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Fall Term of Local Schools Will Begin Sept. 12th.

Much Repair Work is Being Done in the Buildings—Work on New High School Building is Progressing Nicely.

The Lumberton high and graded schools will open for the fall term Wednesday, September 12th, unless the date has to be changed on account of the repair work being done in the buildings.

Painting, plastering, installing of better sewerage system and general repairing to the woodwork is being done. Practically every room in the graded school building had large places on the walls where the plastering had fallen off, in some places nearly the entire wall. A fresh coat of paint is being applied to all the woodwork. Several window frames have had to be repaired, and the roof has been re-worked in several places. The work on the new high school building is progressing nicely and it is expected that it will be ready for occupancy in early spring.

NEGRO CHARGED WITH UNMERCIFULLY BEATING SMALL SON.

Tied Child's Hands and Beat Him So Severely That Neighbors Notified Police, It is Said.

Gill Smith, negro, was before Recorder W. B. Ivey yesterday morning charged with unmercifully whipping of his boy, who appeared to be about 6 years old. He was taxed with the costs after Recorder Ivey had given him a lecture on severe whipping, but he was commended for punishing the child when it was shown that the child had disobeyed him.

It was brought out in the testimony that the boy had done what his father told him not to do, and when he came home from his work he proceeded to tie the boy's hands behind him and whip him so severely that the screams of the child attracted the attention of the neighbors, who notified the police.

Card May Lead To Arrest of Auto Thief.

A card has been received here by a young lady which might possibly lead to the arrest of H. B. Israel, who has been charged with the theft of a Ford runabout from Mr. J. B. Bruton. The card was written and mailed in Savannah, Ga., on August 21st and stated that he (Israel) was on his way to Jacksonville. Mr. Bruton has wired the officers in Jacksonville and Savannah and hopes that he will succeed in getting Isabel arrested.

Isabel left Lumberton several weeks ago driving one of Mr. Bruton's cars, and had with him a bootblack by the name of Smith, who is serving a sentence on the county roads for aiding and abetting in the theft. The auto was found last week in West Palm Beach, Florida, and Mr. Bruton returned with it a few days later.

The card was received yesterday as soon as the lady saw who it was from she immediately gave it to Mr. Bruton in order that something might be done to catch Isabel.

Recorder's Court

John Britt, young white man of near McDonalds, tried Monday afternoon on a charge of temporary larceny, was found guilty and taxed with the costs in the case. On Sunday night while services were being conducted in a church in McDonald, Britt "borrowed" a Ford runabout which had been parked in front of the church by the owner, Mr. Z. G. Hayes, and was later arrested in Fayetteville by Ed. Glover, member of the local police force.

Dock Campbell was found guilty Monday of driving an automobile on the highways in a reckless manner and fined \$10 and costs.

Very Little Done at Meeting.

The regular meeting of the Robeson county unit of the Co-operative association was held in the court house Tuesday with only a very few members present, the majority of whom came from a distance.

On account of the absence of Farm Demonstrator O. O. Dukes, who is away on his vacation, the meeting was not advertised as usual and very little was done. A round-table discussion was held by those present and swapping views of the situation concluded the meeting.

"CO-OP" SPEAKING AT SHANNON MONDAY OF NEXT WEEK

There will be a co-operative marketing meeting at Shannon Monday of next week, August 27, at 4 p. m. Mr. T. D. McLean of Moore county will be the speaker of the occasion. The public is invited and it is hoped that a large crowd will attend.

Mr. H. W. Ivey of R. 3 from Lumberton was among the visitors in town yesterday.

