

Town Primary Will Be Held April 24.

Mayor, Two Commissioners, Three School Trustees and Three Members Audit and Finance Board to be Nominated—Election to be Held May 7.

At a meeting of the commissioners of the town of Lumberton in the town hall Friday afternoon the following were appointed managers of the town primary which is to be held Tuesday, April 24th, in the court house: A. V. G. Wishart, John Gore, T. M. White, Robert Caldwell and W. W. Davis.

The following officers will be voted on in the primary: Mayor, one commissioner from ward No. 1, one commissioner from ward No. 3, three school trustees and three members of the board of audit and finance.

Candidates for any of these offices will be required to file written notification of candidacy with the managers. The following is a list of officers whose terms expire: E. M. Johnson, mayor; K. M. Barnes, Geo. L. Thompson and L. E. Whaley, school trustees; S. McIntyre, commissioner from ward No. 1; J. L. Stephens, commissioner from ward No. 3; Frank Gough, John McMillan and H. M. McAllister, members of board of audit and finance.

J. Ed. Glover was appointed registrar for the general election, which will be held Monday, May 7, and the registration book is now open at the town hall for the purpose of registering. The judges of election as appointed are Ben G. Floyd, Ira Davis and Dan. B. McNeill. Anyone whose name is not on the registration book will not be allowed the privilege of voting in the general election.

Road Devil-Hound Strikes Aged Woman And Speeds On

Mrs. Mary Bullock of Mt. Elim Seriously Injured When Struck by Car—Occupants Didn't Stop to Investigate.

Mrs. Mary Bullock, an aged woman who lives near Mr. Elim, was seriously injured Saturday night about 8:30 when an automobile struck her while she was walking down the W. C. A. highway. In company with the unfortunate woman when the accident occurred were three younger women who were on the opposite side of the road. The automobile was running at a rapid speed, according to the ladies, and its speed was not slackened after the old lady had been knocked down. None of the occupants of the car was identified, neither was the number of the car remembered by those who saw it.

The injured woman was brought to the Baker sanatorium here and it was found that besides suffering several serious bruises and a bad shock, her right arm was broken. Information from the sanatorium today is that she is resting as well as could be expected.

Mrs. Bullock is well known in the southern part of the county, being the widow of the late Michael Bullock, who resided at Fairmont for many years.

Train Wreck Narrowly Averted

Negro Found Spikes Drawn from Crossties on Coast Line at Fairmont—Discovery No Doubt Saved a Serious Wreck.

A serious railroad accident was possibly averted this morning on the Atlantic Coast Line railroad just outside the limits of the town of Fairmont, when a negro man by the name of Worley found, as he was walking down the track from his home to his work in Fairmont, that several spikes had been drawn from the ties for a distance of more than one rail—15 ties.

The spikes had been drawn on one side only, leaving the rail loose on the iron rail, which would have turned over as soon as a train ran on it.

Serious injury and perhaps loss of life would have resulted from this had it not been found, as the first train that would have passed over the defective track was the northbound passenger train which passes Fairmont at 8:40 a. m.

As soon as the dastardly work was discovered, Worley immediately notified his employer, Mr. H. G. Stubbs, who in turn reported the matter to the station agent, who had the track repaired in time for the passenger.

Mrs. W. B. (Major) Mills and small son, Willis Jr., of the Panama Zone, went yesterday to Marion, S. C., where they will spend some time visiting relatives and friends, after spending several days here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Barker, Cedar street. Mrs. Mills will be remembered here as Miss Eva Mace, she having made Lumberton her home for some time about five years ago.

Mr. Warren Prevatt of R. 3, Lumberton, was in town Saturday.

Legionnaires Witness Boxing Bout

"Batting" Burch Knocks Out "Kid" Murphy in Fourth Round—Hamlet Man Wins Over Bryant of Lumberton—Auxiliary Members Guests of Post at Monthly Meeting—Refreshments Served.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Lumberton Post of the American Legion was held in the legion hall Thursday night, at which time members of the American Legion Auxiliary of Lumberton were guests of Post at monthly meeting—Refreshments served.

