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COUNTRY, GOD AND TRUTH.

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Mrs. Wincie Bass Wounded by Shot Meant For Husband

Jesse Sellers Admits Firing the Shot and is in Jail—Told Officer He Intended to Shoot Bass—Mrs. Bass Condition is Serious.

Jesse Sellers, a young white man of the Barnesville section, was placed in jail here Thursday night following a shooting affair at the home of Mr. Jasper Bass in which Mrs. Wincie Bass was seriously wounded. A shotgun was used, the load taking effect in one of the woman's legs.

Sellers admits the shooting and states that he intended the shot for Mrs. Bass' husband, Jasper Bass, with whom he recently had trouble. In admitting the crime, he told the officer, D. C. Ratley, who arrested him, that he would not have shot Mrs. Bass for anything in the world but that he did intend shooting Jasper.

He will be given a preliminary hearing as soon as Mrs. Bass' condition, which is reported as rather serious, will warrant her attendance at the trial. It is understood that Sellers is now under a suspended judgment rendered several months ago, when he was tried for shooting and on other charges of less importance.

According to the officers, the entire trouble is the result of whiskey and violations of the home.

SPECIAL TRAINS ANNOUNCED FOR MAY 10TH CELEBRATION

Large Crowd of School Children Expected—Committees Will Meet Tonight to Complete Arrangements.

Special trains on the Raleigh & Charleston and Virginia & Carolina Southern have been announced for the big celebration to be held here May 10th in honor of Confederate and World War veterans.

A larger crowd of school children is expected for that day than was first thought would come and the efforts of the school teachers and the legionnaires to have an exceptionally large crowd caused the extra trains to be asked for.

The following committees, appointed by commander W. B. Ivey at the last regular meeting of the local post of the American Legion, will hold a special meeting in the hall tonight and complete arrangements: finance—R. S. Beam, Dixon McLean, C. McArthur; arrangements—D. H. Fuller, F. E. Wishart, E. L. Whaley, C. A. McMillan, J. J. Goodwin, H. V. Brown; entertainment—Cutler Moore, F. E. Carlyle, F. H. Townsend.

SCHOOL BOND ELECTION TOMORROW 8 A. M. TO 6 P. M.

To Vote on Bond Issue of \$160,000 For New High School Building and Repairs to Old—233 Persons Registered.

Lumberton will vote tomorrow on a bond issue in the sum of \$160,000 for a new high school building, to be erected on the lot on the corner of Walnut and Eighth streets and for repairs on the old buildings.

The registration books were closed Saturday, 233 persons having registered. The election will be held at the court house between the hours of 8 a. m. and 6 p. m.

Business and Professional Woman's Club Elects Officers.

The regular meeting of the Business and Professional Woman's club was held in the tea room on 5th street Thursday night, at which time the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Miss Lelia Edwards, president; Miss Bessie Barnhill, vice president; Miss Ruth Jones, secretary; Miss Grace Huggins, chairman of publicity committee.

The matter of electing a treasurer was deferred to the next meeting, and the names of those appointed for the different committees will be given in a later issue.

List of Candidates Remains the Same

The list of candidates for town offices remains unchanged from the list published last week. No opposition has been offered.

Those desiring to enter the race for any of the town offices must file notice of candidacy with one of the primary managers or the town clerk and treasurer before Wednesday night of this week at 6 o'clock. Election of town officers will be held Tuesday of next week, 24th.

Hail Storm Does Some Damage.

A hail storm which did some damage visited the lower section of the county Friday, being especially heavy near Fairmont and Rowland. Some of those returning from Laurinburg, where they went to witness a baseball game between Philadelphia and Rochester, report that the hail there was very bad, piling up like snow in some places and some of the stones larger than hen eggs.

—There will be a meeting of the American auxiliary in the legion hall tomorrow night, at which time some very important matters will be brought before the organization. A full attendance is requested.

Dr. Chas. Morris Negro, Made Masterful Speech Here.

