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Planning Big Celebration May 10th

Legionnaires and Schools of County Plan to Unite for a Real Celebration, With Parade, Band, Aeroplanes and All.

Mr. James A. Lockhart, State commander of the American Legion, General Bowley, commander of Fort Bragg, and other men of prominence will be here on May 10th if the plans of the local post of the American Legion and the committee from the schools of the county to have a real celebration here on that day in honor of the world war veterans work out as they have been planned.

In addition to this, arrangements are being made to have a military band from Fort Bragg, one or more aeroplanes, literary and athletic contests, biggest parade in the history of the county in which all the school children of the county will take part, and a baseball game between the university of North Carolina and State College; then possibly a boxing match.

A tentative program is being arranged by the committee appointed Saturday at the meeting in the office of Prof. Poole, superintendent of schools, and will be presented to the teachers of the county in their meeting in Lumberton Saturday of this week for their approval. Messrs. W. B. Ivey and Eli Wishart are local members of this committee and are today in Fort Bragg conferring with General Bowley relative to the army activities.

If the program is adopted, a literary contest will be held in the Lumberton high school auditorium Friday night prior to the big celebration and the big day will open with a real parade, followed by speaking, dinner, etc.

The American Legion posts throughout the county are being urged to co-operate in this and it is possible that Major Malloy of Parkton will be on hand with his unit of the North Carolina national guard.

Monkey Rum Kills 5-Year Old Boy

Horace Britt Dies as Result of Being Poisoned by Whiskey—It is Thought He Drank About 4 Ounces.

Horace, 5 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hesse Britt, who live on R. 4 from Lumberton, died at the Thompson hospital Monday night as the result of drinking what is thought to have been poisoned whiskey.

Just how much of the whiskey the child drank couldn't be determined but it was thought he drank about 4 ounces. The whiskey was of the "monkey rum" variety and it poisoned his entire system. It was not thought to be serious when first discovered but later the boy became worse and he was brought to the hospital, where it was found impossible to save him.

Interment was made Tuesday in the Ward cemetery near the home.

Special School Tax Election

Red Springs Graded School District to Vote on Additional Levy of 15 Cents May 28.

Red Springs graded school district will vote on May 28 on an additional levy of 15 cents on the \$100 valuation of property and for such additional tax on the poll as is allowed by law.

An order to this effect was passed by the county commissioners at their meeting here Monday. Dr. H. B. Gibson was appointed registrar and Messrs. R. C. Adams and John J. Thrower were appointed judges of election.

County Depository to be Selected May 7th.

At their meeting on the first Monday in May the county commissioners will designate a depository and financial agent for the county for the next 12 months. According to advertisement published elsewhere in this issue, the bank that offers to pay the highest rate of interest on daily balances and agrees to loan to the various departments of the county government the amount of money called for under the law at the lowest rate of interest will be selected. The Bank of Maxton has been county depository for the past several years.

Fairmont Parents-Teachers Assn. Meets Friday Night.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Fairmont, April 4.—A regular monthly meeting of the Parent-Teachers association will be at the school house Friday night, April 6. Everybody invited.

Mr. H. G. Smallbones, travelling passenger agent of the Seaboard Air Line railroad, with headquarters in Wilmington, was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday and yesterday.

Mr. J. J. Shaw of Lumber Bridge is a Lumberton visitor today. Messrs. J. E. Rowland and V. L. Byrd of Fairmont R. 1 were Lumberton visitors Monday afternoon.

More Streets To Be Paved

Additional Street and Sidewalk Paving Ordered by Town Commissioners—Setting Out Trees Must be Under Supervision of Street Committee.

Sixth street from Walnut to Water, Walnut street from First to Third and the sidewalk on the north side of Twelfth street to Pine were ordered paved by the town commissioners at their regular meeting held in the town hall Tuesday night. The cost of this additional paving is estimated at \$17,000.

It was also ordered that any property owner who desires to set out trees between the sidewalk and curbing adjacent to property will have to get a permit from the street committee, which is composed of Messrs. J. L. Stephens, chairman, and M. M. Rozier. All work of this nature must be done under the supervision of the committee.

Superior Court

Plaintiffs Get \$4,000 for Death of 3 Indians in Saw-Mill Explosion—Two Divorces Granted.

A large number of judgments entered, cases continued, and a few divorces granted constitute the work of Superior court which has been in session since Monday, Judge W. A. Devin of Oxford presiding.

The most important case was compromised and submitted to the jury. It grew out of the death of 3 Indians who were killed near Rowland by the explosion of a boiler at a saw mill several months ago. The plaintiffs were allowed \$1,833.33 each in the compromise, making a total of \$4,000.