After the completion of the regular business, refreshments were served, consisting of oysters, sandwiches, etc. which was one of the features of the meeting.

The outstanding feature of the meeting, or at least after the meeting had adjourned, was boxing, consisting of two bouts. The first bout was a preliminary one in which David Bryant of Lumberton and Robert Miller of Hamlet were the principals. This bout was scheduled to go for 6 rounds, the decision of Referee Meeks, of Fort Bragg, being in favor of Miller, who won 4, Bryant winning 1 and one being a draw. Robert Miller is a brother to Cole Miller, the well-known light-weight pugilist who won the decision against Frank Lewis of Winston-Salem in Raleigh Friday night in an 8-round bout.

The real fight followed when "Batting" Burch, champion of 8th Area, Fort Bragg, started it rough with "Kid" Murphy of Charleston, S. C. making a complete knockout in the fourth round, when he gave Murphy a swift one on the jaw. As Murphy fell, and while the referee was counting, some of the lady spectators left the room.

"Batting" Burch appeared in excellent condition and is a fighter of good qualities, and showed on several instances his superiority over his opponent. His weight is 144, while Murphy weighs 138.

It is planned to have "Batting" Burch meet Cole Miller here Thursday night, April 12th, in the Legion hall for the benefit of the Legion. It is understood that Burch has tendered a challenge to Miller for the bout to take place here as scheduled.

3-Year-Old Girl Seriously Burned

Building Fire in Yard Has Nearly Fatal Termination for Mary Bunn Lewis Near Fairmont—Entire Body Badly Burned.

Mary Bunn, 3-and-a-half-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Lewis of Fairmont R. 3, was seriously burned Thursday afternoon while she was building a fire in the back yard of the home. Her clothing caught and before anyone could reach her, she was seriously burned. Her entire body from knees to top of eyebrows was badly burned.

Medical attention was given the little girl in a few minutes but it was deemed advisable to place her in a hospital, and she was brought to Lumberton to Baker's sanatorium, where she is reported as resting very well today.

Cotton Buyers Charged With Giving Worthless Checks.

C. S. Covington and W. M. Rivers, local cotton buyers, were arrested Friday about noon on charges of giving worthless checks with intent to cheat and defraud Messrs. Green Pope and E. McA. Nixon, the amount of the checks totalling over \$4,500.

Covington and Rivers bought a lot of cotton from each of the plaintiffs, giving them personal checks on the Bank of Chadbourn. After a few days the checks were returned here unpaid and protested.

The defendants waived examination and made bonds totalling \$5000 for their appearance in Lumberton, April 2nd.

A Raleigh dispatch of the 23rd gives the following among charters granted: Rowland Hardware company, of Rowland, Robeson county, \$8,000 has been paid on \$25,000 authorized capital stock by A. T. McKellar, W. R. McKellar, J. F. McKellar and J. G. Pleasants.

Special communication of St. Alban's Lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M., Tuesday night, 8 o'clock. Work in the third degree.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Hale and sister, Miss Pearl McDowell, have moved to Asheville, where Mr. Hale has accepted a position with the State highway force.

Mr. E. P. Townsend of R. 6, Lumberton, was among the visitors in town Saturday.

Mrs. J. A. Barker and daughter, Mrs. Gordon Ross Hennigar of Halifax, Nova Scotia, who is a guest at the home of her parents here, returned Saturday from Wilmington, where they spent a few days visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. J. Q. Parnell of Parkton was a Lumberton visitor Thursday afternoon.

Mr. A. L. Bullock of Rowland was a Lumberton visitor Thursday afternoon.

Road Sentence For Whiskey Vendor

Plea for Fine Fails to Move Recorder Ivey from Road Sentence for Man Convicted of Selling Liquor—No Sympathy for the Man Depriving His Boy of a Chance.

