trash and rubbish caused one fire on the northern extremity of town last Thursday at noon and nearly caused another in the heart of the business section last Wednesday. Thursday's fire destroyed a packhouse belonging to B. M. Lewis. Wednesday's near-fire was stopped before it could damage the Jones buildings. Mr. Lewis' loss would have been much greater had it not been for the Jackson-Brothers Lumber Co. employees, who laid their private hose and fought the fire, saving two other buildings within a few feet of the burning structure.

The Robeson Hardware Co., which has done business for the past several years in the Jones building on Main street, moved this week into the new Weinstein building on south Main street.

P. P. Smith, agent for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co. here, moved his family this week from Proctorville to Fairmont. They are living in the Byrd dwelling on Leeville street.

R. H. Cuddington, cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank, was a business visitor in Wilmington last Thursday.

J. A. McDonald of Matton was a business visitor here last Thursday.

## Merchant of Venice at Carolina College This Evening

The Merchant of Venice will be presented at Carolina college, Maxton, this evening at 8 o'clock by Pierre Pelletier and his company of Elizabethan players. The company is said to be composed of professionals of a high standard and to give a wonderful performance of this great play. In February the college will have the Tooley Opera company in Faust.

—Walter and Clarence Oxandine, Dock Wilkins and Proctor Locklear, Indians, ordered held in connection with the death of Robert Wilkins, another Indian, who was shot on Christmas night, are being given a preliminary hearing before Recorder W. B. Ivey today. These defendants were ordered held by the coroner's jury and have been in the county jail here for several days.

## Memorial to Robeson War Heroes

### Lumberton Post Will Launch Movement—Post is for Movement to Get Postoffice Building—To Have Ladies' Auxiliary—Committees Appointed.

The Lumberton post of the American Legion at its regular monthly meeting Thursday evening appointed a committee to make it known to the proper authorities that the members of the post are behind the movement to get a Government-owned postoffice building in Lumberton. The committee is composed of Messrs. J. Dickson McLean, D. Cutlar Moore and C. A. McArthur.

Plans were discussed relative to starting a county-wide movement for the erection of a suitable memorial to the Robeson soldiers who lost their lives during the World War. The matter will be taken up with the other Legion posts in the county.

It is planned to organize a ladies' auxiliary of the local Legion post at an early date.

The following committees were appointed: membership—J. L. Spivey, chairman, Rossie B. Britt, J. H. Barlington; social—C. A. McArthur, chairman, David H. Fuller, F. Ertel Carlyle; executive—J. Dickson McLean, chairman, David H. Fuller, Jr., R. McLeod, J. L. Spivey, F. Eli Wishart, W. B. Ivey, B. F. McMillan, Jr., Dr. R. S. Beam; Mr. Oliver F. Nance was elected reporter for the post.

## LEGION MEMORIAL COMMITTEE WILL MEET WEDNESDAY NIGHT

### All American Legion Posts in County Are Asked to Send Representatives—To Determine Form of Memorial to World War Heroes.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. At its regular meeting on Thursday night the American Legion launched a movement to establish in Robeson county a suitable memorial to the memory of the men of Robeson who made the great sacrifice in the World War.

A committee of the following men was appointed to cooperate with the other posts in the county to begin a campaign for the purpose of establishing the memorial: Dickson McLean, chairman; Dr. R. S. Beam, W. B. Ivey, F. Eli Wishart, B. Frank McMillan.

This committee has called upon all the posts in the county to send representatives to a meeting called to meet in the American Legion hall at Lumberton Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock, January 17th.

At this meeting it is the purpose for the various American Legion posts in the county to form a central committee to begin a campaign to build a proper and suitable memorial and to decide upon what shape the memorial will take.

Derailment of three freight cars at Clarkton last night delayed Seaboard passenger train No. 19, due here from Wilmington at 6:31 a. m., four hours.

## ATTENTION LADIES

### To Organize American Legion Auxiliary Next Friday.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. On next Friday at 3:30 p. m. the officers of Lumberton Post, American Legion No. 42, will undertake to organize an American Legion auxiliary. It is hoped that each and every lady of the county that is eligible will cooperate with this post in trying to perfect the organization.

