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Town Water Pumped From New Station

Pumps Just Installed Bring Water for Town Use from River Above Sources of Contamination—Recent Improvements Give Lumberton Up-To-Date Water Plant.

Water for Lumberton is now being pumped from the new station half a mile above the National cotton mills, which means that all water for the town is now being taken from Lumber river above all sewer discharges. The new pumps were started Thursday. These pumps are electrically driven and have a capacity of 560 gallons a minute. They are controlled by a switch at the water plant at the foot of West Sixth street. Twenty seconds after the switch is operated at the plant, water begins pouring into the filter plant.

This removes the objection many citizens have had to using the river water for drinking purposes. For several years the water passing through the filter plant has measured up to rigid tests and has analyzed pure, but many people have not been able to overcome their prejudice against it for internal use. It comes now, however, from above the sources of contamination that have been objected to and Supt. J. L. McNeill says it has been pronounced absolutely safe for all uses. Tests are made regularly twice a month and in addition to the regular tests State Board of Health examiners often drop in unexpectedly.

At the filter plant the water goes through an interesting process. It goes through many compartments and basins where it is thoroughly mixed with chemicals before going through the filter of rock and sand and being pumped into the large basin, recently installed, which holds between 500,000 and 600,000 gallons. From this basin it is pumped into the stand pipe, which has capacity of 66,000 gallons. Supt. McNeill and his assistants are proud of the water plant, which, with recent improvements, is up-to-date and efficient. With the exception of the stand-pipe, which will have to be replaced by a larger one in the course of a few years, it will take care of the needs of the town for years to come.

Raising Church Money by Means of a Fancy Quilt

Mrs. J. M. Mercer of Howellsville township and her father, Mr. McKay Byrd of Britt township, were in Lumberton Friday raising money to paint the new Baptist church at Zion Hill. Mrs. Mercer is making a fancy quilt upon which she is working the name of every person who contributes through her. When the quilt is finished it will be sold and will be a permanent record of those who have contributed to this cause. Mrs. Mercer has finished a good many squares of the quilt and had raised \$82 by this method when she and Mr. Byrd were in town Friday. The new church at Zion Hill is enclosed and ready for paint, and almost enough money to pay for the painting has been secured.

Residence Destroyed by Fire

A 5-room frame dwelling belonging to Aaron Cromartie, colored, across the V. & C. S. railroad to the left of the Whiteville road, was totally destroyed by fire Saturday night about 9:30, a good amount of furniture and personal effects being saved. The location of the fire was practically a mile from the city water line and it was impossible for the fire department members of which tried faithfully, to assist in putting out the fire. It is understood that Cromartie had a small amount of insurance on the dwelling but none on furniture.

Mr. Sam Reeves Lacks a Lot of Being a Centenarian

Mr. Sam Reeves of East Lumberton says he cannot claim the honor, thrust upon him by a correspondent writing in Thursday's Robesonian, of being one hundred years old and having served in the Civil war. He says the days of the years of his life number only forty-eight years. He reached that age on the 18th of last month. If that correspondent cannot be more accurate about his statements he'd better refrain from writing anything for publication.

Free Dental Clinic

A free dental clinic will be held at Antioch school, Wishart township, for the school children between the ages of 6 and 12, next Tuesday and Wednesday, with State Dentist O. P. Smith in charge.

The county boards—commissioners, road and education—are holding their regular monthly meetings at the court house today and a term of Superior court began this morning, making this a more than usual busy day at the court house.

Congress Adjourned Sunday Noon

Sixty-Seventh Spent Greater Portion of Its Life in Actual Session Than Any Other in History of Country.

Washington, March 4.—The 67th Congress, which had spent a greater proportion of its two-year span of life in actual session than any other in the history of the country, adjourned sine die at noon today.

During the last few hours of the session, President Harding, spending part of the time at the Capitol, signed the farm-credits bill and ninety-eight other measures. No legislation was vetoed.

Vice-President Coolidge's gavel fell sharply at noon, after an almost colorless morning session of two hours, and the House adjourned at 12:06 p. m., after a concert by a section of the marine band and a chorus of popular songs by members and spectators.

Tonight the departure of members, many of whom today answered their last roll call, was in full swing, with prospective suspension of activities at the Capitol until next December brings in the 68th Congress.

Crowds witnessed the closing scenes, adjournment and presence of President Harding, Cabinet officers, diplomats and other high officials bringing hundreds who packed the Senate and House galleries.

