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## Kiwanis Has Ambitious Program For Lumberton

Chamber of Commerce, More Industries, Playgrounds, Library, Postoffice, City Beautiful, Opera House and More Homes Given as Greatest Needs of Town.

### TO STRIVE FOR THESE THINGS.

A chamber of commerce, more industries, play-grounds, library, United States postoffice, city beautiful, opera house and more homes, in the order named, were given as the greatest needs of Lumberton and what should be the major effort of the Kiwanis club in returns from questionnaires given out two weeks ago by Mr. W. B. Crumpton, chairman of the program committee.

Prof. Crumpton at the weekly luncheon at the Lorraine hotel Tuesday handed to each member a sheet on which was graphically presented the consensus of opinion represented by the replies. "From the replies", the paper handed to each member states, "it will be seen that the following condition will prevail.

"Lumberton plus active Chamber of Commerce will equal more industries, play-grounds, library, U. S. postoffice, city clean and sanitary, opera house and more homes.

"Within the fabric of Kiwanis service is woven the following: The fostering of a fuller realization of the responsibilities of patriotic citizenship."

"One of the replies stated, 'We should have more of the stuff Kiwanis is supposed to give'. Another stated, 'A better spirit of co-operation whereby we will know each other better and accomplish things for the common good.' Another says, 'We need a tobacco re-drying plant, which will tend to hold the tobacco market up in Lumberton.'

"Think it over and let us get behind something and accomplish it during this first year. Remember, he that helps his neighbor helps himself."

Members were asked to think over this program and devise plans for carrying it out.

Sixty or more members were present at the luncheon and the following visitors were introduced: Messrs. Geo. Calhoun of Fairmont, Henry McKinney of Maxton and Lumberton H. E. Phillips of Boardman.

Miss Lula Normen added to the pleasure of the occasion by singing two solos, Miss Elsie Thompson playing piano accompaniment. The young ladies were tendered a rising vote of thanks, the same also being tendered Mr. Ira Bulard for securing the shad which the diners dined with so much relish.

Mr. Robert Caldwell, of the hard-hearted program committee, had Messrs. K. M. Barnes, A. Weinstein, W. M. Burney, J. A. Sharpe attempt the difficult stunt of putting an elusive balloon from one end of the dining-room to the other with a short stick. Mr. Burney, being perhaps better versed in the way of a balloon with a man and a stick, got there first and won the prize, a nursing bottle, which he found after going through many packages, and he was directed to demonstrate its use. Which the same he did in most approved fashion, except that he did not lie flat on his back and kick his heels in the air while doing it. But he did suck that bottle just like the days of his infancy were fresh in his mind.

## Superior Court

Adjourned Yesterday—Many Non-Suits and Compromises—Two Divorces and 1 Contested Trial.

The term of Robeson Superior court which convened here Monday morning for the trial of civil cases, with Judge E. H. Crammer of Southport presiding, adjourned yesterday morning after 2 divorces had been granted and one jury trial had been completed.

Several non-suits and compromises were entered and many cases were continued. A verdict was awarded the defendant in the only jury trial, E. C. McCallum et al vs. Henry McCallum, in which the plaintiffs were trying to set aside a deed given to Henry McCallum.

Divorces were awarded as follows: Addie Cromartie vs. William Cromartie; Delia West vs. Arthur West.

### GOV. MORRISON AND MRS. WATTS MARRIED IN DURHAM.

Durham, April 2. (Associated Press)—Governor Morrison, of North Carolina, and Mrs. Sara Ecker Watts, widow of George W. Watts, Durham millionaire financier, were married here this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Watts' mansion on South Duke street.

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**FULLER'S SERVICE STATION**  
Cor. 2nd and Chestnut St.

## Artillery Detachment Is Expected To Arrive Today

Fort Bragg Soldiers Will Give Demonstrations Here Friday and Saturday—To Be Located On South Elm Street—Unit Consists of 35 Horses 28 Men and Full Equipment.

### WILL BE A MODEL CAMP.

A detachment of the second field artillery from Fort Bragg is expected to arrive here this afternoon or tomorrow morning and will be stationed on the vacant lot opposite the town hall on South Elm street. The unit left Fort Bragg yesterday, according to a letter from Recruiting Officer W. S. Bryant.

Arrangements for the site and place to store the three big army truck loads of hay, which arrived here Tuesday, have been made by Mr. Eli Wishart, commander of the local American Legion post. In his letter Mr. Bryant stated that General A. J. Bowley, commanding officer of Fort Bragg, will appreciate the cooperation of the people of Lumberton in making it possible to stage demonstrations showing how this branch of the army conducts itself on the battlefield.

The detachment consists of 35 horses and 28 men, several guns and regular field camping equipment. The camp will be a model one and the military activities will be of great interest and educational value.

In closing his letter, Mr. Bryant stated that the men in the unit are well disciplined and a credit to the standing army of the United States.

