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Woman and 2 Men Hurt in Collision.

Both legs of Mrs. Nancy Paul of Packton, 36 years old, broken in head-on at Booneville, N. C., and Richard Spivey, 30, of Booneville, N. C., were broken in head-on collision. Lawyer Greer of Whiteville drove both into Ford.

GREER LEFT SCENE OF WRECK WITHOUT OFFERING AID.

Mrs. Nancy Paul, 36 years old, her son Mr. Alex Paul, and Mr. Richard Spivey, all of Packton, are in the Baker sanatorium suffering with serious injuries as the result of an automobile accident which occurred Tuesday afternoon near Booneville, when the Ford touring car in which they were riding was struck head-on by a Buick sedan driven by Mr. Jack Greer, a lawyer of Whiteville.

Mrs. Paul's condition is considered very serious, both of her legs being fractured above the knee. Mr. Paul suffered a fracture of the cervical or collar bone and a crushed shoulder. Mr. Spivey suffered a fracture of the pelvic bone.

According to Mr. Paul who was driving the car, he was traveling toward Lumberton and was on the extreme right side of the highway, driving slowly by a filling station on his left. The big Buick, driven by Mr. Greer, was traveling toward Booneville at a very rapid speed and when it struck the Ford the force of the impact was so great that it turned the Ford around facing the opposite direction in which it was going when struck and damaging it almost beyond repair. Mr. Greer asked him what he was doing on that side of the road to which Mr. Paul replied, "This is the side I belong on." Mr. Greer got out of his car, took his two children, aged apparently 16 and 10, placed them in another car standing nearby, got in himself and drove off in a hurry without offering to assist or help the injured. One wheel on his car was badly smashed.

Dr. M. A. Pittman of Booneville was summoned, gave first aid assistance and brought Mrs. Paul to the sanatorium. Another car was secured to bring the two men.

Snowflakes Would Complete Picture

Show Windows Artistically Decorated —Only 9 More Shopping Days.

There is nothing needed now but real snowflakes noiselessly falling against the plate glass to make the beautifully and artistically decorated show windows in the different stores of Lumberton measure up to the wildest and broadest dreams of the most enthusiastic youngster who has been told thousands of stories of one great and glorious Santa Claus.

So many of the windows have been dressed that it would be extremely difficult for the best of judges to say which is the most attractive, and all that is left to say is that among the most attractive are those in the following stores: Lumberton Bargain House, R. D. Caldwell & Son, L. H. Caldwell, North State Drug Co., John D. McMillan & Son, Efford, A. Weinstein, and A. J. Holmes.

Practically all the stores were crowded again yesterday with shoppers. There are only 9 more shop-at-home days before Christmas.

Clegg Case Will Be Heard Here Friday.

As has been stated in The Robesonian, the case involving custody of three of the four children of Rev. I. N. Clegg and wife, Mrs. Annie McEl Clegg, will be reopened here tomorrow before Judge N. A. Sinclair of Fayetteville upon affidavits setting forth that the conditions under which Judge Devin allowed each of the parents custody of the children during certain months of the year have changed.

Considerable interest has been manifested in the case, not only locally but throughout the State, and the result of the hearing here tomorrow will be watched with interest.

Messrs. McLean, Varse, McLean & Stacy represent Mrs. Clegg and Messrs. McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor of Lumberton and Mr. H. F. Seawell of Carthage represent Mr. Clegg.

COTTON GINNED IN ROBESON.

58,109 Bales Ginned in County Prior to December 1st.

Correspondence of The Robesonian, Lumberton, Dec. 11.—Mr. J. J. Shaw, special agent of the census bureau, reports that there were 58,109 bales of cotton ginned in Robeson county prior to December 1, as compared with 44,295 bales ginned in the county to the same date last year.

Lyceum Number at Philadelphus Dec. 17.

Correspondence of The Robesonian, Philadelphus, Dec. 11.—The third number in the Lyceum course will be given in the auditorium of the Philadelphus high school Monday night, December 17th. This attraction will be McDonald Breh, who is a master magician.

Superior Court Next Week: Cases

White Man and 2 Negroes to be Tried on Charge of Murdering Barney Hunt—Other Cases.

Guy Grantham, white, Pompey Bethea and Erastus McQueen, colored, will be tried for the murder of Barney Hunt, Indian, Monday when the special term of Robeson Superior court for the trial of criminal cases begins with Judge N. A. Sinclair of Fayetteville presiding.