The President reached the Capitol at 11:25 o'clock and was kept busy reading and signing the final avalanche of bills. Before going to the Capitol, he signed the farm credits and 43 other bills turned out during the early morning session today. In the Presidential suite of the Senate chamber before the noon limit expired 55 more bills received executive approval.

The last bill to become law was the better butter measure, changing butter fat standards. An important measure placed on the statute books at the last moment was the one providing for return to enemy alien owners of all seized property worth \$10,000 or less.

Little was accomplished by either Senate or House in the last two-hour session this morning. Members were hollow-eyed and worn from the long night sessions which lasted in the House until 3:28 a. m., and in the Senate until 1:30 a. m.

ORPHANAGE SINGING CLASS GAVE CONCERT LAST NIGHT

Large Congregation Enjoyed Concert at Chestnut Street Methodist Church Last Evening by Class from Orphanage at Raleigh.

A singing class of 13 girls and 5 boys from the Methodist orphanage at Raleigh gave last evening at Chestnut Street Methodist church a splendid concert that was thoroughly enjoyed by an audience that filled the main auditorium and overflowed into the Sunday school room. For an hour the children held the delighted attention of the congregation with songs, readings and pantomime, acquitting themselves with credit to themselves and to the great institution from which they come. They were accompanied by the superintendent, Rev. A. S. Barnes, and Mrs. Nellie Reaves, one of the teachers, and all were entertained in homes of local Methodists. They gave a similar concert in the Methodist church at Maxton yesterday morning.

In remarks preceding the program, Supt. Barnes said that there are now 250 children in the orphanage, which is just 22 years old and has a plant, one of the most beautiful places in Raleigh, estimated at worth \$750,000. Plans are being projected now for doubling the capacity of the institution. No collection was taken and no appeal was made for funds, but the pastor, Dr. R. C. Beaman, stated that any free-will offering placed in the receptacle in the vestibule, this being a no-collection church, would go to the orphanage and this amounted to \$85.75. The regular first-Sunday collection for the orphanage at the Sunday school of this church yesterday morning amounted to \$79.87, so that the total contributions for the orphanage at this church yesterday amounted to \$165.62. At the conclusion of the program all the children lined up inside the chancel and practically the entire congregation accepted the invitation of Supt. Barnes to come forward and shake hands with them. The party left this morning for Raleigh.

Walter Biggs, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Biggs of Lumberton, is a member of the class. He expects to enter Trinity college next fall to study for the ministry.

Mr. Charles J. McCallum of Rowland is a Lumberton visitor today.

Lumberton Citizen Tells About Seeing Electrocutation

Changes on Countenances of Those Who Crowded Death Chamber Were Curious and Interesting—It Was a Nervous Bunch.

"One of the most interesting things occurring at the state prison in Raleigh Thursday when Bob Williams, negro desperado who killed the chief of police of Fair Bluff, was electrocuted, was changes in the expressions of those who crowded the death chamber," said one of the Lumberton citizens who was present. According to his version of the affair, a small crowd of people who had gained admission were nervously laughing, talking with much rapidity, and with sudden changes in subject.

"As soon as the spiritual adviser of the condemned negro began quoting the twenty third Psalm," continued this Lumberton spectator, "frowns, peculiar curvatures of the face, quietness and deep breathing were evident among those who suddenly realized the seriousness of the occasion."

"At exactly the hour appointed the cell of the condemned negro was unlocked. The preacher lead the way, quoting Scripture, with Bob following close behind. It was only a few steps to the death chair, in front of which he paused for just a second. As he took his seat he faced the crowd, which now wore serious faces, and asked if Sheriff Jackson was present, to which the officer answered in the affirmative. 'Sheriff, dey's no hard feelings. Tell all de boys t' take my life as warning. Put this in de paper for me, will you Sheriff?' Short prayers were repeated by him while the attendants were attaching the necessary connections, and even after the first bolt of the deadly electricity had struck his body his lips were seen to move as if he was repeating, 'Meet me, Jesus.'"

"A dozen or more of the witnesses were forced to turn their backs to the death scene, and Mr. Harris of Wilmington was so greatly affected that he fainted as the first current partly snuffed the life of the negro. He was carried from the chamber to fresh air and soon revived, stating afterwards that the only thing he hated about it was it was a sorry man that could not stand what a woman could, there being one woman present."