Will Warwick, Indian, was found guilty in recorder's court Saturday of possession of whiskey, transporting whiskey and having whiskey for the purpose of sale, receiving 4 months on the roads on each count. Appeal to Superior court was made.

A plea by the defendant's counsel for a fine did not move Recorder W. B. Ivey, who stated that from the facts of the case he did not feel it his duty to let the defendant off with a fine. "There is a boy sitting there, twelve years of age and in the second grade at school, held back because his father, Walter Inman, white, hasn't the manhood to resist drink, and because Will Warwick, Indian, hasn't enough respect for the law to keep from breaking it and selling liquor to the boy's father", said the recorder. Then addressing his remarks to Inman he said, "Walt, I haven't a particle of sympathy for you. If you ever come before me on a charge in which whiskey is involved, you will go to the roads, if found guilty."

It was very quiet in the courtroom while Mr. W. S. Britt, appearing for the defendant, was asking for a fine instead of a road sentence, tears coming into the eyes of the defendant, and spectators and officers showing serious faces. It was even more quiet while Recorder Ivey made his remarks.

Fairmont News

Death and Funeral of Clarence Purvis—Fairmont Highs Defeat Rowland—St. Paul Legion Post Minister Pleases.

By Herman F. Jennings
Fairmont, March 25.—St. Paul American Legion Forest Post No. 5 gave a minstrel show here Thursday night in Jones hall under the auspices of the U. D. C., of Fairmont. Among the proper performers, Mr. Mack Schubert appeared at the top. A large crowd attended and was well pleased with the show.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Minton, accompanied by Mrs. Wesley Sykes of Wallace, spent the week-end the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Minton.

Dr. J. P. Brown returned Thursday from Florida, where he spent several weeks on a vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Dunie returned home Thursday from a trip to Washington, D. C., Baltimore and New York, where they spent 2 months on a business and pleasure trip combined.

It is with the deepest regret that we have been informed of the death of Mr. Clarence Purvis, of near here which occurred on March 7th at Washington, D. C., from pneumonia. Deceased was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Purvis and was well and favorably known through this whole section. His body was shipped home and was buried in the Fairmont cemetery with many floral offerings.

The funeral services were conducted by the pastor of deceased, Rev. A. B. Paul, assisted by Rev. W. F. Trawick. The deceased was 25 years old. He is survived by his parents, two brothers, Crayon and Leroy, 3 sisters, Mrs. C. W. Hardin and Misses Theo. and Olea Purvis. A wide circle of friends and relatives extend to the bereaved family their sincerest condolences.

Mr. W. A. Webster returned Saturday from a business trip to Wilson.

The ladies of the Baptist church served a chicken dinner and supper Saturday to a large crowd. The proceeds were for the church.

Miss Lillian Miller of near Rowland spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Prevatt.

We are glad to learn that the condition of Master Wilton Lewis, who has been seriously ill for the past month with typhoid-pneumonia, is greatly improved.

Miss Viola Hester Scott of Raynham spent Saturday here with friends.

Mr. Gurney Bracey of Purvis spent Sunday here with friends and relatives.

A baseball game of great interest took place at Rowland Friday when the Fairmont Hi's took the first game of the season by a score of 5 to 4.

The feature of the game was the slugging of Stubbs and C. Turbevill, who hit for homers. The batteries were: Fairmont—Stubbs and Ashley; Rowland—Brake and Webster.

LECTURE ON KU KLUX KLAN

"The Menace of the Ku Klux Klan" is Subject Announced for Rev. K. W. Cawthon at Court House Friday Night.

Circulars have been distributed reading as follows:

"The Menace of the Ku Klux Klan, a lecture by Rev. K. W. Cawthon. Principles and methods exposed. All are invited. Admission free. At court house, Lumberton, Friday, March 30, at 8 p. m. sharp."

Mr. Cawthon is pastor of the First Baptist church of Warsaw.

Successful Raids On Whiskey Stills

Five Complete Outfits With Good Quantity of Juice Captured by Sheriff Lewis and Deputies Last Week—Four Indians and a White Man Arrested.