Noted Negro Orator Spoke to Crowd of House of Whites and Blacks—Plead for Practical Christianity and Education and Better Understanding Between the Races.

WHITE MAN OF SOUTH IS NEGRO'S BEST FRIEND, HE SAYS

Reported for The Robesonian.

"The hour has come for an understanding between the white race and the negro race" was the key note of the masterful speech of Dr. Charles Satchel Morris of Norfolk, Va., Thursday night at the court house.

This noted negro orator spoke to a crowded house of negroes, with a goodly number of white people in the audience, and not in many a day has Lumberton heard such a powerful speech from white or black. Dr. Morris has the distinction of being possibly the greatest orator of his race in the United States, and his address at the court house here was a testimony to that reputation.

"The hour has come for the citizen soldier," began the speaker, and under this head he described in graphic terms the American soldier as he answered his country's call and went forth to do and die in Flanders Field that the world might be safe for democracy, and with firm emphasis he concluded this idea with the thought that although it is great to die for one's country, yet how much greater it is to live for one's country, and that the work of the citizen soldier calls for just as much heroism, just as much bravery, and just as much courage as it does to answer your country's call in time of need.

"The hour has come for the development of our economic and social conditions," was the second thought of the speaker's address, and under this head he portrayed the onmarch of progress, industrially and commercially, and paid tribute to the part that the negro race had played therein.

"The hour has come for practical christianity," was the heading under which the speaker related the various religions of the world and showed that the Christian religion was the glorious ultimate of them all, and impressed upon his race that only by the welding influence of christianity would the friendship of the white race and the negro race ever be permanently cemented. He showed that in-so-far as his race approximated the ideal of the Christ, just so far would they be able to live in this Southland on amicable terms with their best friends, the white man.

"The hour has come for practical education," was the heading under which the speaker urged a larger opportunity for the negro race in preparing themselves for the duties of citizenship through vocational education. The speaker appealed to the logic, sound judgment, and good sense of his entire audience when he urged that the hour has come for a better understanding between the white and negro races. He admonished the people of his race to stay in the Southland, cultivate the friendship of the white man, for the white man of the South was his best friend. "It has been said," the speaker declared, "that the North loves the negro race but hates the individual negro, and that the South hates the negro race, but loves the individual negro. As for me, I had rather live with the people that hates my race and loves the individual, rather than with the people that loves my race and hates the individual."

The speaker gave his audience an exhibition of sparkling eloquence as he described the leaders of his race. Particularly was his description of Booker T. Washington graphic in word painting as he pictured him coming up out of slavery from his humble Virginia home, passing through all processes of development, until he stood out one of the master minds of his day with the Tuskegee Normal school, in Alabama, and the work it is doing for the negro race as the fruition of his useful life.

At the close of the address Prof. W. H. Knuckles, who presided, called on several white people present to make talks and they responded with words of appreciation of the sound advice to the negro race contained in the address, and urged that they should profit and benefit by having had an opportunity of hearing him.

ANOTHER PAYMENT FOR DEPOSITORS OF BANK OF FAIRMONT

Mr. A. R. Bullock, receiver for the Bank of Fairmont, announces that on Friday, April 20th, he will pay to the depositors of the defunct bank 20 per cent. This will make a total payment to the depositors of 85 per cent, since it was taken in charge by Receiver Bullock.

Many compliments have been heard for the receiver on his handling of the affairs and many predict that before his time expires he will pay to the depositors at least 90 per cent.

Mrs. R. F. McDonald and step granddaughter, Beulah Lee Sampson, of R. 5, Lumberton, were among the visitors in town Saturday.

Thin Gray Line In Parade Once More

Concluding Feature of 33rd Annual Reunion—Heroes of the '60s Strong in Spirit and Many Scorn to Ride.

New Orleans, April 13. (Associated Press.)—Confederate veterans came into their own today with their parade, the concluding feature of the 33rd annual reunion.

Although many of them fought in the Spanish-American war under the Stars and Stripes, and their sons and grandsons lent valiant aid in carrying the emblem of the republic to victory against the German hordes, the principles that impelled them to wage a losing struggle for four long years against overwhelming odds, are not dead.