Defendants in the case were C. T. Pate and others, who were the owners of the saw mill. The suit was brought by Emma Oxendine, administrator of Spencer Oxendine; Duncan Oxendine, administrator of Moses Taylor; and Luther Jacobs, administrator of Orrin Oxendine.

Divorces have been granted in the cases of Duke Watts vs. Carrie Watts and Henry Addison vs. Annie Jane Addison.

Recorder's Court

Check Flashers and Whiskey Cases Predominate on Docket This Week.

During this week Recorder W. B. Ivey's court has not been as heavily docketed as it was last week, the following cases being disposed of:

John Bateman, giving worthless check; guilty; payment of check and costs in case.

Edmund Davis, possession of whiskey; guilty; \$25 fine and costs; transporting whiskey; guilty; judgment continued for two years upon payment of costs and condition that defendant does not violate any of the liquor laws in two years.

Robert Miles, negro, operating motor vehicle without license; guilty; judgment continued for 2 years upon payment of costs.

B. C. Glass, giving worthless check; guilty; payment of check and costs. Luther Campbell, drunk and disorderly; guilty; \$5 fine and costs.

Candidate for Commissioner from Ward No. 1.

Mr. S. McIntyre has filed notice with the town primary managers that he is a candidate for town commissioner from Ward No. 1, subject to the vote of the people April 24th.

Mr. McIntyre has filled the unexpired term of Dr. N. A. Thompson, deceased, and is the only candidate announced so far.

Lecture at Maxton Next Monday Night.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Maxton, April 4.—Dr. Frank Clyde Brown of Trinity college, president of the North Carolina Folk-lore society, will deliver a lecture Monday night, April 9, at 8:15 at the graded school. This treat is to be given to every one who will come by the Student club of Maxton.

Exercises at Broad Ridge Sunday P. M.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Broad Ridge (Ornum R. 1), April 5.—There will be exercises at Broad Ridge Sunday, April 8, at 3:30 p. m., speeches, dialogs, songs, etc., and it is expected that there will be a speaker from Lumberton. Everybody is invited.

Mr. Roy Martin of Maxton was a Lumberton visitor yesterday.

Mr. Elwood Whaley is spending the day at Fayetteville and Fort Bragg on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Biggs and Mesdames John S. McNeill and J. M. Hutchings spent yesterday in Fayetteville.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Greyard and children, Misses Alice and Ruth, and Master Thomas, of McDonald, were Lumberton visitors Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. H. S. McLean of Lakeview, N. C., is spending a few days in Lumberton on business.

Mr. P. H. McArthur of Wakulla was a Lumberton visitor yesterday.

J. I. Townsend is Road Superintendent Salary of \$2,000

Re-elected for Roads and Bridges at Salary Fixed by Legislature—Petitions for Roads Continued—Other Road Matters.

Mr. J. I. Townsend was re-elected superintendent of roads and bridges of Robeson county for one year at a salary of \$2,000 the year at the regular monthly meeting of the county road commission Monday. According to provisions of an act passed at the recent session of the Legislature, the superintendent must pay his expenses out of this salary, must devote his entire time to the work and must take over the duties heretofore performed by a bridge foreman who has been paid \$150 the month. The road superintendent has been paid \$275 the month up to the first of this month.

Other business was transacted by the road commission at this meeting as follows:

It was ordered that note in the sum of \$350 be made for Alfordville township for 90 days to the Bank of Maxton, for necessary repair work.

The committee appointed at the last meeting to consider the matter of refund for Fairmont township reported that no decision had been reached, and asked that the matter be continued till next meeting, which was granted.

Petition for a road in Howellsville township, near Plainview school house, considered, but was continued for 30 days.

Sale of a Corbett truck belonging to Lumberton township to Wishart township for \$400 was confirmed, and a note was executed to Hugh A. Barnes for \$1552.50, payable January 1, 1924, for balance due on truck for Lumberton township.

The secretary was instructed to renew notes at the Bank of Maxton for 90 days as follows: Sterlings township \$250, Burnt Swamp \$750, St. Paul \$1250.

Supt. Townsend reported that there had arisen some objections to road in Lumberton township near Giles Roziers, and it was ordered that the superintendent of roads and the supervisor of Lumberton township lay off said road to the best advantage.

The following loans from the township road sinking funds were approved, when titled and values have been passed upon and approved by the attorney of this board: S. B. McLean, \$2500, Swain Britt \$1600, D. E. Candy, \$1000.

A petition from Gaddy township was presented, asking that no bonds or money be borrowed for this township at present, and this matter is continued for thirty days.