Fire Chief Ed. Glover and Dr. M. A. Waddell, the only two from Lumberton present, state that it is an experience of peculiar merit, and that to understand the effect that it has, one has to witness it with his own eyes. Conductor Alex. A. Davis of Hope Mills and not Capt. B. M. Davis of Lumberton, also attended the electrocution. Mayor E. M. Johnson accompanied Messrs. Glover and Waddell to Raleigh but did not see the electrocution, going to the capital city on legal business only.

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF AMERICAN LEGION

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Next Thursday evening at 8 o'clock Lumberton Post No. 42, American Legion, will have its regular monthly meeting.

It is earnestly requested that each and every member of this post be present, and, if possible, bring some other ex-service man along with you to become a member of this post.

There are several things of importance coming up at this meeting, and I hope that all members of this post will be present.

W. B. IVEY, Commander.

LEGISLATURE WILL ADJOURN TONIGHT OR TUESDAY

The constitutional limit and pay of members of the General Assembly expired Saturday, but it is not expected to adjourn until some time Tuesday. The News and Observer says that more than 80 members of the House have signified their intention of remaining as long as may be required to complete legislative business and that the Senate also will maintain a quorum without difficulty.

The condition of Mr. L. E. Whaley, who has been confined to his room for several days on account of illness, is reported as being very much improved today.

Regular communication of St. Albans Lodge No. 114, A. E. & A. M., Tuesday night 7:30. Work in first degree.

The Robeson County Agricultural association is today entertaining the county commissioners at a luncheon at the Green Valley dairy farm, where they are studying dairying methods and advantages.

St. Paul News

Death and Funeral of Mrs. Miss Hodge Lovett—Store Changes Hands—Personal Mention.

By Bessie G. Johnson. St. Paul, March 2.—Winter has passed and spring is here, and with Celia Thaxter let us quote: "O March that blusters and March that blows what color under your footstep glows. Beauty you' summer from winter's snows and you are the pathway that leads to the rose."

Mrs. Leon Y. Perry and infant son of Parkton came over last Sunday spending several days in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will H. Howard. Mrs. Howard is very pleasantly known to St. Paul friends as Miss Mable Howard. Her child was 4 weeks old Wednesday while here and weighed 13 1-2 lbs. "Some" little man.

In the home of Mr. M. R. Hester and family last week-end they had as guests Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Regan of Raleigh, Mrs. Regan being a daughter of Mr. Hester. They were accompanied home for a few days by Mrs. Neill Baldwin, Miss Vida Huggins, who is in training at the Thompson hospital, Lumberton, was also here for a few days, visiting in the Hester home, returning to Lumberton Wednesday afternoon.

The deaths of Mr. J. F. Ray and Mr. Bun Tolar, which occurred at Renner, were indeed sad. We were not personally acquainted with Mr. Tolar, but the exceedingly large crowd that attended his funeral from here attested the esteem in which he was held by his many friends. In childhood days we remember Mr. Ray as a very promising young man, of a jovial sunny nature, who was telegraph operator at Buie during our residence there, the position his brother, Mr. Pierce Ray, now holds. His mother, Mrs. Ann Ray, and sister, Miss Mary, were our near neighbors, both having been called away since then. Deceased was a son of the late Rev. Neill Ray, a noted Methodist minister. Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Britt were among those from here who attended the burial services at Philadelphia last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. L. I. Grantham, who was joined by Mrs. B. F. McMillan, Jr., of Lumberton, spent Wednesday in Fayetteville. Miss Julia McNeill left this a. m. for Benson and Dunn, where she will spend the week-end among relatives and friends her home being near Dunn.

Mrs. J. H. Gouchenour came over from Wendell, spending last week-end with her husband here. St. Paul friends will learn with interest that they will move to St. Paul after the Wendell school closes. Mrs. Gouchenour has had charge of the music department there the past 3 years, being a most talented musician, and with a son who plays violin they will be an addition to the town.

Mr. F. L. Crump, son of Mr. T. L. Crump, purchased the grocery store of Mr. E. G. Kinlaw last Wednesday. His many friends wish him good luck in his new vocation.

Miss Majorie Russell of the high school faculty spent last week-end in Lumberton, among her people.—Rev. and Mrs. Boyd Peele of Biscoe were St. Paul visitors Monday and Tuesday.—Miss Geneva Sykes of the State Board of Health, of Scotland county, also visited in the home of Mrs. J. W. Sykes for a few days recently.—Mr. Clyde Council of Parkton was in town Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sugar and Mr. and Mrs. Simon Leviton, as chaperons for a Lumberton bunch, attended a dance in Fayetteville Thursday, reporting a very enjoyable time.