In deciding whether or not you are eligible to become a member of this organization, I will refer you to Section 1 Article 4 of the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary, which reads as follows:

"Any person shall be eligible for membership in the American Legion Auxiliary who is a wife, mother, sister or daughter of a man or woman who is a member of the American Legion, or who was in the naval or military service of the United States at some time between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, and who died in line of duty or after honorable discharge and prior to November 11, 1920 or persons who stand in similar positions in their various States."

It is earnestly requested that as many of the ladies as can possibly do so will meet with us on this occasion, and assist in helping to perfect this organization. The meeting will be held in the American Legion hall Friday, January 19th, at 3:30 p. m.

W. B. IVEY, Post Commander.

## St. Paul Wants Chamber Commerce

### Meeting Will be Held Tuesday Night for Purpose of Organizing—Sister of Mrs. R. L. Rivers Passes—A Surprise Marriage—Personal.

By Bess G. Johnson

St. Paul, Jan. 12.—Perhaps when all this flu subsides our news will "pick up" a bit. We do not try to name all the victims, for that would take up too much space. Mrs. T. H. Olive and little son, who have been guests since the holidays in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Lancaster, are very much improved. Her husband, Dr. Olive from Mt. Gilead, came over Sunday.

Mrs. G. T. Fisher and daughter, Miss Clyde, left last Friday night for Sanford and Jacksonville, Fla. They will visit Mrs. W. J. McBryde at Sanford and Mr. and Mrs. D. A. McQueen at Jacksonville. Mrs. McQueen was Miss Mary Belle Fisher, a daughter of the former.

The regular meeting of the U. D. C. will be held next Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Sam M. Davis.

Friends over the county will be interested in knowing that Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fisher moved from Tar Heel on Wednesday of this week to the old McGeachy place a few miles from here. Mrs. Fisher is pleasantly remembered here as Miss Janet McGeachy, daughter of the late Jno. McGeachy, and was born and reared at the home where they are now moving. Their many friends most gladly welcome them back in their midst once again.

The second youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Odom, who has been suffering with pneumonia following influenza, is improving nicely now, having passed the crisis a few nights ago. Beatrice, their young and only daughter, gave her friends as well as parents a little surprise last Saturday afternoon when it became known that she was wedded in Dillon, S. C., that afternoon to Mr. Henry J. Drew of Fort Bragg, the marriage being a run-away affair.

Mrs. Maggie Oliver, who has been visiting the Oliver relatives, is now in Rowland, where she will be a guest several days before her return home.

A chamber of commerce is hoped to be organized in St. Pauls within the near future, as was mentioned some time ago. A speaker, Mr. Ellis Goldstein, who is president of the chamber of commerce at Dunn, will be here next Tuesday night, the 16th, for this purpose, and all citizens of the town and community are invited to meet with them in the town hall on this occasion.

We deeply sympathize with our neighbor Mrs. R. L. Rivers, who received a message advising her of the death of a devoted sister, Mrs. J. L. Covington of Clio, who was released from suffering last night. Deceased had been ill some 3 weeks with influenza and her death was not unexpected. Mrs. Rivers was called to her bedside about 2 weeks ago, where she remained until Monday night, returning again this afternoon, when a message came advising her of her death. She will remain in Clio until after the burial, possibly returning to St. Pauls Monday.

## SENATOR VARSER'S DAUGHTER APPOINTED SENATE PAGE

### Lily Snead Varsar is First Girl Page in the State Senate.

News and Observer, 19th: Yesterday the Senate established another precedent to favor the "female sex" and at the same time complimented one of its members by electing Lily Snead Varsar, the 11-year-old daughter of Senator L. R. Varsar of Robeson, chairman finance committee and one of the outstanding leaders of the General Assembly, a page in that body. The action, which was taken by adoption of a formal resolution offered by Senator Giles, gives the Senate its first girl page and bestows upon young Miss Varsar privilege to go and come as she pleases about the floor of the Senate, even when the Sergeant-at-Arms gets busy and clears the galleries of less favored women visitors preparatory to one of the Senate's executive sessions.