It is alleged that the trio, or one of them, shot and killed Hunt while they were passing Rose Hill colored church in Gaddy township on the night of September 1st last. The evidence at the coroner's inquest showed that seven shots were fired from a passing automobile in which the trio was riding and a few minutes later Hunt was found dying. All three of the accused men were arrested in South Carolina and accompanied the officers to Lumberton voluntarily. Bond in the sum of \$10,000 each was required, Grantham being the only one released on bond, which was given by his father, Mr. Stephen Grantham, a prominent farmer who lives just across the South Carolina line.

PLANS MADE FOR ANNUAL LEE-JACKSON DAY DINNER.

Mrs. T. F. Costner Hostess to Robeson Chapter—Mrs. Costner Gives Account of Convention—Davis Highway Completed.

The Robeson chapter, U. D. C., was delightfully entertained by Mrs. T. F. Costner at her home on Thursday afternoon of last week with splendid attendance and a live interest manifest. The principal feature of the meeting was the report of the general convention at Washington by Mrs. Costner, who gave an enthusiastic account, and it will be of interest to the Daughters to know that the Jefferson Davis highway has been completed.

All arrangements were made for the annual dinner to the Confederate veterans on Lee-Jackson day, January 19, under the direction of Mesdames J. H. Wishart and S. McIntyre.

The chapter was delighted to receive 2 new members, Mrs. E. L. Norton of Baltimore, Md., and Mrs. J. A. Martin.

After the business meeting was dispensed with, a delightful social hour was spent with the hostess.

LAURA H. NORMENT,
Secretary.

Re-order's Court.

Very little work has been done in Recorder W. B. Ivey's court during the past month. Since the last report the following cases have been tried:

Murphy Bennett paid a \$5 fine and costs for being drunk.
S. Stallings had judgment suspended upon payment of costs for violating the speed laws.
S. C. Holder paid a \$5 fine and costs for being drunk; Elzie Brown and J. R. Mays had judgment suspended upon payment of costs for an affray.
Raymond J. Brown, colored, was fined \$10 and costs for assault and had judgment continued for 12 months.
Kenyon Fields was fined \$5 and costs for reckless auto driving.

Miss Eula Miller Undergoes Serious Operation.

Correspondence of The Robesonian, Stated to Robesonian a few weeks ago about Miss Eula Miller's condition being improved. We are very sorry to report since that date Miss Miller has undergone another serious operation and is in a critical condition. Her mother, Mrs. Beulah Miller, was called to Macon to be with her daughter, who is still very ill.

Miss Minta Miller of J. W. M. hospital of Wilmington, sister of Miss Eula Miller, who underwent an operation a few weeks ago returned home Saturday night very much improved we are glad to report.

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St. Paul News

Many Saddened by Death of Mr. Ernest McGoogan—Funeral and Interment at Philadelphus—Personal and Other Items.

By Bessie G. Johnson.

St. Paul, Dec. 11.—Many hearts here were saddened when news was learned of the death of Mr. Ernest McGoogan of the Bennett vicinity, whose beautiful life came to a close on Monday a. m., the 3rd after a lingering illness of Bright's disease, of which he had been a victim the past three years, having been confined to his bed about 4 weeks prior to his death. Deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie C. McGoogan and was 25 years of age. He was a promising young man of many sterling qualities, a loyal member of the Presbyterian church at St. Paul, a consecrated Christian worker and in his afflictions, and day walk an inspiration to all. He was a college graduate having completed his course at the N. C. State college in Raleigh about the time he was seized with this dread disease which slowly ebbed his life away. "Ernest", as he was known among his associates in his boyhood days among us, was a former student in the St. Paul high school, where he won the love and admiration of both students and faculty, leaving a beautiful memory among a large scope of friends. His passing is another of the mysteries of Providence which we cannot understand now, yet we know His own. The funeral services were held at Philadelphus Presbyterian church the morning following his death, his pastor, Dr. E. C. Murray of St. Paul Presbyterian church officiating. The body was gently laid to rest in the family plot in the cemetery near the church. Altho the rain fell in torrents during the day, a number of relatives and friends gathered at his grave to pay a last tribute of respect to their beloved friend. Besides a devoted father and mother, two brothers survive, one of them being Mr. Hugh McGoogan, who resides near St. Paul.

Friends of Miss Pearl Howard were glad to have her come over from Fayetteville, where she holds a position with the Capitol department store, spending Sunday in the home of her brother Mr. A. E. Howard and family on Broad street. Miss Howard was accompanied by a friend, Miss Leta Humphrey of the same town, who also was a guest in the Howard home during the day.

After a visit of 10 days duration in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Neil A. McEachern, Mrs. J. M. Wicker returned to her home town, Sanford, Friday morning last week.

