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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.

### 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 let last week for the construction of nearly a mile of cement sidewalk beginning at the corner of Mrs. A. A. Shaw's lot and going 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-story 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 the average; in fact, it's a humdinger, a regular thriller from the time you meet little Latrelia, Phil's young ward, until—until—well, until Miss Caryl 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.

### 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 McNeill, 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 put trash on 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. 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.

### 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.

"Spurg", as he is commonly called, 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-man 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. Mr. 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 Tile Mill section, Sunday afternoon.

### 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 which is to be held at the Gospel Tabernacle Sunday afternoon, is printed below. Much interest and enthusiasm has been taken in the club since its organization several weeks ago and the attendance at all the churches has been materially increased.

The meeting in March, held at Chesnut Street Methodist church, was well attended. A splendid program was rendered and a number of out-of-town visitors was present. Ladies are especially invited to attend this meeting.

#### Program.

Hymn 241—"Work for the Night is Coming". Hymn 229—"He Leadeth Me". Hymn 88—"O, Beulah Land". Scripture Selection—Dr. C. H. Durham. Prayer—Rev. T. McM. Grant. "Battle Hymn of the Republic". "Best Methods Used to Increase Sunday School Attendance"—Mr. Louis Stovall. Quartette. "Value of Sunday School to Men"—Mr. H. E. Stacy. Little Girls' Trio—"My Heart Belongs to Jesus"—Isabel Edwards, Helen Floyd, Ruby Edwards. Hymn 239—"In The Cross of Christ I Glory". Benediction.

#### TO SUCCEED DAUGHTERY.

Washington, April 2.—President Coolidge filled his second cabinet vacancy today by selecting Harlan Fiske Stone, retiring dean of Columbia university school of law, as attorney-general.

### St. Paul News

Funeral of Mr. C. C. McLellan—A Variety of Personal Items. By Bessie G. Johnson. St. Paul, April 1.—Instead of meeting on Friday as usual, the missionary basket meeting will be held on Thursday afternoon at 3:30 this week at the home of Mrs. Ralph Powers, Broad street. Preceding this the mission study class will be held at 3 o'clock.

Friends of Rev. Daniel Patt McGeachy D. D., of Decatur, Ga., were glad to greet him a brief while yesterday afternoon, en route to Fayetteville, where he will assist in a revival which began last night. His brother Mr. L. A. McGeachy, who met him in Lumberton in the afternoon, accompanied him to Fayetteville. Mr. McGeachy hopes to visit St. Paul between intervals while there and will possibly spend a few days among us at the close of the meeting.

Mr. L. L. McGoogan and sister, Mrs. Sallie Hartman, and their brother Mr. George McGoogan and son, Wilbur, motored over to Dunn last Sunday to attend the funeral of a relative, Mr. C. C. McLellan of that community, who was buried at Black's Chapel near there in the afternoon. Deceased, who was 77 years of age, had been in ill health for several years, having been critically ill the past few weeks, therefore his death, which came Friday morning, was not unexpected. He is survived by 3 daughters and 2 sons—Mesdames C. J. Jones of Cumberland county, N. E. Denson of Rocky Mount and E. L. McNeill of Vass; Messrs. C. C. McLellan Jr. and Rhodes C. McLellan, who reside at the old homestead. Mr. McLellan was a most highly respected citizen of his community and a devout member of the Presbyterian church at Godwin. During his illness a brother, Mr. Jno. McLellan of Phoenix, Arizona, had been away something like 43 years, returned to North Carolina for a visit to the old home near Dunn, arriving about 2 weeks prior to his brother's death. Deceased was a cousin of Mrs. D. A. McGoogan of our town, who was also with him during the extremis. She returned home Sunday afternoon following the funeral.

### Democratic Precinct Meetings To Be Held Saturday

Chairman Johnson Wants Large and Enthusiastic Convention Here April 12th—Committees Elected at Precinct Meetings to Elect Chairman and Secretary.

The Democratic voters of the precincts of Robeson county will gather at their respective voting places Saturday for the purpose of electing committees and delegates to the county convention, according to Mr. T. L. Johnson, county chairman.

In an article by Mr. Johnson appearing in Monday's Robesonian, he stated that he was very anxious to have a large and enthusiastic county convention here April 12th, with just as many citizens in attendance as possible. He also stated that after the adjournment of the precinct meeting, the committee elected in the meeting, should at once appoint a chairman and a secretary, and notify him.

### Parkton Letter

Not so Many Fools as Formerly—When to Plant Cotton, Corn and Gardens—Electric Lights by Saturday Night—Baseball and Basketball—Buck Horn Commencement April 25. By C. D. Williamson. Parkton, Apr. 1.—All Fools day just about to a close. Not much demonstration reported, only a few private or individual cases and only a few of the shallow school children even attempted to leave the school premises during school hours. We observe a number of the Lumber Bridge school pupils that hiked over our way and continued their journey as far as Midway, and some of their number were glad to ride back on the train. This scribe claims he got out stout today. Times are changing, anyway; not so many fools in the country as there were ten years ago; and I think it commendable.