Raleigh Correspondence, 12th, Charlotte Observer: Upon resolution by Senator D. F. Giles, for the purpose of "perfecting the feminine beauty" of the Senate that body today directed the Neutenant-governor to appoint Miss Lily Snead Varsar, of Lumberton, daughter of Senator L. R. Varsar, a page, authorized to perform such duties as "may appeal and contribute to her pleasure."

—Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, returned home last night from Augusta, Ga., where he spent a week with his mother, Mrs. A. S. Hardin, who has been ill for several months. Mrs. Hardin's condition is unimproved.

## Cotton Market

Reported by J. H. Barrington. Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 27 1-4 cents the pound. A few bales of strict middling sold here for 28 cents the pound this morning.

## Items of Local News

—Mr. W. H. Kinlaw has recently been appointed a notary public by Governor Cameron Morrison.

—Miss May Tyson has accepted a position as cashier in the office at Mr. L. H. Caldwell's department store.

—Regular communication St. Albans lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M., Tuesday night 7:30 o'clock. Work in third degree.

—Elizabeth Evans and Josh Evans, a colored couple, were married in the court house Saturday. Justice L. R. Stephens spoke the uniting words.

—Mary A. Oxendine and Albert Lowry, Indians, were married in the court house here Saturday. The marriage ceremony was performed by Justice L. R. Stephens.

—Tobacco growers are busily engaged in preparing and sowing plant beds, indications are that the tobacco acreage will be increased over last year in Robeson county.

—Mr. L. H. Caldwell has let the contract for the erection of 4 small brick store buildings on the north side of West Third street. Work has already been begun on the buildings by Mr. D. P. Walters, contractor.

—Miss Jannette Biggs went Thursday to Greenville, S. C., where she teaches in Greenville college for women. She was delayed in returning on account of an attack of flu at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Biggs.

—Fred Ellis was found guilty of operating an automobile without State numbers Saturday by Recorder W. B. Ivey. Judgment was continued upon condition that the defendant cease to operate the car without license and pay the cost of the action.

—The moon and Venus, "fairest of our evening stars", carried on a bold flirtation right out in view of the public Saturday about noon. It was a most unusual sight right in the middle of the day, but neither the amorous moon nor the star of love seemed to care a bit.

—A star which was visible on the western sky Saturday about noon attracted the attention of numbers of people hereabouts. One man who saw the day-time star stated that he was sure that it was a sign of something and he trusted it was a sign of prosperity.

—Mr. V. F. Williams, chief of the Veterans' Bureau in Eastern North Carolina, will be at the American Legion hall here Thursday of this week. Ex-service men interested in the work of the Veterans' Bureau and especially those who have claims against the Government should confer with Mr. Williams.

—Postmaster I. L. McGill and Messrs. Stinson Powell, A. S. Pittman, C. D. West and A. R. Townsend, carriers on routes 1, 2, 5 and 6, respectively, will leave this afternoon for Winston-Salem, where tomorrow they will attend a meeting of the postal employees of the State. They will make the trip in an automobile.

—It is expected that the local postoffice will be moved from the third floor of the Lumberton cotton mill office building to the old quarters in the McLean building, South Elm street, Wednesday of this week. The postoffice was moved to the present quarters temporarily on December 21, as a result of a fire in the postoffice building early in the morning of that date. The work necessary in moving back to the old quarters will naturally cause some little delay in the distribution of mail on that day. Patrons can help by avoiding, as far as practicable, heavy mail on that day.

## CONFEDERATE VETERANS WILL MEET JANUARY 19TH

### Daughters of Confederacy Will Serve Dinner—Delegates to Reunion Will be Elected.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Camp Willis Pope, U. C. V., will hold their regular meeting January 19th in the court room at 10:30 a. m. Every member is urged to be present as this is the month to pay the dues for the coming year, also delegates will be appointed to attend the reunion.

The Robeson chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will serve dinner to the veterans and their wives.

MRS. L. T. TOWNSEND, Sec. Camp Willis Pope.