## Fairmont Letter

Work Begun on Cement Sidewalks and New Brick Store Building—"You Never Can Tell" Play Friday Night.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Fairmont, Apr. 2—Contract was last week for the construction of nearly a mile of cement sidewalk beginning at the corner of Mrs. A. A. Shaw's lot along West on Cottage street to Main street and starting at the corner of the Baptist church lot West on church street to the corner of Mr. J. F. Johnson's lot. Several cross streets will be paved at this time. Work was begun Monday.

Work was started Monday morning on the brick building on Messrs. F. F. and A. E. Thompson's lots. It will be a two-store one-story structure. The work will be rushed to completion as quickly as possible.

### Play Friday Night.

Of course "You Never Can Tell", but if you don't go to the school auditorium Friday night at 8 o'clock and see and hear the fun, don't blame anybody but just "self". We haven't had any lyceum attractions this winter, so we've had to depend on our own local talent for entertainment and we haven't been disappointed at any of the performances. Our boys and girls, some few out of high school, know how to carry their parts to perfection. But "You Never Can Tell" is just a little above that eaveage; in fact, it's a humdinger, a regular thriller from the time you meet little Latrelle, Phil's young Ward, until—until—well, until Miss Clark Brigham won't let me finish. You know she wrote the play and is in Fairmont directing it. The Parent-Teacher association is sponsoring the play, so Miss Brigham and the association invite you to come Friday night and find out for yourself. By attending the play we get an evening's entertainment and help the association help the community. Reserved seats on sale at Grantham drug store. Buy early and avoid the rush. The stage settings and decorations will be furnished free of charge by the up-to-date furniture store of Stephens & Barnes.

### Tax Bill Will Pass and Bonus Bill May.

Washington, April 1.—Assurance that the tax reduction bill would be passed this session and prediction that the soldier bonus bill would be enacted into law before Congress adjourns was made today by Chairman Smoot, of the senate finance committee, as leaders of both parties and President Coolidge centered attention on the legislative program. Senator Smoot told the senate the tax bill probably would be ready for a report to the floor by Saturday.

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## Helpful Meeting of Parent-Teacher Assn.

Interesting Talks on Important Subjects—Need of Playgrounds" and Nurse Presented—Mrs. Cooper Discusses Juvenile Court.

Reported for The Robesonian.

There was a most helpful meeting of the Parent-Teacher association on Tuesday, April 1, at the municipal building. Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth conducted the devotional exercises.

Mrs. Justin McNeilly, chairman of the membership committee, made an excellent report. Miss Aileen Gramling discussed federating with the National association. Mr. T. L. Johnson lectured on the "Fundamentals of American Citizenship". He discussed this fully under the heads of integrity, industry and religion.

Miss Gramling principal of the high school, talked on "What Should Be Done in Schools for Citizenship". In discussing "Some Needs of the School", Prof. Crumpton stressed the need of playgrounds and a nurse for the town and school. Mrs. Cooper, from Raleigh, executive secretary of League of Women voters, gave interesting information on "The Juvenile Court".

## Justice Stacy Will Address Graduating Class June 9

Justice W. P. Stacy of the State Supreme court will deliver the address before the graduating class of the Lumberton high school June 9. Supt. W. B. Crumpton received a letter this morning advising that Judge Stacy, who is a brother of Mr. H. E. Stacy of Lumberton, has accepted the invitation to deliver the address.

### Clean-Up Week

April 8 to 11 Set as Additional Clean-Up Week for Lumberton.

To the Citizens of the Town of Lumberton:

Clean-up week set by Fire Insurance Commissioner Wade has passed, but a great many of the back lots have not been cleaned up. We have, therefore, designated April 8th to 11th, both inclusive, as additional clean-up week. We especially call attention to the plan adopted for cleaning up the various wards. The trash wagons and truck will remove all trash from ward no. 1 Tuesday April 8th; ward no. 2, Wednesday, the 9th; ward no. 3, Thursday, the 10th; and ward no. 4, Friday, the 11th. Find out the ward you are in and get your trash ready for these dates. Do not wait until the paved streets.

Operators of garages and owners of vacant lots are requested to remove old junk, such as worn-out cars, etc., from about these places. A committee will inspect your premises after this clean-up-week, and we assure that you want your premises to look clean.

E. M. Johnson, Mayor.

April 3rd, 1924.

### DR. W. O. EDMUND'S STORE AND ITS CONTENTS BURNED.

Store and Plant of Chemical Company 2 Miles East of Town Destroyed by Fire This Morning.

Dr. W. O. Edmund's store and plant for the manufacture of veterinary remedies two miles east of Lumberton on the Whiteville road were destroyed by fire this morning at 9:15 o'clock. Only two showcases were saved. Dr. Edmund says the building cost \$2,700 and he had in it about \$1,700 worth of medical supplies and about \$1,000 worth of merchandise, with very little insurance.

The fire started on the second floor, which was not occupied, but its origin is not known. There was no one at the store at the time, and it had not been open since early this morning. Fire Chief Ed. Glover went to the fire with one truck, but the fire had gained too great headway to be checked.

Chicago, April 1.—More than 100 deputy sheriffs and policemen tonight patrolled the streets of Cicero, a city within Chicago, after an election day in which precinct workers were shot, clubbed and kidnapped in the City's first partisan contest in six years.