Mrs. Chas. D. Pierce, who has been spending some time in her old home in St. Paul with her son, Mr. W. A. Nutting, and family, left yesterday for Charleston, S. C. to join her husband. From Charleston, Mr. and Mrs. Pierce were to take a steamer for their home in Jacksonville, Fla. During Mrs. Pierce's visit here Mr. Pierce has been on an extended business trip thro' south-eastern cities, where he has located agencies for his business.

Mrs. Mina Hodge Lovett, who formerly resided at St. Pauls, died in Fayetteville, where she had lived the past months, at 4 o'clock Wednesday p. m., following an illness of several months. The burial services were conducted here by Dr. E. C. Murray at 3 p. m. Thursday, interment taking place in the Presbyterian church cemetery. Besides 3 children a brother Hamp Hodge of near St. Paul, and two sisters, Mesdames Davis and John I. Baker of Fayetteville, survive.

—Mr. Norman Prevatt of Buie has opened an office in the LaFayette Insurance Co. building for the practice of law. Mr. Prevatt recently passed the examination admitting him to the bar.

Fairmont Letter

Raising Money for New Church—A Variety of Social and Personal Items.

Herman F. Jennings. Fairmont, March 5.—An enjoyable meeting of the Lanier club was held at the home of Mrs. E. J. Chambers Thursday afternoon. During the business session the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Geo. L. Grantham; vice president, Mrs. H. L. Price; recording secretary, Mrs. W. V. Branch; corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. J. Chambers; librarian, Mrs. C. A. Ashley. The general topic for the meeting was "O'Henry". Interesting papers were read on the life and writings of William Sidney Porter by Mrs. C. A. Floyd and Miss Martha Bell. Miss Dunn read one of O'Henry's stories entitled, "Makes the Whole World Kin". After the program, delightful refreshments were served by the hostess.

Chief of Police Lawson, Harry Weinstein, Mark McDaniel and William Shockett motored to Raleigh Wednesday to witness the electrocution of Bob Williams, negro desperado.

The Athletic association of the Fairmont high school met Wednesday and elected officers and made tentative plans for the coming season of the high school baseball team. The following were elected: Memory Stubbs, captain; Herman Jennings, manager.

Messrs. W. B. Jennings, C. A. Thompson and Frank Jones returned Tuesday from Greensboro, where they motored to spend the week-end on business. They report the roads in excellent condition and are very much pleased at the progress being made by the state in the building and upkeep of the highways.

The ladies of the Methodist church held a chicken dinner Wednesday and a shad supper Saturday for the benefit of the new church.

Damon Floyd has returned from Bladenboro, where he held a position with Messrs. M. B. Shockett and Sons.—Mr. W. F. Bristow spent the week-end in Raleigh with friends and relatives.—Mr. Dudley Floyd of Florida spent several days here with his father Recorder A. E. Floyd.—Mrs. M. A. Taylor left Friday for Wachulla, Fla., where she will spend sometime with friends and her son, Mr. Duncan Taylor.—Mrs. J. M. Clark of Morganton is spending some time here at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. V. Brown.—Mrs. A. J. Floyd left Friday for Lakeland, Fla., where she will visit at the home of Dr. A. G. Floyd.

Mrs. A. S. Thompson had as her guests last Friday the following: Mrs. Emily McNeill of Lumberton, Mrs. Fannie Fisher of Parkton, Mrs. D. F. Harris of Sanford, Mrs. J. B. Rowland of Polkton, Mrs. Clem B. Thompson of Maxton.

A fresh coat of paint has been applied to the McIntyre building on Main street, now occupied by N. A. Andrews, general merchant.

Miss Clara Freeman of the high school faculty spent the week-end with friends and relatives in Bladenboro.

HOW SENATE LINED UP ON KU KLUX KLAN ISSUE

Here is how the Senate voted on the Milliken bill unmasking the Ku Klux Klan: For: Baggett, Bennett, Brown of Rockingham, Ebbs, Haymore, Heath, Hodges, Jones of Alleghany, Journey, Long, and Sams—11.

Against: Armfield, Bellamy, Boyette, Brown, of Columbus, Castelloe, Costen, DeLaney, Everett, Giles, Grady, Graham, Griffin, Hargett, Harris, of Franklin, Harris, of Wake, Harrison, Hicks, Johnson, of Beaufort, Johnson, of Duplin, Jones, of Edgecombe, Jones, of Warren, Lattimore, McDonald, Mendenhall, Moss, Parker, Ray, Ruark, Stubbs, Tapp, Varner, Walker, Williams, Wilson, Wolts and Woodson—36.