Mrs. Effie Barrington of Savannah, Ga., who spent last week with her sister Miss Sallie Hughes, returned to Fayetteville Sunday afternoon where she will resume her visit in the home of her daughter, where she was a guest several weeks prior to her recent visit here.

Miss Cornelia Steele and mother spent yesterday in Fayetteville.

Among the Sunday afternoon visitors at the home of Mrs. J. D. Johnson, West Broad street, were Mr. and Mrs. Langdon C. Hubbard, Mrs. Neill Shaw; Mrs. Thos. G. Balfour and two children, Alice Audrey and Neill Shaw, who motored over from Lumberton for a brief visit.

Miss Julia McNeill spent Monday in Fayetteville.

Mrs. Roxie McMillan and brother are spending some time with their brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McKenzie, who reside in Sampson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Johnson spent Sunday afternoon near Lumberton Bridge among Mrs. Johnson's people at the old Malloy homestead.

Dr. E. C. Murray expected to leave today for a visit among relatives in Charleston, S. C., some of whom were reported ill. Dr. Murray will possibly be away about 10 days.

Wiggins drug store and adjoining apartments look very attractive in their outward appearance by a handsome coat of brick-red color with which they were adorned several days ago.

Our local merchants seem to be well supplied this season with holiday goods, the Christmas spirit being very much in evidence from the unusually attractive assortment of toys etc. with which the various shops are arrayed.

Mesdames D. S. and N. A. McEachern motored over to Fayetteville yesterday afternoon for a few hours, the former Mrs. McEachern going over to see an aunt of her mother, who is a patient in Highsmith's hospital, where she has been undergoing treatment from a fall which she received some time ago.

Mrs. G. T. Fisher's many friends are glad to have her with them again after an absence of several weeks which she spent in a hospital in Richmond, Va.

After a brief illness, Mrs. Rowena McCormic has convalesced, to the delight of numerous friends.

Mesdames S. M. Davis and T. L. Northrup are spending today in Fayetteville.

Friends of Miss Pearl Herndon are glad to have her home again, having been in training at the Baker sanatorium the past months.

Mr. Hugh Monroe of Pates was a Lumberton visitor yesterday.

County Meeting of Co-ops December 18.

Next Meeting Will be Held at White Pond School, Gaddy Township—Picnic Dinner Will be Served.

By O. O. Duker, County Agent.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Tobacco and Cotton Co-operative Marketing association will be held at Whitepond school, Gaddy township, Tuesday, December 18th, at 11 o'clock. This is the first county meeting to be held away from Lumberton.

The program is as follows:
Education—Prof. W. B. Crumpton, superintendent Lumberton schools.
Tobacco Culture—E. G. Moss, State tobacco specialist.

Men, women and children are invited. This applies to non-members also.

A picnic dinner is promised.

COOLIDGE OPENS WAY FOR AMERICA TO AID IN INQUIRY

American Experts May Participate Unofficially in Reparations Inquiry.

Washington, Dec. 11.—President Coolidge formally opened the way today to co-operation by American economic experts in the double inquiry proposed by the reparation commission to Germany's financial situation. A formal White House statement said the Washington government would "view with favor the acceptance by American experts" of an invitation to sit upon the inquiry committees.

The plan has already been approved by all the Allied governments and Germany, a factor considered of major importance, inasmuch as a complete agreement among the Allies as to the method of employing American aid in the reparation situation has long been regarded by Washington officials as essential if such assistance was to be extended. The unanimity attained by the powers on the question after many months of discussion and many failures in the opinion of President Coolidge is an important and significant development.

In making the inquiry effective, the next step will be the extension of formal invitations by the reparation commission direct to whomever may be selected by the commission to represent the American viewpoint on the committees. Although it was not disclosed officially whether the Washington government would take any part in that selection, it was assumed that officials here would be made aware of any choice before the actual awarding of an invitation.

It is the view of officials here that one American expert will sit on both committees and be supported by whatever staff of technical advisers may be deemed necessary. Such an expert would undoubtedly be an outstanding American citizen and indications in some authoritative circles tonight pointed to Charles G. Dawes, of Chicago, former director of the budget, as one at least under consideration.

BAPTISTS PROVIDE FOR FINANCING GREATER MEREDITH COLLEGE.

Pledge to Collect Unpaid Pledges of 75 Million Campaign—Question of Fraternities Referred to a Commission.

R. E. Williams in Raleigh News and Observer.
Gaston, Dec. 12.—The North Carolina Baptist convention today provided for the financing of Greater Meredith college, to be erected immediately just outside of Raleigh, pledged itself to collect unpaid pledges to the 75 million campaign and referred the question of fraternities at Wake Forest to a commission which will report at the next session.