Let Me Make Your Fall Suit—A Fit Guaranteed—Prices Reasonable.
JOHN D. PURVIS
National Bank Building, 3rd Street Tailor

How Two N. York-ers Lost A Pal

Their Companion Rode With a Stranger and Disappeared—They Suspected Foul Play and Appealed to the Police—"All's Well That Ends Well"

You would scarcely expect a New Yorker with a pocket full of money to accept the invitation of a stranger in a strange country to forsake his pals and ride with him, but that is what happened the other day near Wilmington, and thereby the forsaken pals suffered some uneasy quarters of an hour which led to their appealing to Policeman Ed Glover in Lumberton and later writing him a letter of thanks for his ready assistance. It happened on this wise:

When three men from New York, traveling in an automobile, a few days ago left Wrightsville Beach, where they spent some time, they were hailed shortly after crossing the ferry at Wilmington by a lone stranger in a Franklin car. The stranger asked where they were going and upon being told they were bound north, via Raleigh, he said he was going the same way and would be glad to have the company of one of them to relieve the loneliness of his journey. One of the trio readily accepted the invitation and the journey was resumed. Some time later the other two New Yorkers missed the other car and began to get uneasy about their pal, who they knew, had some \$200 or \$300 in his pockets. By the time they reached Lumberton the men were so uneasy, suspecting foul play, that they decided to take the matter up with Policeman Glover, who telephoned to Raleigh in an effort to help locate their friend. Mr. Glover says the men appeared to be prosperous and of a class not easily to be taken in, and he was astonished that the companion of such men on a long trip, far from headquarters, should so readily have accompanied a stranger. The men left here in doubt and anxiety, but the following letter, received by Mr. Glover Tuesday, indicates that all ended well:

Raleigh Hall
A Residence for Men
One Hundred Six West Forty-Seven
New York
August 20th, 1923

"Mr. Glover,
"Lumberton, N. C.
"Dear Sir:
"I am taking this opportunity to again express my thanks for the trouble you took in telephoning to Raleigh upon my behalf while endeavoring to locate my friend Mr. Armstrong.

"I located Mr. Armstrong at the Bland hotel in Raleigh. He awaited me at Fayetteville but upon comparison to time, left there just five minutes before my arrival.
"Had the chief of police at Raleigh done as you requested and sent an officer to the Bland, he would have been able to report his presence. I consider the lax of duty of the department at Raleigh decidedly unwarranted.

"Again thanking you all for the trouble in my behalf, I am
Very truly yours,
CHAS. H. HARVEY."

—Prof. and Mrs. D. B. Oliver, principal and teacher of the Barker-Ten Mile school last year, arrived Monday night from their vacation which was spent in Tennessee and Mississippi. They will be at the Barker-Ten Mile school again this year, the school opening early in September.

—The condition of Mr. Stedman McMillan of St. Pauls, who was injured while cutting trees for the Jackson Brothers Lumber company last Monday, is reported as very favorable from the Thompson hospital where he was taken for treatment.

—Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Parham, last night at the Thompson hospital, a 12 1/2-pound boy.

—James, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Jones, who was slightly injured internally Saturday of last week when he fell out of an auto driven by his mother, was able to leave the Thompson hospital yesterday.

—Mrs. U. O. Seawell of Carthage is undergoing treatment at the Thompson hospital. Mrs. Hector McMillan, who underwent an operation at the hospital several days ago, is much improved. Mrs. Tom Hester of St. Pauls underwent an operation at the hospital Tuesday and Miss Mary Ward of Lumberton R. 2 underwent one Monday afternoon. Both are doing nicely.

—Rev. S. J. Starnes, pastor of two Methodist churches at Roxboro, Mrs. Starnes and their two small children, spent last night in Lumberton at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Prevatt on their way home from a visit to relatives in Union county, leaving this afternoon for Roxboro. Mr. Starnes was linotype operator for The Robesonian for several years prior to some 3 years ago, when he entered Trinity Park school to prepare for the ministry. He is still a student at Trinity college.

Tried To Peddle Stolen Goods Here

But Frank Hinson or Wilson

Reckoned Without the Officers—Goods Identified as Stolen from Store at Hamlet.

A white man who gave his name as Frank Hinson was arrested here Tuesday about noon by Policeman Vance McGill when the officer discovered that he was peddling knives, pistols and rifles without proper license. The officer also acted on suspicion that the man was possibly disposing of goods stolen Friday night from a hardware concern in Hamlet.