A petition was presented from Wishart township requesting a public road or private cartway in said township as follows: Beginning at the Whiteville road, at Owen Wilkin's plantation, and running south to the Beulah road, at R. H. Davis farm, a distance of 1 1/2 miles. The matter is ordered filed for thirty days, to hear any objections that may arise.

Recorders' Salaries Increased

Commissioners Grant Six Recorders Increases Amounting to \$70 the Month—Boundary Line Between Back Swamp and Fairmont Townships Changed.

Salary increases amounting to \$70 a month were granted the six recorders of Robeson county by the county commissioners at their regular monthly meeting Monday as follows: Lumberton district, from \$75 to \$100 per month; Maxton, from \$65 to \$75; Fairmont, from \$60 to \$65; Rowland, from \$50 to \$60; Red Springs, from \$50 to \$60; St. Paul, from \$50 to \$60.

W. E. Lynch and J. E. Carpenter were appointed prosecuting attorneys for Rowland and Maxton recorder courts, respectively.

It was ordered that the boundary line between Back Swamp and Fairmont townships be changed so as to put all the lands belonging to the Perry Jenkins estate in Back Swamp township.

D. Brewer and family and Eli McLean were dropped from the regular pauper list, the latter having moved to Cumberland county. The regular pauper list was allowed and the following were added: Ellen McLean \$4 per month, Sandy McQueen \$5, John McNeill \$5, Annie Stephens \$3, Alie Hardin \$5. Harriet Oxendine was increased from \$1.50 to \$3 per month. Insolvent bill of cost for January term of criminal court was ordered paid.

The usual monthly reports were filed by the Bank of Maxton as county treasurer, the county superintendent of health, county welfare officer and sheriff.

Action in regard to employment of a veterinary surgeon for the county deferred until the next meeting of the board.

All commissioners were present at the meeting—John W. Ward, chairman, C. B. Townsend, Rory McNair, J. G. Hughes and W. J. Council.

Mr. John S. McNeill spent yesterday in Charlotte.

School Board Defines School Day

Its Length Must be 6 Hours Not Including Lunch Period—Appropriation Made for Summer Schools—Sale of Mt. Tabor School Property Approved—Other Matters.

Length of the school day shall be 6 hours, not including the noon hour, and schools of Robeson shall open at 9 a. m. and close at 4 p. m. according to an order passed by the county commissioners at their regular monthly meeting Monday in the office of Supt. J. R. Poole.

All members of the board were present except Chairman Lucius McRae, Mr. C. T. Pate presiding. Other business was transacted as follows:

Supt. Poole was appointed as a committee to meet with the board of trustees of the Philadelphia high school on Thursday, April 12th, at 3 p. m., at Philadelphia school, in regard to some rebates asked for.

The following resolution was passed:

"Be it resolved by the board of education of Robeson county, that the preamble and resolution passed by this board June 5th, 1922, relative to Thompson graded school district, theretofore constituted by this board from the following districts and parts of districts, to-wit, Iona, McDonalds, Raynham, Purvis, and Elrod, be and the same is hereby amended by striking out and annulling of said preamble and resolution all of the same that defines or construes the law or the opinions of the Supreme court of the State, and all of same that declares null and void and of no effect the previous action taken by this board in consolidating said district, and the said previous resolution of this board of March 6th, 1922, consolidating the said district is hereby declared to be of full force and effect in so far as it is in accordance with the law."

An appropriation not to exceed \$400 was made for county summer schools for teachers.

Chairman Lucius McRae, Mrs. W. W. Lewis and Miss Katie McI. Buie were appointed as a committee to attend the meeting in Wilmington April 27th, called by the State Superintendent for the purpose of discussing the new school law.

Sale of the Mt. Tabor school property to Mr. W. H. Adams for \$202.50 was approved, and the chairman and secretary were authorized to execute deed for same.

Mr. Lucius McRae filed his oath of office and qualified as a member of the board.

It was ordered that \$58.54 be transferred from Liberty high school to district No. 2, white, Alfordville on account of error in listing special taxes.

Rebates were allowed as follows: Daniel McLean, district 1, white, Alfordville, \$4.80, Mary Ann McLean, \$1.50, district No. 1, white, Alfordville, on account of error in listing; Texie Jones and C. Bryan, \$1 each on dog.

JOINT MEETING TOWN COMMISSIONERS AND WOMAN'S CLUB

County Commissioners Will Beautify Court House Square if Town Will Keep Up the Work—This Matter to be Decided at This Meeting.