Sheriff R. E. Lewis, Deputy Sheriff Arch Prevatt and Rural Policeman A. R. Pittman made very successful raids on liquor stills the latter part of the week, capturing 5 complete outfits with a good quantity of the juice, and turning out several gallons of beer.

The first capture was made Friday 3 miles from Lumberton, where a part copper still was found and Wm. A. Hardin, Dargin Hardin and Braddy Locklear, Indians, were arrested for the manufacture of liquor. Bonds in the sum of \$500 each were made and they are now awaiting hearing at a future date. About 2 gallons of the finished product was found at the still.

On Tuesday two stills were found on the Dunk McLean place near Maxton, both of the tin tub variety. A quantity of beer was poured out here, but no whiskey was found, nor was any one found near the scene. No arrests have yet been made.

Saturday a 150-gallon capacity still was captured by the officers in the Back Swamp section on the Stewart place. No arrests have yet been made in connection with the operation of this still. All of the captured outfits showed signs of recent use.

A still which is claimed to be the property of Claud McCormick, white, who lives near Orrum, was captured Saturday and McCormick was placed under arrest. Isley Hunt, Indian, who was with McCormick, also was placed under arrest, and carried to the county jail, where they are awaiting hearing. A total of 5 gallons of rum was found at the still and in McCormick's car.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE AT SANFORD

By C. D. Williamson

Parkton, March 23.—The writer in company with Rev. R. F. Munns and Mr. J. T. Bynum of Hope Mills attended the Fayetteville district conference last Wednesday and Thursday at Sanford, via Raeford, Aberdeen, Southern Pines, Lake View, Vass and Jonesboro, returning via Lillington and Fayetteville. Dr. R. H. Willis, presiding elder, knows how to dispatch business and things moved lively all the while. Good reports on all lines. Special emphasis was laid on Epworth league, an organization for young people which is doing mighty good church work and deserves praise and special mention. The attendance was good and the conference was never more hospitably entertained.

Sanford has grown to be like a city. It is a great railroad center. The writer was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Edwards and he will never forget the splendid hospitality. Dinner was served both days in the basement of the church, and the writer has been accused of advancing in weight during those days. I must confess that even my shoes seemed too small the day following. Our clever cashier of the Parkton bank admits he has advanced 5 pounds a meal for several days. Some growth.

Rev. Dr. Jno. O. Wilson Passes

Rev. John O. Wilson, D. D., president of Lander college, Methodist school for girls at Greenwood, S. C., died Friday night after illness of 4 days. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. T. Q. Donaldson, wife of Col. Donaldson, U. S. A., Washington, D. C. Deceased was in his 79th year. He was one of the foremost leaders in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Soldier, lawyer, minister of the gospel, editor and educator—such in brief was the career of John Owen Wilson, states an Associated Press dispatch.

Supreme Court Upholds Turlington Act.

News and Observer, 22nd: The fact that the Turlington act "is more extensive and more far-reaching in its requirement does not repeal the former act either expressly or by implication" the Supreme Court held yesterday in a decision upholding the validity of criminal actions pending in State courts upon the ratification of the more drastic Turlington prohibition measure by the General Assembly of 1923.

Coast Line Will Spend 26 Millions.

Rocky Mount, March 23.—The Atlantic Coast Line railroad company, it was learned here today from information obtained through the general offices at Wilmington, will spend \$26,000,000 in orders which have already or will be placed for station facilities, shops and shop equipment, steel rails, additional yards, tracks, locomotives and passenger and freight cars.

Mrs. Gordon Ross Hennigar and son, Master Gordon Ross Jr., who have been visiting for some time at the home of Mrs. Hennigar's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Barker, will leave Wednesday for their home in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Messrs. J. P. Floyd, J. F. Johnson and W. F. Bristow of Fairmont were Lumberton visitors this morning.