Each of the three sessions had one outstanding feature. In the morning the delegates, with great enthusiasm pledged themselves to collect within the next year the remaining \$2,000,000 on the State's five-year pledge of \$6,000,000 thus enabling the work of the denomination to go on without serious curtailment.

In the afternoon a spirited debate of more than an hour on fraternities at Wake Forest threatened to split the convention wide open but a compromise was finally reached and the matter referred to a commission of 15 to report next year.

The high water mark of the convention was reached tonight when without a word of dissent the convention pledged its credit in the sum of \$75,000 for bonds that will enable Greater Meredith college to open at Method in September 1925 with a \$1,100,000 plant.

The trustees have their plans all ready and construction on the 130-acre site already purchased will begin in the early spring. The present property in the center of Raleigh is to be sold for \$250,000 and equipment worth \$100,000 is to be transferred to the new site.

The college's architects, Wilson & Beryman, of Columbia, have submitted plans which have been accepted.

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Fairmont News

Huck Finn at School Auditorium Friday Night—Ladies' Aid Realizes \$100—Miss Maggie Mitchell Critically Ill—Other Items.

By Mrs. H. G. Inman.

Fairmont, Dec. 11.—Huckberry Finn will be shown at the school auditorium Friday night, December 14th. Admission, children 35 cents, regular tickets 75 cents, reserved seats \$1. Most of us have read about Huck and Tom, but why not come along and see them on the "silver sheet" and help to swell our school improvement fund.

The Ladies Aid society of the Methodist church gave a chicken dinner and oyster supper Saturday in connection with their annual Christmas bazaar. The proceeds, which amounted to about \$100, will be used on the New Methodist church, which is more and more assuming the appearance of a church.

Rev. N. B. Johnson, who was assigned the Robeson Circuit from the Elerbee field, preached his first sermon to his Trinity Methodist congregation Sunday morning. He brought the people a very inspiring message and on Sunday night the Baptist congregation joined the Methodist in worship and in welcoming their new pastor.

The good people of the Methodist church did not close their hearts nor draw up their purse strings after the Sunday night service until next Sunday, for on Monday night they went to the parsonage and of all the good things left Rev. and Mrs. Johnson and two daughters will have to say. The people called it a "pounding" but there wasn't much about it to indicate a "pounding", for there were no clubs used and the folks didn't stop at buying a pound; they bought by the sackful.

Miss Mildred Rivenbark, who spent two weeks with her cousin Miss Marjorie Brice, returned Tuesday to her home in Wallace.

A house on the farm belonging to Mr. Allen Pittman caught fire from the stove flue Sunday afternoon but a neighbor saw it in time for them to check it before very much damage was done.

Dr. G. Blair Jennings, chiropractor of Lumberton, has opened an office in the home of Mrs. F. R. Ricks. Appointment and consultation each Monday and Friday afternoon.

Mr. P. C. Henly, has been suffering for the past week with pleurisy but was a little better Tuesday.

The condition of Miss Maggie Mitchell is critical and no hopes are entertained for her recovery.

Mrs. Sarah Pittman, who has been very sick for several weeks, is gradually improving, as also are Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stephens, Mrs. Stephens being able to walk about in the house.

Miss Omega Stone, who is attending school here and living with her brother Mr. A. T. Stone, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Scot Stone, near McDonald.

Charlotte Defeats School Bond Issue

Charlotte, Dec. 11.—The proposed bond issue for two million dollars for improved school facilities was defeated in an election here today. Fifteen hundred and seventy votes, were cast for the issue and 207 against. There was a registration of 3,360, making a vote of 1,681 necessary to carry the issue. The affirmative vote lacked 111 votes of being enough to put over the bond issue.

License has been issued for the marriage of Miss Nettie Smith and Mr. Wiley Wilkerson.

accepted and which involve an eventual expenditure of \$3,500,000 with a plant having a capacity of two thousand students. The college now has an enrollment of 418 with a waiting list which makes registration impossible after July of each year and the initial million dollar unit will care for 500 students.

BOX FOR BOYS AT OTEEN

Woman's Auxiliary of Local Legion Post is Collecting Christmas Gifts to Send to Wounded Boys.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. The Woman's auxiliary of the American Legion post is trying to get up a box to send to the boys at Oteen for Christmas, and all members of this organization and others who desire to send something to these wounded boys at Christmas, will kindly send same to Miss M. M. Croxton, at the office of Johnson & Johnson, Lumberton, not later than Tuesday, the 18th, where it will be packed and shipped to Oteen at once.