There will be a joint meeting of the town commissioners and the members of the Woman's club in the town hall tomorrow night to consider the proposition made by the county commissioners at their meeting Monday. It was offered by the county commissioners that they would order the grounds around the court house beautified, planting a large amount of hedge, shrubbery, etc., provided the town of Lumberton would take charge of the grounds and see that they were kept up and would improve them from time to time as was deemed necessary.

For this reason the joint meeting has been called and any and all citizens interested in this movement are invited to attend this meeting and express themselves.

Bid on Road and Bridge Project Through Big Swamp.

Bids on 25 road and bridge projects offered by the State Highway Commission in Raleigh Tuesday aggregating \$3,670,238.20 were submitted. Third district projects were:

Project 392, Robeson, Bladen county line through Big Swamp, 1.06 miles bridges and fill: Robeson county commissioners take fill at \$22,405; E. T. Gwaltney bridges at \$52,648.10.

Project 329, Columbus, W. C. A. highway, Wilmington to Bolton, 12.89 miles hard surface, by J. O. Heyworth at \$365,013.

Mrs. E. J. Parnell of Lumberton R. 7 spent last week visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Parnell, at Marion, S. C.

Mr. H. G. Folger of Durham spent the week-end in Lumberton at the home of his brother and sister-in-law Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Folger.

Mr. J. Gaston Prevatt, who moved last December from Robeson to McCullers, Wake county, was a Lumberton visitor Monday.

Revaluation Ordered for Robeson

Commissioners Order Adjustment of All Real and Personal Property for Taxation—Auditor Wishart Appointed Supervisor and Listtaker Named for Each Township.

Revaluation of all real and personal property in Robeson county for taxation was ordered by the county commissioners at their meeting Monday. County Auditor A. V. G. Wishart was appointed supervisor and listtakers for the various townships were appointed as follows, an assistant being appointed in some of the larger townships:

Alfordville, Alex. Alford; Back Swamp, Wallace McIntyre; Britts, Al Stone; Burnt Swamp, Thos. A. Parnell; Fairmont, W. C. Brown (A. J. Floyd, assistant); Gaddy, J. O. McArthur; Howellsville, J. E. Kinlaw (T. W. Maxwell, assistant); Lumber Bridge, W. E. Marley; Lumberton, J. H. Barrington (G. L. Thompson and J. L. Stephens, assistants); Maxton, J. P. Stansel (J. W. Carter, assistant); Orrum, M. Shepherd; Parkton, E. K. Campbell; Philadelphia, J. B. Humphrey; Pembroke, J. A. McCormick; Red Swamp, W. C. Townsend; Red Springs, J. C. McPhail (John T. McNeill, assistant); Rennett, C. W. Watson; Rowland, A. T. McKellar (B. A. Edens, assistant); Saddle Tree, Grady S. Harrell; St. Paul, L. A. McGeachy (G. T. Fisher, assistant); Shannon, B. B. Currie; Smiths, D. L. Stewart; Sterlings, E. Tom Lewis; Thompson, H. S. McLean; White House, Daniel Page; Wishart, J. C. Stansel (A. S. Pittman, assistant);

Robeson county had an entirely new revaluation two years ago, but after careful study by the commissioners at their meeting Monday they deemed the new revaluation necessary. It is thought that it will make an enormous difference in the taxes for the next year.

Maxton News Letter

Miss Maria Ireland Injured in a Fall—Dr. T. M. Watson Given a "Shower."

By Grace D. McCurdy
Maxton, April 2.—Mr. E. G. Chamberlin of New York city spent two or three days in Maxton last week on business.

The Maxton Potato company warehouse has been sold to Major G. B. Sellers.

Miss Maria Ireland had the misfortune to fall on the sidewalk near the Maxton Drug company store recently and broke one of the bones in her hip. She was taken to the Cumberland general hospital in Fayetteville. The accident occurred through the carelessness of some one who threw a banana peel on the sidewalk.

Dr. T. M. Watson, by some called "the baby doctor" owing to his round cherubic countenance and light-hearted ways, has left for St. Louis, Mo., where he will take a special course in the diseases of children. A stag dinner, or rather what the women would call a "shower", was given for him by Dr. E. G. McMillan and Dr. Cap McQueen at the home of Dr. McMillan Tuesday evening. Each guest brought some remembrance for the doctor, much to his surprise, among them being five shirts and fifteen pair of socks.

2 Killed and 6 Injured in Auto Smash.

Raleigh, April 3.—William Naylor and Robert Chappell, both of Raleigh, are dead and six other boys are injured as a result of a collision of two automobiles here early today.