That was attested by the manner in which the thousands upon thousands of southerners acclaimed them as they traversed the streets of New Orleans in an automobile procession that required two hours and 10 minutes to pass a given point.

The crowds could not be held back by the police, but surged into the streets, getting as near as possible to the line of cars, and whenever opportunity offered shook hands with the veterans and patted them on the back. Here and there matrons and girls who could not suppress their emotion would approach cars stalled because of the traffic jam, put their arms about the necks of the old fellows and kiss them and many a father held up his small son or daughter in order that he or she might clasp the hands of those who made history in the '60s.

The majority of the veterans had expressed a desire to be permitted to walk in the procession but the length of the route, and the heat from a sun which burst forth late in the forenoon after a morning of rain, resulted in objections from those in charge. A few, however, had their way. One Virginian strode beside the leader of the John Marshall high school band, from Richmond, while another marched beside the commanding officer of the Richmond Blues.

HOWELLSVILLE CO-OP LOCAL WILL MEET WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The co-operative marketing local of Howellsville township will meet Wednesday night of this week at Barker-Tennille school house at 8 o'clock.

"Resolved that this community should support the co-operative marketing association as it is proposed" will be debated by LeRoy Townsend, Vester M'White and Conrad Platt on the affirmative and Madrew Powers, Preston Powers and Edward M'White on the negative.

MISS LILLIAN HALL OF LUMBER BRIDGE GIVES PIANO RECITAL AT GREENSBORO COLLEGE

(From Greensboro Daily News, April 12).

Miss Lillian Hall of Lumber Bridge and Miss Mary Jo Dickson of York, S. C., gave their junior piano recital yesterday afternoon in the Odell Memorial building, Greensboro college. Their playing at all times was in accordance with strict pianistic principles. If in teaching music the success of the person so engaged is judged by results, then Miss Seiler, the teacher of these students, is a splendid teacher. These students showed careful preparation.

Miss Hall played the first two movements of Sonata op. 14, No. 1; Beethoven; Grainger, Country Gardens; Liszt, Consolation, No. 6 and MacDowell, Shadow Dance. Miss Dickson played equally well the Presto movement from Sonata, op. 10, No. 3, Beethoven; La Fleurette by Raff; Waltz, op. 34, No. 2, Chopin; Impromptu in c sharp minor, Reinhold.

Sharing in the success of the recital was Miss Alma Wrenn, soprano, singing "A Sprit Flower," Campbell-Tipton; "Don't you mind the sorrows," Cowles; and "The Nightingale has a Lyre of Gold," Whepley.

Car Backs Across Sidewalk and Down Embankment at Station.

A good bit of excitement was created yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock when a Ford runabout, driven by Mr. Hampton Mercer, became unmanageable and ran backwards over the sidewalk on South Elm street, near the Seaboard passenger station, and rolled down the embankment to within a few feet of the artesian well.

Mr. Mercer was parking his car alongside the other cars which were waiting for the afternoon passenger train, and as he applied his brakes to stop they failed to work and he was unable to shift gears from reverse.

The car was damaged slightly, while Mr. Mercer received no injuries.

Cooper Not an Officer of Bank Since First of Year.

In an article published in Thursday's Robesonian concerning the closing of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Fairmont by State bank examiners, it was stated that Mr. Thos. E. Cooper of Wilmington was vice-president, which was an error. When the institution was chartered Mr. Cooper was vice-president but at a meeting held the first of the year he was not re-elected but was succeeded by Dr. H. L. Price, a prominent physician of Fairmont.

White Pond School Finals

Fine Record Made During School Year Which Closed Friday—"Culture and Service" Subject of Inspiring Address by T. L. Johnson—Another Teacher Will be Added Next Year.

Commencement exercises of White Pond school, Gaddy township, were held Friday, opened by a chorus, "Commencement Day" by the entire school.