Chief of Police D. M. Barker was at the postoffice at the time of the arrest and had just opened a letter from the Hamlet police department which enclosed a list of the goods missed after the robbery. He started back to the police station and found Officer McGill with Hinson and Hinson's wife. McGill told him of his theory and they went to the house where the Hinsons had spent the night and found a trunk containing a lot of knives, pistols and rifles which answered the description of those on the circular. An automobile in which Hinson came to Lumberton was taken into custody and held for further investigation, the officers believing it to have been stolen also.

The police at Hamlet were telephoned and were here in a few hours, identified the stolen goods and after thanking the local officers for their good work returned with their prisoner and his wife to Hamlet.

A marriage certificate was found in the trunk which showed that the man's name was not Hinson, but Wilson.

MRS. Q. T. WILLIAMS DEATH GREAT SHOCK TO COMMUNITY

Funeral Yesterday Attended by Large Crowd and Floral Offerings Were Exquisite—Very Few Knew of Illness—Member of Prominent Family and Well Loved.

News of Mrs. Williams' death came as a profound shock to the entire community, very few people knowing of her illness. She had suffered only a short time and was taken to a sanatorium last Thursday night and operated on Saturday morning for cancer of the breast. Soon afterwards she developed pneumonia, which caused her death Monday night at the clock was striking twelve. At her bedside when the end came were her husband, Mr. Q. T. Williams, her daughter Miss Mildred, and Dr. T. A. Norment her physician who accompanied her to Charlotte.

Mrs. Williams was a daughter of the late Andrew Thompson, being before her marriage Miss Emma Thompson. She was 62 years of age, a woman whose Christian influence, love and friendship will be sorely missed throughout the county.

The funeral of Mrs. Q. T. Williams, who died Monday night in the Charlotte sanatorium, Charlotte, of pneumonia following an operation which she underwent Saturday morning, was conducted yesterday at 4 p. m. in the First Baptist church, of which she was a faithful and devoted member, by Rev. I. P. Hedgpeh, assisted by Dr. R. C. Beaman, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church.

Flowers in beautiful designs reached entirely across the front of the church, and when placed on the grave the ground several feet around was completely covered with the tokens from friends and loved ones of the deceased.

Special music was rendered at the church by the Baptist church choir, assisted by Miss Iva Pearson of Dunn, guest of Miss Lina Gough, and a quartet composed of Messrs. C. B. Skipper, Ed. Freeman, Pope Stephens and J. H. Teague. "Lead Kindly Light" was sung by the quartet at the opening of the services and a duet was sung by Miss Pearson and Mr. Skipper. "There's No Friend to Me Like Jesus" and "Tell Me The Old Old Story" was sung by the choir.

At the grave in Meadowbrook cemetery, where interment was made, a large crowd of sorrowing friends and relatives gathered to pay their last respects. At the grave the quartette sang "Beautiful Isle Of Somewhere."

Surviving are her husband, four daughters—Mrs. M. W. Floyd of Lumberton, Mrs. J. A. Coley of Red Springs, Misses Mildred and Annie Grace of Lumberton—and two sons—Messrs. Furman and Erwin, also of Lumberton.

Among the many special floral designs were ones from members of the Eastern Star, Y. W. A., deacons of the First Baptist church, B. Y. P. U., Missionary circle No. 1, and the Fidelis class of the Baptist church.

Among those from out-of-town attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Cook, Mesdames Templeton Stanton, Wade Baggett, E. L. Hamilton, Misses Dahlia Stanton and Nell DeVane, all of Red Springs, Mr. and Mrs. D. Y. Floyd, Mrs. Frank Floyd and Miss Dina Belle Floyd, of Fairmont.

FIVE STAR TOURING CARS
UNLOADED TODAY.
DELIVERED PRICE \$519.75.
C. M. FULLER & SON.

Parkton Letter

Residences Being Improved—Mr. Roy Everette Hurt in Auto Accident—Revival and Baptizing—Drat That Old Cow.