Bishop Hay Will Speak in Lumberton Tuesday Night

Distinguished Prelate of Southern Methodist Church Will Speak on Centenary Movement at Chestnut Street Methodist Tuesday at 7:30 P. M.—Public is Invited.

Bishop Sam R. Hay of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will speak in the interest of the Centenary movement at Chestnut Street Methodist church tomorrow (Tuesday) evening at 7:30. The public is invited.

Some of the ablest speakers of the Southern Methodist Church are engaged now in presenting to Southern Methodists the obligation that confronts them of carrying out the magnificent program launched in the Centenary movement four years ago. As other denominations have since launched similar movements, Bishop Hay's address will be of interest and profit to others as well as to Methodists.

Bishop Hay will be a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. White while in Lumberton.

Marietta News

Prof. R. L. Flowers Will Deliver Address at School Closing May 3—Mr. Jos. Page is Remodeling Residence—Death of Infant Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Jenerette—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.
Marietta, March 23.—Mrs. Jackie Sellers of Dunn spent several days last week with her daughter Mrs. P. S. Oliver.

Mr. S. M. Oliver made a business trip to Wilmington Monday.

Dr. E. R. Hardin spent Thursday here examining the school children.

Miss Laurie Oliver is spending several weeks in Raleigh visiting her brother Mr. W. H. Oliver.

Mrs. F. Grover Britt and children of Dunn visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hamilton, last week.

Mrs. E. B. Ward of Rowland is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Oliver.

Miss Helen Oliver, who is teaching in St. Paul, was home for the week-end.

Among those who attended the show "When Knighthood was in Flower" in Lumberton Thursday night were Misses Maude Snow, Chloe Covington, Alice Sinclair, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Oliver, Messrs. C. B. Oliver, E. M. Thompson, J. J. Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Inman.

Our school will close the third of May. Prof. R. L. Flowers of Trinity college has been secured to deliver the address. He is a very fluent and interesting speaker and a large crowd is expected to hear him. The Trinity men in this section are especially invited.

Mr. Joseph Page is remodeling the residence formerly occupied by his father, Mr. J. J. Page, and he and Mrs. Page will move in when the work is completed.

We sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Jenerette in the loss of their infant son, James Lester whose death occurred Tuesday night. He was only sick a short while and before medical aid could be summoned the little life had passed out.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. F. Trawick Wednesday afternoon and the little body laid to rest in Olivet cemetery.

Mr. L. Henley went last Thursday to Cedar Grove, where he has purchased a flour mill, and will move there in a week or two. We regret losing this good family from our community.

Mrs. Claud Grantham and two children, little Misses Lois and Jewel, of Lake View, S. C., are spending a few days with Mrs. Grantham's sister here, Mrs. L. Henley.

Visitors from Oregon, Relatives of the Misses Tait.

Reported for The Robesonian.
Mr. and Mrs. John Vert and Mrs. Helen Robinson, all of Pendleton, Oregon, spent the week-end here with Mr. Vert's cousins, Misses Kittie and Alice Tait, Fourth street.

Mr. and Mrs. Vert are natives of Scotland, but for many years have made their home in Oregon. Having toured all of Europe and the Old Countries since the World War, they are now completing a tour of North and South America. They left on points in Canada, where Mr. Vert is the afternoon train yesterday for extensively interested in the wheat industry, and expect to reach their home in Oregon the first of May.

Mr. Vert is the first of the family of the late Mrs. Tait, mother of the Misses Tait and Mrs. J. D. Norment of Lumberton, to visit relatives here. Mrs. Tait was before her marriage Miss Eliza Vert of Hadington, Scotland.

Mr. D. B. Johnson and son, Mr. Sam Johnson, of Raeford, spent yesterday in Lumberton, guests of the former's daughter Mrs. J. R. Poole, and son, Dr. T. C. Johnson.

Mr. A. L. Grimsley of Fairmont passed through Lumberton this morning en-route to Bladenboro, where he will spend the day on business.

Cotton Market

Reported by J. H. Barrington
Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 23 cents per pound.