Paired: Squires (against) with Zachary (for)—2.

Superior Court This Week. After having been postponed from last Monday on account of illness of Judge W. A. Devin of Oxford, Robeson Superior court for the trial of civil cases began this morning with Judge Devin presiding. A severe case of erysipelas caused his honor to miss court for the first time during his nearly ten years on the bench.

Much improvement is being made in the Meadowbrook cemetery, shrubbery and hedge being one of the important factors.

A Picture Teeming With Action, Radiant With Beauty, Redolent of The Warm Flower of Romance. That's what you see and more in "When Knighthood was in Flower" Pastime Theatre March 22 and 23.—(Adv.)

Cotton Market

Reported by J. H. Barrington. Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 30 cents per pound.

Items of Local News

—Mr. Robert McIntyre is able to be out again after being confined to his room for two weeks with an attack of influenza.

—Miss Janie Von Glahn underwent an operation at a sanatorium in Charleston, S. C., Wednesday of last week. Her condition is reported to be very favorable.

—Miss Berta McNeill of Rowland resumed her work with the National Bank of Lumberton last week after having been absent since the recent death of her mother, Mrs. E. C. McNeill.

—Mr. Jesse M. McCallum, who returned recently from Charlotte, where he underwent treatment at a sanatorium for some time, is able to be out again, to the delight of his host of friends.

—Mr. Lawrence Smith found at his fruit stand Friday a cunning little banana that was carrying a cunninger and littler banana on the inside of its curve. Sort of a marsupial banana, if you'll believe it—or whether you believe it or not.

—Mr. and Mrs. K. Y. Prevatt arrived here last week from Kinston and are guests at the home of Mr. Prevatt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Haynes Prevatt. They expect to leave within the next few days for Danville, Va., where they will make their home.

—Mrs. Ira B. Townsend returned Friday night from Black Mountain, where she spent a week with her brother Mr. John F. French, who has been undergoing treatment at a sanatorium there for some time. Mr. French's condition continues to improve.

—The condition of the small son of Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Ashley, who ate a small quantity of lye last Wednesday, is reported as much improved. Mr. and Mrs. Ashley have moved from the McMillan residence on Pine street to the home of Ashley's grandmother Mrs. Sarah Pittman, who lives on R. 3 from Fairmont.

—An otter was killed in a ditch beside a road in Britt township, 5 miles from Lumberton, Saturday morning by Mr. W. J. Wilkerson before coming to town with his small son, Master Wakefield. They got after this nearly cosmopolitan animal with sticks and stones, and one shot was fired at it, but the death blow was dealt with a stick. Mr. Wilkerson thinks this otter came up a ditch from Hog swamp.

—Miss Gentle Luna, otherwise known as the moon, gave a party Friday night. It took the form of a partial eclipse, and everybody was invited. The weather was ideal for such a stunt. Partial eclipse began at about 8:28 reached its height at 9:32, and the shadow of the earth left the north-west portion of her majesty at or about 10:30. Miss Luna has not announced any other party for this year.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. E. White returned Thursday from Florida, where they spent about a month visiting many different places. Mr. White purchased on the outskirts of Miami a lot on which he already has had an orange grove set out. He says he has not fully decided yet but may build there a residence for use during the winter months. They had a most delightful trip, encountering no cold weather and but one shower of rain.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Smith of R. 6, Lumberton, were among the visitors in town Saturday. They were accompanied to town by their son, Mr. F. L. Smith of Callahan, Fla., who is on a visit to his parents, and who after bringing Mr. and Mrs. Smith to Lumberton went to Columbus county to spend the day with brothers and sisters, coming back by here Saturday night for his parents. Mr. Smith arrived in Robeson Tuesday and will be here for some time.

—Maxton Scottish Chief: Mr. W. C. Wishart of White Plains N. Y., and Mr. and Mrs. Jas. F. Wishart and two sons, Harold and Nomie of Asheville visited Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Harker at Polkton, Sunday, Mr. J. F. Wishart, manager of the DuPonts Western office, at Chicago, has been awarded a year's vacation and with his family is spending hithytherse etoin shrdud spending the year at Asheville. He has recently purchased a stock farm near that city. Mr. W. C. Wishart is comptroller of the New York Central railroad system. They were reared in Queen Maxton.

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