When to Plant. Today some of the farmers on route 2 from our postoffice planted cotton. I have been asked by so many farmers my advice as to when to plant corn and cotton for this season. I would advise, first, to see the date of Easter, and you will see it recorded for April 20th. Plant your field corn when you see the dogwood in full bloom; and plant cotton on or about good Friday, and no sooner if you don't want to plant the second time. If some of you demonstrators have something better, let us hear from you. So far as gardens are concerned, you had better get in high gear if you have not already planted.

Bad Auto Wreck. That was some wreck Sunday evening when a couple young men from a neighboring town were speeding at near 50 miles schedule and as they reached the Council Curve on State highway route 21, one mile above Midway, the Oakland left the road and landed headlong in the bay. One of the most exciting wrecks the writer most ever witnessed. We only viewed it a few minutes after the accident. Hundreds of tourists paused to take a peep at that once beautiful car, and it remains yet a miracle that it was not damaged to a greater extent; and more of a miracle that its occupants were not killed. They escaped with only a few minor bruises.

The amusing thing to the writer was, two aged men viewing the car deep down in the mud remarked, "You say the driver must have been sober?" "No, no, I say if he had been sober he might have been killed." (The Old Home Town).

Electric Lights. Our town promises beautiful electric lights ere Saturday night. We will tell you about it later. Mr. John Gillis made a speedy trip to Raleigh and return today. Baseball. The third nine baseball went over to Lumber Bridge Monday afternoon and played the like-aged nine. The game was of much interest from beginning to the finish. The boys were near evenly matched and while Parkton lads led off, yet their opponents finally evened up and the game ran 50-50 for a few innings. Finally Lumber Bridge won; score 8 to 9. Johnson of Rex umpired the game most satisfactorily and no disputes, no unpleasant words, and a good old time prevailed throughout. Batteries for the locals, Pittman and Sikes; for the visitors, McCall and Williamson. Time of game, 2 hours. Mrs. D. W. Marsh and other members of the family motored up to Raleigh Sunday and visited near relatives and report a good day, while Mr. R. B. Hutson and wife motored to Gastonia and report a fine trip. Time too short and space too scarce for other mention. We are glad to report the sick of our town all better. The musical on last Tuesday night at the auditorium by Mrs. Williams and others of Fayetteville was much enjoyed by a small house. The music

### Holt-Lawrence Marriage Takes Town By Surprise

Miss Anna Lawrence and Mr. Porter Preston Holt Married in Bennettsville Monday—Complete Surprise—First Application For License Refused.

Miss Anna Norwood Lawrence of Lumberton and Mr. Porter Preston Holt of Spencer were married Monday afternoon in the Marlboro county court house, Bennettsville, S. C., at 4:45 by Probate Judge McLaurin. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Holt in company with Misses Janie K. Wishart and Mary Biggs of Lumberton, who attended the ceremony, returned to Hamlet, going from there to Spencer, where the bridegroom holds a position with the Southern Railway Co.

News of the marriage, which was received here about 5:30, was a complete surprise to even closest friends and relatives of the bride. According to reports received here, the couple did not let their intentions be known until after they had reached Rockingham on a joy ride. License was refused at Rockingham on account of the Register of deeds doubt of Mrs. Holt's age. It was only a matter of a few miles and a few minutes, so they proceeded to Bennettsville.

Mrs. Holt is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Lawrence and is very popular here and elsewhere throughout the state. She attended school at Flora Macdonald, Passifern, Queens and Coker college. The bridegroom is a young man of a prominent family.

### Items of Local News

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. John Felts, yesterday afternoon, a boy. Regular meeting of Maccabees in the hall tomorrow night. Degree work. Mr. Hugh Gray of Wadesboro began work yesterday as clerk at the Lorraine hotel.

License has been issued for the marriage of Miss Emma Kinlaw and Mr. R. B. Kinlaw. There will be a bad supper at the Goat club this evening at 7 o'clock. All members are urged to attend. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Watts have moved to Laurinburg, where Mr. Watts is manager of the Scotland theatre.

Dr. G. Blair Jennings will attend Saturday in Sanford a meeting of the North Carolina Chiropractor association and will deliver a lecture on "How to Care for Acute Disease". Mr. and Mrs. Jno. C. Fuller have gone to Mayo Bros. hospital in Rochester, Minn., where they will spend several weeks. They left Saturday night.

Mr. Ray Bond of Greensboro is spending a few days in Lumberton on business. Mr. Bond has the contract for roofing the new high school building. He expects the work to be completed today. Mr. G. A. Crofton and family are moving today from the Rozier residence on East Fifth street to the Barker residence, same street, which was recently vacated by Mr. N. P. Andrews. Mr. J. A. Jettette and family expect to move tomorrow into the house vacated by Mr. Crofton. Mr. U. S. Page, proprietor of Page's lake, 7 miles east of St. Paul, was a Lumberton visitor yesterday. Mr. Page says he has made great improvements at this resort and is preparing every comfort and convenience for Sunday school picnickers and others of the best class. He is going to drain off his lake to make wider beaches and will have a fish fry at an early date. O. J. Peterson writes from Clinton that "Capt. Fitzhugh Whitfield, the active and vigorous chairman of the Sampson county Democratic executive committee is exerting himself considerably to arouse an interest among the Democrats of the county. He is writing many party-men with regard to the township and county conventions and has secured the promise of Mr. A. W. McLean to be present on April 12th, the day of the county convention, and address the assembled patriots.