The regular town meeting Tuesday night was adjourned until tomorrow night at 7:30 at which time the business scheduled for Tuesday night will be transacted.

D. Adrian Mathews, 33, married, of Audubon, freight conductor on the A. C. L. lines in Wilmington, was struck and killed by an automobile Tuesday night on the Wrightsville turnpike. Three hours later what is believed to be the death car was located and H. A. Boyd was placed under arrest on the charge of murder. A partly filled bottle of gin was found in the car.

R. D. Caldwell & Son received a letter this week from Hart Schaffner and Marx, the well known clothing manufacturers, commenting very highly upon an advertisement of their clothes which appeared in The Robesonian March 20. The letter was a boost for R. M. Normen, advertising manager of the local firm, who prepared the copy, and for The Robesonian's mechanical force, who set it up.

Mr. C. C. Byrd of the Barnesville section was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday.

## Plunges of Candidates and Rumors Disturb The Waters

Small Makes Splash—Dame Rumor Has It That Jas. Spivey Lon Townsend and A. R. Pittman May Seek Sheriff's Job—J. B. McLeod May Run for Solicitor Recorder's Court—W. G. Pittman Reported As Aspirant for County Commissioner Office.

### THREE NOW FOR RECORDER.

Political waters are greatly disturbed by the official announcement appearing in today's Robesonian that Mr. Spurgeon S. Small is a candidate for recorder of Lumberton district. Mr. W. B. Ivey, present recorder, and Mr. C. B. Hocutt are the other contestants in the race.

"Spurge", as he is commonly called, is proprietor of the Star Barber shop and has a large number of friends throughout Robeson county. He is a native of that community between Lumberton and Fairmont known as "Small's Crossroads", and since coming to Lumberton several years ago has become very popular. His picture has been sent throughout North Carolina, appearing in an issue of Charity & Children several months ago under the caption "Champion". This title Mr. Small won when he was twice awarded the championship for eating at social functions of his Sunday school class.

Throughout the county rumors have been floating for several days that Mr. Jas. Spivey of Lumberton and Mr. Lon Townsend of St. Paul will enter the race for sheriff against the present candidate, Mr. B. Frank McMillan, who was defeated by a slight margin two years ago. It is also rumored that Mr. John Blount McLeod a young lawyer of Lumberton, will oppose Mr. F. Ertel Carlyle for solicitor of recorder's court of this district. Street gossip this morning also had it that Mr. Gerald W. Pittman would be a candidate for county commissioner. None of these rumors can be confirmed. Mr. Spivey does not affirm nor does he deny the rumor about him. Mr. McLeod states that he is undecided.

Just before going to press another rumor leaked into The Robesonian office to the effect that Rural Police officer A. R. Pittman might be a candidate for Sheriff of Robeson county.

When asked about it, Mr. Pittman stated that he was considering the matter and that he would give some definite information during the next few days.

### TAR HEEL TOPICS

Mr. W. J. Monroe Becomes Postmaster—Funeral of Mr. Frank Burney—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Tar Heel, April 1—Plowing and preparing for planting is the order of the day in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cain of Tolarsville spent last Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Brisson.

Mrs. D. W. McDuffie spent the week-end with friends and relatives in St. Pauls.

Mr. W. W. Robeson went to Lumberton one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Monroe and daughter, Miss Hazel, and son, Master Earl, visited Mrs. Monroe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Powers, of the Ten Mile section, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Brady and family visited in this vicinity last Sunday. Mr. W. T. Hall of Lumberton spent last Sunday in our community.

Miss Lela Mae Cain of Tolarsville visited her sister Mrs. H. C. Brisson recently.

Mr. W. J. Monroe has been appointed postmaster. He takes charge of the office today.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Hall of Dublin spent a short while here Sunday.

A large crowd attended the funeral of Mr. Frank Burney Sunday p. m.

Mr. S. Y. Pharr went to Raleigh a few days ago on business.

Mrs. Y. V. Tolar and family of Parkton spent the week-end here with relatives.

Mr. Jesse Monroe visited in the Ten Mile section Sunday.

We enjoy reading Aunt Becky's letters very much. Hope she will write often.

Best wishes to The Robesonian.

### Former Auditor Wood Dies.

Col. W. P. Wood of Asheboro, who was elected State auditor in 1910 and served for 10 years, died Tuesday night in a High Point hospital, where he had been a patient since January. He was for many years Asheboro's most prominent citizen.

He was born in 1843 and entered the Confederate army when he was 17 years old.

Visitors Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sugar on Broad street were Mr. and Mrs. Furman Biggs and little son from Lumberton and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Epstein and children of Raeford, who motored over for a short while. Mrs. Biggs was formerly Miss Kate Britt, resident of St. Paul several years ago.

Miss Elva Harrington of the school faculty at Bailey was a delightful week-end guest in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Harrington.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. McGeachy

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## Program For Meeting Of Sunday School Club

Meeting to be Held at Gospel Tabernacle Sunday Afternoon—Attendance at all Churches Increased.

### MUCH ENTHUSIASM SHOWN.

The program for the next meeting of the Lumberton Sunday School club