Rev. Mr. Lanier, pastor of the First Baptist church of Fairmont, led in prayer, after which Recorder A. E. Floyd of Fairmont made a very interesting short talk on the development of the community since he spoke there 30 years ago. He then introduced the speaker of the day, Mr. Thos. L. Johnson, prominent attorney of Lumberton.

Address by T. L. Johnson.

Mr. Johnson took as his subject "Culture and Service", and made a wonderful speech before the large crowd of eager listeners. His speech was not a special educational one, but was more of a plea for unselfishness interwoven with character building and literary achievements. During his speech he pictured the contrast between the lives of Joseph W. Cannon, who died at the age of 68, leaving a will in which nothing was provided for education, religious, or charitable purposes out of his fortune of several millions, and Shaftsbury of England, whose fortune did so much in promoting education, religion and clothing the poor. He then gave a few minutes of his talk on "Love of Peace" in which he lauded ex-president Woodrow Wilson, classing him as the most loved man in the world today. He said the reason for the affection of the people for this wonderful man was the fact that he was a peace lover, a man who loved human life, and had the interest of his people at heart, unselfish and untiring in his efforts to create a better feeling among all men.

EVIDENCE OF GREAT PROGRESS THROUGHOUT COMMUNITY

Great Progress Has Been Made.

No better progress has been made anywhere in Robeson county, perhaps, than has been made at White Pond. The exercises were held in a new magnificent structure which was completed just before the session began last fall. Pride in the building, the good roads, the better enlightened community could be seen on every hand, and as both Mr. Floyd and Mr. Johnson said, it makes one happy to see the great progress being made by the people of one of the best sections of the county.

The school was very fortunate in having as its principal Miss Hattie Powell, who was assisted during the year by Miss May Powell and Miss Lutie Hayes. These young ladies deserve much credit for the remarkable showing which the school has made.

After the close of Mr. Johnson's address a real picnic dinner was served on the play-grounds and enjoyed by all.

The exercises were again resumed at 2 o'clock with a recitation contest and speeches by Dora Huggins, Marie Lupo, Annie Hyatt, Christine Edwards and Willie Powell, and a song by Eva and Janie Rowland and Raymond Hyatt.

Prizes Awarded

Prizes for perfect attendance were awarded to Willie Ethel Powell and Dessie Johnson. A prize was awarded to Hoyt Walters, who had secured the most headmarks in spelling in the 2nd grade, and Eva Rowland in the 3rd grade. Diplomas were awarded to Dora Huggins, Willie Ethel Powell, Clifford Miller, Annie Hyatt, Christine Edwards and Leighton Williams.

To Add Another Teacher

Plans are being made to add another teacher for the next year to assist in the literary work and to teach music. The trustees of the school, which had an enrollment of 100 this year, are Messrs. J. E. Rowland, N. J. Page and F. W. Huggins, who are wide awake on the school proposition and have the support of a large number of people throughout their community.

PLAYS BY ORRUM SCHOOL THURSDAY AND FRIDAY NIGHT

Correspondence of The Robesonian: Orrum, April 14—A Japanese opera, "Miss Cherry blossom", will be presented by the Orrum high school students next Thursday night, April 19th, at 8 o'clock.

On Friday night, April 20th, the primary department will stage "Snow White".

Mrs. N. J. Currie and daughter, Miss Annie Sue, and son, Mr. John, of Lumber Bridge, are Lumberton visitors today.

DRIVE IN—We know you are in a Hurry—GASOLINE—OIL—TIRES—TUBES—ACCESSORIES.

FULLER'S GAS STATION.

ROBIN HOOD COMING

Miss Leila Edwards and mother, Mrs. Francis E. Edwards, and Mrs. A. H. Prevatt spent Saturday in Fayetteville.

St. Paul News

Death and Funeral of Mr. John Honeycutt—Sunday School Class Enjoys Picnic—Personal.

By Bessie G. Johnson.