By C. D. Williamson
Parkton, Aug. 21.—Mr. H. C. McMillan is having a new roof put on his elegant dwelling on main front street. We note improvements of a number of residences of our town. Some have installed electric lights. Also some real estate changing hands and we hope to report new residences later.

Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Rogers of Whiteville and Mr. H. L. McIntosh of Fayetteville were guests of Miss Ruby Council at an informal dinner Saturday evening.

Mrs. D. S. Currie and sister, Mrs. A. F. Hughes, with their children, left today for several weeks' stay at Myrtle Beach.

Misses Sarah and Mary Currie visited their uncle Capt. W. R. Johnson in Florence, S. C., last week.

Miss Georgia Williamson is on a visit to relatives and friends in Howellsville, also spending some days at White Lake. The following were White Lake visitors today: Miss Virginia McCormick and brother, J. D., Mr. W. A. China, A. B. Williamson, C. D. and Don and Wilbur Williamson, and Worth Stewart of Cerro Gordo, who is spending this week with relatives of our town.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Everette, who live near town happened to an accident late Sunday eve when their Ford turned turtle. The accident occurred about four miles from town near Mr. M. Jackson's. Mrs. Everette escaped without serious trouble but Mr. Everette received several bruises and cuts caused by glass of the windshield as he passed through. We are glad to see Mr. Everette able to be out today but he is cut up about the face and forehead badly and required some stitches.

Mr. L. P. Johnson is back to his post of duty at the L. E. Hughes department store after enjoying his much needed vacation.

The large union revival is going on in Hoke county at Milduson district school building. Rev. Mr. Hendrick of Georgia is doing the preaching and Rev. C. R. Sorrell, pastor of the Baptist church, is leading the singing. Large crowds are attending and several from our town attend at night.

Some baptizing Monday morning at Rockfish beach when Rev. C. R. Sorrell immersed 47 new converts.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Parnell, last week, a ten-pound boy.

The melon season for 1923 up our way has about ceased and we don't believe we ever knew quite so many of the beautiful red meat shipped from our town in one season before.

Will some one please advise of a more aggravating thing to contend with than work hard all the spring to grow a good garden and to your surprise some morning find that some unruly old cow has butted in and destroyed it; and then you think the next resort is to report it to the K. K. K., for nothing else will stop her. So mote it be. The night police claims it's out of his line. So it goes.

MASKED GANG OF MEN WARNS FAIR BLUFF NEGRO MERCHANT

Charlie Hagans Moves His Place of Business from Main Street as Result of Warning.

Fair Bluff, Aug. 21.—The latest activities in this section by a masked gang occurred at Fair Bluff Saturday night at 9:00 o'clock, when automobiles containing a dozen or more hooded and robed men drove to the store conducted on the main street of the Columbus county town by Charlie Hagans, negro, seized the dusky proprietor, carried him to the town limits and there gave him notice that he would be expected to move his place of business to some other part of Fair Bluff.

Hagans is moving his place of business, which the citizens of Fair Bluff have for some time claimed to be very obnoxious because it was the only store operated by a negro in the business district of that town, and was a veritable loafing place for roustabouts.

G. L. Bailey, of Fair Bluff, said that there was no attempt on the part of the hooded men to hurt Hagans, and that the negro was not harmed, but only given a warning to move his store, was proven by the visit by the negro to a physician immediately after the Saturday night affair. The physician informed Hagans that he was not hurt, but badly scared.

This is said to have been the initial appearance of any hooded and robed band in Fair Bluff, and it is further said that when they appeared in front of the negro's place of business everyone, both black and white, disappeared from the street.

Mr. Bailey said this morning that all has been quiet in Fair Bluff since the affair. Hagans not being hurt, local or county officers have taken no steps in the matter, and probably will not.

Miss Iva Pearson of Dunn is the guest of Miss Lina Gough, on Chestnut street.

St. Paul News

Business Houses Close Thursday Afternoon—Endeavorers Enjoy a Picnic—Circle Meetings—Personal Mention.

By Bessie G. Johnson.