Items of Local News

—Born, Thursday, to Mr. and Mrs. Junius J. Goodwin, a girl.

—After having reached a good distance above high-water mark, Lumber river is now receding and is no longer flooding the lowlands on the west side.

—The condition of Mr. R. H. Crichton, who underwent an operation in Rochester, Minn., Friday, is very favorable, according to telegraphic messages received here yesterday.

—Mrs. John T. Biggs left Friday for Durham to visit her sister Mrs. D. D. Belvin. She will also attend the State Woman's Missionary union which meets in Durham March 27-29.

—The local order of the I. O. O. F. will hold its regular meeting next Thursday night in its hall, at which time refreshments will be served. Wives and lady friends of members will be invited.

—A fierce storm, with much lightning, thunder, wind and rain for the time of the year, visited all parts of the county Friday night. Lumberton was in darkness for about thirty minutes on account of electrical trouble.

—Beautifully decorated windows are now evident in practically every business house in town, displays of spring goods, including all the attractive articles for the coming of summer.

—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. P. Baker have returned from Florida, where they went immediately following their marriage in Hamlet on March 10th, and are at home on the corner of Caldwell and Ninth streets.

—Judging from the large number of out-of-town visitors in Lumberton Thursday and Friday, the Pastime theatre evidently enjoyed a much larger patronage of the picture "When Knighthood Was in Flower" than was expected.

—Mr. C. H. Taylor of Danville, Va., has been in Lumberton on business since Saturday. Mr. Taylor was proprietor of the Star warehouse here last season and will run the same warehouse again this year. He will go to Wilmington tomorrow.

—Mr. Press Floyd of Fairmont R. 1, who has been seriously ill for the past few days with a severe case of hiccoughs, was brought yesterday to Baker's sanatorium, where he is now undergoing treatment. Mr. Floyd is the father of Messrs. Ben G. and Herring Floyd of Lumberton.

—Clerk of Superior Court C. B. Skipper last week appointed Messrs. E. G. and P. P. Jones of Fairmont administrators of the A. L. Jones estate, relieving Messrs. Q. T. Williams of Lumberton and E. V. McDaniel of Fairmont, who have had the estate in charge since the death of Mr. Jones 21 months ago. Bonds totaling the sum of \$10,000 were made by the new administrators.

Buie News Batch

Death of Mr. Ed McCormac of Clio—Indian Normal Agricultural Teacher Takes Boys on Trip Today—Personal.

By W. H. M. Brown
Buie, March 24.—Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brown of Fairmont were visitors in the Philadelphia community a few days the first of the week, attending the revival which is going on this week at Philadelphia church.

Mrs. A. C. McGoogan of Rennett is also attending the meeting for a few days, visiting in the home of Mr. I. T. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Humphrey were visitors in this community this week in the home of Mr. C. C. Baxley. Mr. Ed. McCormac, a brother of Mr. Archie McCormac of Pembroke, who lived at Clio, S. C., died last Saturday morning, death resulting from pneumonia, and was buried the following day.

We are informed by Mr. Corbin, agricultural teacher in the Pembroke Indian Normal school, that the boys of the 9th and 10th grades will leave Pembroke next Monday for Florence, S. C. They will make the trip in a farm truck that belongs to the school. Mr. Corbin will be in charge. Mr. E. Curran, popularly known as "Old Man Humus," will entertain them over night while there, and will give talks on fertilizers, crop matters, hog raising, bee keeping, etc. The boys went last year and are anxious to go again.

Mr. Dewey McRae, who lived at Buie up until a few months ago, is now living at Pembroke. Since leaving Buie he married Miss Florence Grooms of Elrod.

Messrs. M. A. Geddie and Fred Brown are spending this afternoon in Clarkton and Bladenboro.

Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Saddler of Whiteville spent yesterday here, visiting at the home of Mrs. Saddler's brother-in-law and sister Dr. and Mrs. T. C. Johnson, North Chestnut street, leaving last evening for Charlotte.