St. Paul, April 13.—Our town and community learned with regret of the death of an old friend and citizen, Mr. John A. Honeycutt, who passed into his reward about 9 o'clock Tuesday evening at his home at Leaksville, where he has resided the past several years. The remains were brought to St. Paul Wednesday on the evening train and taken to his old neighborhood, Tolarsville, to await burial, interment taking place at the old Make Smith graveyard near Tobermory Thursday afternoon at 2:30. He was a consistent member of the Methodist church. Rev. I. T. Poole conducted the funeral services, and as member of the St. Paul Masonic lodge, appropriate Masonic honors were duly rendered, a beautiful service, and large crowd was the consequence, attesting in a small way the esteem in which deceased was held. Mr. Honeycutt was a consecrated Christian gentleman, respected and loved by those who knew him best, and, as we heard one remark yesterday, he was, you might say the founder of the old Methodist church of St. Paul, his life ever consisting of noble deeds and good works. His death-sickness was of several weeks' duration. Of the immediate family he has surviving 6 daughters and 2 sons, Mesdames Stanley Barnes and Fagg, Misses Thelma, Lena and Jessie Honeycutt, Mr. Willie and Master Hoyle Honeycutt. Their many friends extend to each and all their deepest sympathy in the loss of a devoted husband and father whose life's work came to a close at the age of three score and two.

The many friends of Mrs. Flora Bennett were glad to welcome her back Wednesday afternoon following a 2-weeks' visit in the homes of Mrs. H. L. Blue, Jr. and Mrs. Gaskins at Tarboro and Grifton, respectively. At the close of her visit at the latter, she was joined by her sister, Mrs. E. M. Pitts of Spring Hope, formerly Miss Clyde McNair, who accompanied her home and will spend a few weeks among the McNair relatives who reside here.

Mrs. A. R. Rozier, who has been sick for several days, is improving, we are glad to note. Mr. A. H. Rozier of Ten Mile was in town a while last Saturday.

Miss Annie Louise Fisher, who spent a few days among friends at Tar Heel, came home Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Heamon Hall left Wednesday morning for her home at Rose Hill after a most delightful visit to her people here.

Miss Ethel Hester's many friends are glad to see her back in her father's store again, where she has a position, after a slight illness this week.

Mrs. T. L. Northrop took her Sunday school class on a hike up to the old McGeachy homestead last Saturday, where the youngsters from their accounts seemed to have had the time of their lives. After a ramble in the woods, and all kinds of games, delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. Northrop and her sister, Mrs. Harry Fisher, who resides there. The merry bunch started for home, anxiously wishing for another such pleasure. Mrs. Northrop made the trip in her car, while the youngsters boldly declined all rides.

Recorder's Court

Fine and Bond For Man Convicted of Making and Having Whiskey—Two Negro Women in Court for Assault—Other Cases.

The following cases were disposed of by Recorder W. B. Ivey last week: Bun Davis and Council Wilcox, indicted jointly on charges of having whiskey in their possession and manufacturing whiskey, were found guilty in both cases and fined \$50 and costs each on the possession charge and were required to give a \$200 bond for their appearance before the Recorder the 1st Monday in October of this year to receive final judgment.

Addie Hester, colored, was found guilty of an assault and fined \$5 and costs. Sufficient cause was found in the case against her for highway robbery and the defendant was bound over to July term of criminal Superior court.

Alonzo Lowery, Indian, was found guilty of giving a worthless check and was required to pay the amount of the check and the costs in the case. H. B. Revels, Indian, was also found guilty of giving a worthless check and received a like sentence.

Thead Larkin, Indian, was found guilty of reckless driving of an automobile on the public highway. Judgment in this case was continued for 2 years upon payment of costs.

Ora Lee, colored, plead guilty to an assault and judgment was continued for 2 years upon payment of the costs.

Albert Wilson submitted to a charge of being drunk in a short session held this morning, and was taxed with the costs.

Miss Leila Edwards and mother, Mrs. Francis E. Edwards, and Mrs. A. H. Prevatt spent Saturday in Fayetteville.

Cotton Market

Reported by J. H. Barrington.

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 26 1-2 cents per pound.

Items of Local News

—Mr. L. Henley and family moved Friday from Marietta to Cedar Grove, where they will make their home.