St. Paul, Aug. 21.—Master James King of Sanford has been visiting his aunt Mrs. N. A. McEachern, arriving in town on Tuesday afternoon last week. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan King, the latter being known here as Miss Carolyn Wicker, formerly of St. Paul.

Miss Marguerite Holland returned Thursday from Camden, S. C., where she spent several days among relatives.

Mrs. Sallie Hartman and daughter, Miss Elizabeth are home again after an absence of some weeks which they spent at Montreat, returning to St. Paul last Wednesday afternoon. Miss Della McGoogan, sister and aunt respectively, of above mentioned, also spent some time at Montreat, returned home the afternoon previous to the delight of her many friends.

During July and August the stores and all places of business have been closing on Thursday afternoon of each week. This gives the employes a little recreation and pleasure which they otherwise would not receive. A good many went over to Page's Lake last Thursday. The Senior Christian Endeavorers society also motored over for a little picnic outing. Quite a number took advantage of the occasion, meeting at Wiggins drug store about 5 o'clock, where cars awaited their arrival. With lunch boxes and bathing suits, one can easily imagine how the evening was spent. A few scattered clouds were around but soon took their flight, leaving the merry "fun makers" unmolested to enjoy their sport. The crowd was under the splendid chaperonage of Mrs. E. C. Murray, their noble leader, who guarded her flock with tender care and helped much to make the evening pleasant for all. Those present were: Misses Lilly Belle McDuffie, Mable McDonald, Josephine and Pearle Evans, Nettie McLean, Flora Belle McGoogan, Elizabeth McDonald, Nonie Johnson, Sarah McDuffie, Elizabeth Hartman and guest, Leslie McGoogan of Quitman, Ga., and Mrs. Neill A. McEachern, Messrs. Stewart McGoogan, Alex. Guiton, Duncan McEachern, Hugh Murray, Dawson Northrop, and Mrs. E. C. Murray.

Friends of Mrs. E. D. Johnson, formerly Miss Berta Butler of our town, were delighted to have her come over from her home town, Lincolnton, last week for several days' visit which she is spending at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Butler. Her husband and the little son, James William, who arrived since their former visit to St. Paul, accompanied her. The little fellow is named for his grandfathers.

Rev. Daniel Patt McGeachy, D. D., and family, who spent 10 days in our midst, left latter part of the week for a visit to friends at Lenoir, where Dr. McGeachy was pastor some six years. His former congregation there will doubtless welcome him with profound pleasure. For some time now he has held the pastorage at Decatur, Ga., where he resides.

Relatives and friends of Mrs. Jno. McGoogan of Quitman, Ga., are glad to have her here for a few weeks, also her attractive daughter, Miss Leslie, and sons, John and Nathan, who are with their mother. These good people are loyal subscribers to The Robesonian and enjoy its pages as well as my aunt, Mrs. Effie Shaw Smith of the same town, who is a faithful reader of our county paper and often speaks in a complimentary way of how she enjoys and looks forward to our St. Paul news, she being a former St. "Paulonian," and one of Robeson's native "own."

Miss Elva Harrington visited friends at Acme a few days last week, going over to Lake Waccamaw Thursday night for a little outing, returning to St. Paul latter part of the week.

Mrs. B. L. Thomas, who spent some time in the home of her daughter Mrs. T. S. Teague, returned Saturday week to her home, Broadway, after a pleasant visit here.

Misses Eestelle Moore and Winnie Smith of Atkinson, in company with Rev. Mr. Alexander, a Presbyterian minister, also of Atkinson, passed thro' town, yesterday afternoon stopping over for a few minutes with friends, Miss Moore being a former member of the high school faculty here. They were accompanied home by Miss Grace Butler who will be a guest several days in Miss Moore's home.

Miss Nell Rice returned Thursday from a pleasant visit to friends at Clio, S. C.

Mr. R. H. Coley, who spent part of his vacation at Fremont among relatives, returned home Sunday. Mrs. Coley and the children, who have also been guests there, will return later.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Keith and son, Master Theodore, who spent several days in the home of their respective daughter and sister, Mrs. T. J. Smith, returned Wednesday to their home at Currie.