Naylor was killed instantly and Chappell died after being removed to a hospital. Hospital authorities stated Bud Rankin, of Mooresville, a North Carolina State college student, whose injuries at first had been reported slight, had been removed to the hospital in a serious condition.

Bill Bethune, State college student, driver of an automobile in collision with Chappell's car, was arrested when discharged from the hospital on charge of manslaughter. He was released in \$1,000 bond, signed by his father, L. A. Bethune, president of a Clinton bank. Hearing was set for April 17 in city court.

Charlotte May Have Ford Assembling Plant.

Charlotte Observer.
Charlotte will have a Ford assembling plant that will employ 700 men whose daily payroll will total at least \$4,200, and that will turn out 75,000 cars annually, provided the southern class freight rate investigation known to the Interstate Commerce commission as docket 13494 results favorably for this territory. The plant would occupy eight or ten acres of ground.

Former Judge Walter Neal of Laurinburg was a visitor in Lumberton yesterday, attending Superior court.

Concerning Road Superintendent To the Editor of The Robesonian.

My understanding is that the Legislature passed a bill paying the county road superintendent \$2,000, without expenses, and now I learn the road board elected a superintendent at \$2,000 and expenses. I don't know whether this is true or not. I haven't seen any of the board. If it's true and they have exceeded their authority we want to know about it at once so we can start the ball to rolling.

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Items from East Lumberton.

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Miss Lillian Smith spent Saturday and Sunday with Lottie Williams.

Mrs. Pearl Pitman and little daughter Laura, from Selma, are spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Britt.

Miss Bert Pitman spent a few days with friends last week.

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Mr. L. M. Oliver of Marietta was a Lumberton visitor Monday.

Mr. A. C. Edens of Red Springs R. 2 was a Lumberton visitor yesterday.

Mr. Arelia Smith of R. 5, Lumberton, was among the visitors in town yesterday.

Cotton Market

Reported by J. H. Barrington
—Middling, local market today, 27 3-4 cents per pound.

Items of Local News

—License has been issued for the marriage of Miss Annie Wiggins and Mr. Howard M. Odum, Mrs. Hannah Jackson and Mr. Amos Grooms.

—Mesdames T. C. Johnson, John Knox and A. H. McLeod spent Tuesday in Wagram, where they attended a meeting of the federated woman's clubs.

—The Baraca class of the First Baptist church will have a chicken-fry at the Goat club tonight, and preparations are being made for a large attendance and a "large" time.

—Mrs. Alf. H. McLeod, president of the Woman's club, and Mrs. L. T. Townsend are soliciting subscriptions for the public library today. They already have secured 5-year pledges amounting to over \$5,000.

—Mrs. S. N. Watson of Bladenboro and Miss Ruby Fields of Boardman were Lumberton visitors yesterday, soliciting advertisements for the Bladenboro high school magazine, which will be issued soon. They were pleased with the liberal support given them here. Mrs. Watson is sponsor of the senior class and Miss Fields is a member of the class.

—Forest Post No. 5, American Legion, of St. Paul, will give a minstrel show in the high school auditorium here Friday night, April 6th, at 8 o'clock. It will be given under the auspices of the local Business and Professional Woman's club. Admission of 25c and 50c will be charged. This show has been put on at several places and is said to be good, clean entertainment.

—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lennon and Mrs. Lennon's sisters, Misses Emmie and Theresa, moved Tuesday into the residence on North Elm street recently vacated by Mr. C. H. Boyd and family and sold recently by Mr. R. E. L. Correll of Laurinburg. Mrs. M. C. Patterson, mother of Mrs. Lennon and the Misses Patterson, who is at the home of her son Mr. Alton Patterson in Bladen county, will move to Lumberton soon. Mr. H. M. Fillyaw has rented the house vacated by Mr. Lennon and family on the corner of Chestnut and Third streets. It is owned by Mrs. W. W. Carlyle.

Attorneys Fees Scaled to \$25,000.

Raleigh, April 3.—Adjustment of attorneys' fees in the railroad suit, effected today by Governor Morrison, leaves the state and counsel in agreement on a \$15,000 fee for Judge W. B. Bynum of Greensboro, and \$5,000 for former Governor Locke Craig of Asheville, and \$5,000 for Thomas D. Warren of New Bern.

The attorneys had submitted charges aggregating \$55,000 for their legal services in the extended litigation between the state and the Southern, Seaboard, Atlantic Coast Line and Norfolk Southern railroads over franchise, ad valorem and income tax levies.

The suits resulted in victory for the state in tax cases involving \$1,000,000.—Brock Barkley in Wilmington Star.

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