—Regular communication of St. Albans lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M., Tuesday night, 8 o'clock. Work on first degree.

—Mrs. L. C. Townsend left Friday for Morganton in response to a telegram advising her of the illness of her mother, Mrs. J. F. Woodward, who has been in ill health for several months.

—Dr. S. L. Whitehead and Mr. Robert Caldwell returned home Thursday from Wake Forest, where they were groomsmen at the Dickson-Bridgers wedding, reported elsewhere in this issue.

—An epidemic of whooping cough is prevalent in Lumberton, according to Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, who states there is a number of cases being reported throughout the county.

Time for paying town light and water bills for this month before being cut out expires today at 6 o'clock p. m., the 15th being on Sunday this month. Those wishing to be on time had better hurry.

—Mr. Jim Carter had an ugly gash inflicted in his arm Saturday afternoon as he fell against a glass show case in McMillan's drug store in an effort to catch Miss Margaret Biggs, who fainted while they were seated at a table drinking.

—A very interesting game of baseball was played on the East Lumberton diamond Saturday afternoon, the result of which was in favor of Fort Bragg, which scored six runs, while the East Lumberton team was only successful in putting three men safely across the rubber.

—Mr. J. Bayard Clark of Fayetteville passed through Lumberton this morning en-route to Wilmington, where he will spend the day on legal business. Mr. Clark will deliver an address before the Robeson County "Co-op" association during its meeting in the court house tomorrow at 11 a. m.

—St. Pauls Review, 12th: Misses Pearl Shaw and Helen McGeachy Martin Howard and Frank Johnson, debaters, accompanied by Supt. and Mrs. T. S. Teague, left this morning for Chapel Hill, where they will represent St. Pauls high school in a contest for the Aycock Memorial cup.

—Maxton Scottish Chief: Our high school debaters, Misses Zell Martin, Sarah McCormick, Mary Margaret McCallum and Mr. Cecil Wright, left on Wednesday morning for Chapel Hill, where the state contest for the Aycock Memorial cup will take place Thursday and Friday. Prof. Green accompanied them, and Mr. Laurie Martin took the party through the country by automobile.

—Dr. and Mrs. T. C. Johnson left last evening for Asheville to attend the annual meeting of the North Carolina Medical society, of which Dr. Johnson is second vice president. Dr. Johnson is also one of the vice presidents of the North Carolina association of railway surgeons, which will meet at the same time and place. The meetings will be held at Kenilworth inn. Dr. and Mrs. Johnson expect to return Thursday.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Russel spent yesterday in St. Paul, where Mr. Russel made an address before the Christian Endeavors of the St. Paul Presbyterian church, and at the same church last night Mr. and Mrs. Russel attended a lecture by Mr. A. Hoyt Miller, a missionary who is soon returning to his field of work at Mutoto, in Belgian Congo, Africa, where he has been actively engaged in this work for the past 5 years.

—L. A. Brewington, Indian, who lives out Rennett way and who was a Lumberton visitor Saturday, says that his 4-year-old daughter has not yet fully recovered from severe burns she received several months ago. Her clothing caught from a fire under a wash-pot around which she was playing in the back-yard at their home, and her back was severely burned to her shoulders. The child suffered horribly and the burns have been slow to heal.

Record of Deaths

MISS SALLIE RATLEY OF FAIRMONT DIED SATURDAY

Remains Interred Yesterday at Iona Presbyterian Church.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Fairmont, April 16.—Miss Sallie Ratley, 76 years old, died at her home here Saturday at 3 p. m. Deceased had been an invalid for 3 years, having been paralyzed. The funeral was conducted yesterday at 3:30 p. m. from Fairmont Presbyterian church by the pastor, Rev. H. M. Dixon of Red Springs, and interment was made at Iona Presbyterian church cemetery near Fairmont. Three sisters, Mrs. Lewis Jenkins, Mrs. N. T. Andrews and Miss Isabel Ratley, and one brother, Mr. N. A. Ratley, were present.