Suggested Gifts.

Real Gifts—Boxes of stationery, Silver pencils, fountain pens, bath robes, bed-room slippers, flower vases for small tables, cards, bowls and bulbs, kodak books, belts and buckles, silk hose, ties, cuff links, or any gift we would give a brother. Small Gifts—Tooth paste, tooth brushes, soap-shaving soap, powder, washcloths, packages of stuffed dates, raisins, figs, small fruit cakes, small plum pudding, ten-cent toys, spookies, matches, funny toys, squawkers, knockers, horns, etc., individual Christmas trees—small.

Cotton Market

Reported by J. H. Harrington— Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 33 cents the pound.

Items of Local News

—Saturday is the last day in which to pay light and water bills before being cut-off.

—One chance for everybody to shop-at-home. Buy Tuberculosis Christmas seals. They are on sale today.

—Mr. Frank McLeod returned yesterday from St. Louis, where he purchased mules for Mr. C. M. Fuller's sales stables.

—Mrs. Luther H. Caldwell and daughter, Miss Rosa Caldwell, are entertaining this afternoon at their home on Water street in honor of Mrs. R. D. Caldwell Jr., a recent bride.

—Francis, small son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lantz of St. Paul, underwent an operation yesterday at the Baker sanatorium for diseased tonsils and adenoids.

—Mrs. J. P. Evans of Eliot, S. C., underwent a serious operation at the Thompson hospital yesterday. Her condition is reported as favorable today.

—Mr. J. A. Bethea is remodeling his residence on the corner of Walnut and Third streets and expects to move into it next week. Mr. Bethea and family have been living in the Breese residence corner of Walnut and Fourth streets.

—Mrs. J. E. Clifton has returned to her home in Lumber Bridge much improved after having been a patient for several days at the Baker sanatorium. Mrs. John Byrd of Lakeview, S. C., entered the sanatorium yesterday for special treatment.

—Among those from here attending the musical-comedy show, "Sallie, Irene and Mary", in Bennettsville last night, were Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. McArthur, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. McIntyre, Mrs. E. P. Stack, Misses Ruby Thompson, Katharine Sartor, Emma Lucas Ward, Eva Oglesby, Dr. M. A. Waddell, Messrs. Herman Crump, Eli Wishart and W. W. Fant Jr.

—Mr. E. D. Lewis gave the nearest guess to the number of toxin-antitoxin treatments, contained in bottles exhibited in the window at the North State drug store by Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer. The actual number was 490, while Mr. Lewis' guess was 502. Mr. Lewis will be given the \$2 offered for the nearest guess if he will call at the office of the county health department at the court house.

Cleveland Gets Republican Convention—June 10 Date.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The 1924 Republican National Convention will be held at Cleveland as favored by administration leaders, and will assemble on June 10.

In making this decision today, the Republican National committee, in annual meeting, also upset its delegate reapportionment, designed to decrease the power of Southern States in the convention, and voted after a sharp fight to maintain the South's representation, while at the same time increasing largely the voting strength of Northern Republican States. Under the new reapportionment there will be 1,109 delegates in the 1924 convention—the largest in the party's history—as compared with 984 in 1920.

Mrs. Vanderbilt Again Heads State Fair.

Raleigh News and Observer, 12th. Striking a medium somewhere between the deadly routine of pre-Vanderbilt days and the turbulent discord that has peppered many of its meetings since, the North Carolina Agricultural society yesterday re-elected Mrs. Edith Vanderbilt, of Baltimore, president for the fourth term, substituted Henry M. London for Col. Joseph E. Pogue for secretary, committed itself definitely against the removal of the State Fair grounds or the projection of a street through the property and finally authorized a bond issue of \$150,000 to finance the old debt of the society and to erect a grandstand.

Locate Fish Hatcheries.

Morehead City, Dec. 11.—The State fisheries commission board in session here today decided to locate the main fish hatchery in Haywood county near Balsam. The three auxiliary hatcheries will be located in McDowell, near Old Fort; in Watauga near Boone, and in Alleghany near Roaring Gap. In each instance the site for the hatcheries was given the state and in the two last named places, the sites and shipping and all other matters will be given.

Big Surprise at Smyrna.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Bring your fishing rods to Smyrna school house Friday night, December 14th. A surprise is in store for you.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Definite assurance that tax reduction legislation will be considered promptly by the House Ways and Means committee was given tonight by Representative Green, of Iowa, prospective chairman, after a conference with Republican members of the committee.

Representative Lyon offered in the House of Congress Monday a bill for authority to build a spillway at Lake Waccamaw.