Mr. Leslie King spent several days at Ocean View Va., last week during his vacation, which was a very delightful outing. Mr. King holds a very responsible position with the Bank of St. Pauls.

Mrs. T. J. Smith and daughter Miss

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Cotton Market

Reported by J. H. Barrington

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 23 1/2 cents the pound.

Items of Local News

—The Baraca class of the First Baptist church will have a picnic or "feed" at the Goat club, tomorrow (Friday) evening. All Baracas are requested and invited to meet at the church at 6:30.

—Mr. Ben G. Floyd left this morning for Maiden, where he will spend a week with friends and relatives. Mrs. Floyd and two children have been spending some time there with Mrs. Floyd's parents.

—There will be a meeting of the Lumberton post of the American Legion at the Goat club tonight at 8 o'clock. At this time delegates to the state convention to be held at an early date in Rocky Mount will be appointed.

—The picnic that was to have been given by the Fidelis class of the First Baptist church this afternoon at Moore's Beach has been postponed till a later date owing to the death of Mrs. Q. T. Williams, mother of one of the members.

—Mrs. A. B. Baker who has been undergoing treatment at the Baker sanatorium for the past few days was able to return to her home in Fairmont today very much improved. Mr. A. E. Spivey, of Lumberton who underwent an operation at the sanatorium several days ago will be able to leave tomorrow.

—It pays to advertise in The Robesonian. This fact is proven every day by advertisers in the paper, but the instance in mind just now is an advertiser who has just advised that he sold the cow he advertised in The Robesonian just as he expected. He knew that he would get results, which was the reason he advertised.

—Had not the big Buick touring car driven by Mr. John Floyd yesterday morning been under perfect control a small Indian boy would have been seriously hurt when he attempted to cross the street in front of the approaching car. Mr. Floyd was driving moderately slowly and had quick access to the brakes, which brought the car to a stop within a few feet of the boy. The boy ran from his father as they started across the street, and when he saw the big car so near to him stopped still in front of it as if he was paralyzed.

County Board Buys Three More Trucks.

Trucks Ordered Purchased for Rowland, Orrum and Floral College Schools—Colored School Supervision Work Ordered Resumed and White Supervisor Also Will Be Employed—Walter D. Johnson Succeeds Lucius McRae as Member of Board.

At a special meeting of the county board of education held in the court house Monday, Mr. Walter D. Johnson of St. Pauls was elected a member of board to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Lucius McRae, resigned.

It was ordered that three International trucks be purchased at a cost of \$2,170 each, these trucks to be assigned to Rowland, Orrum and Floral College schools. The trucks have a seating capacity of approximately 40. The one assigned to Rowland will transport the students from Alfordsville township district, which was recently consolidated with Rowland. The truck used by Orrum will transport the students that have heretofore been going to Mt. Elin, the consolidation being made a recent special election for that district. The tax rate of the Floral College district and Wakulla were the same, and it was not necessary to call a special election for consolidation, so this was done at the meeting and a truck assigned to the Floral College school.

The colored school supervision work, which was voted discontinued at the July meeting, was ordered resumed and it was also ordered that a white supervisor of schools be employed as early as possible. The work of the supervisors will consist of visiting the schools in the county, helping the teachers, and working under the instruction of the board of education. To qualify for the position as supervisor of white schools the applicant must be a graduate of an "A" grade college, and have three years experience as teacher.

Supervisors of schools are employed in a large number of counties in the state, and are very helpful in assisting and instructing the teachers, especially those of little experience.

House Burned at Red Springs.

By W. H. M. Brown.
Red Springs, Aug. 20.—A house belonging to Rev. J. W. Simpson, colored, who lives in west Red Springs, was destroyed by fire this afternoon. Adjoining houses and a church were in much danger and hard work by many is all that saved a whole block of houses from being burned. The waterworks do not extend as far out as where the burned house was located.

Mrs. Alice Brice of Fairmont is a Lumberton visitor today.