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Thompson Memorial Hospital Is Assured

Charter Has Been Applied For—137 Local People Have Subscribed Approximately \$50,000 in Amounts From \$50 to \$5,000.

Thompson Memorial hospital, to replace the Dr. N. A. Thompson hospital recently destroyed by fire, is now assured. Stock subscriptions to the minimum amount of \$50,000 are now in sight and application for charter has been made.

Mr. K. M. Barnes is chairman and Mr. J. Dixon McLean is secretary of the committee. They and Dr. T. C. Johnson composed the committee that had in charge the matter of soliciting stock subscriptions.

BOYS FROM INDUSTRIAL HOME GAVE SPLENDID CONCERT HERE

Large Appreciative Audience Heard Youthful Musicians—Every Number on Program a Feature—Bugle Call and Echo Win Great Applause—Neat Sum Voluntarily Contributed—Street Concert.

A large crowd attended the concert given Wednesday night in the court house here by the drum and cornet corps from the Georgia Industrial school, Macon, Ga., and a neat sum was contributed to the cause.

World war veterans in the audience were almost tempted to disrobe and "turn in" for the night when the youthful cornetists rendered perfectly their bugle call "taps". The audience was fooled for a few minutes on account of the perfect echo which resounded after every pause in the call, but soon realized that one of the boys had slipped from his aggregation, and was on the court house lawn forcing an imitation echo back through his cornet into the building, which was the quietest it had been since the primary in June.

FIRE DESTROYS COTTON GIN AND SEED HOUSE AT FAIRMONT

Damage Estimated at \$20,000 Partially Covered by Insurance—Origin Undetermined.

Fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed a cotton gin and seed house in Fairmont early Saturday morning, causing a loss of approximately \$20,000.

Prayermeetings

- Prayermeetings to be held Thursday night under the auspices of the Men's Christian league have been announced as follows: No. 1 at the home of Mr. T. L. Johnson. No. 2 at East Lumberton. No. 3 at the home of Mr. R. E. Lewis. No. 4 at Jennings cotton mill. No. 5 at the home of Mr. E. W. Kiplaw on 17th street.

PROMPT SERVICE

FULLER'S SERVICE STATION

Corner 2nd. & Chestnut Sts.

Liberty School House Near Maxton Destroyed By Fire

Seat of Turmoil and Dissension Among Patrons is Wiped Out by Fire of Incendiary Origin—New Brick Modernly Equipped Building Costing \$28,000—\$15,000 Insurance.

SUGGESTED THAT DISTRICT BE CONSOLIDATED WITH MAXTON

By H. C. MacNair. Maxton, Dec. 7.—Liberty school house 6 miles south of Maxton, was burned this morning at 4 o'clock. It was a new brick building, modernly equipped, originally costing around \$28,000. It was entirely destroyed as there was no fire protection and when discovered the fire had gained such headway that it was beyond control.

This consolidated school district, recently chartered, has been the seat of unending turmoil and dissension among the patrons, first a bitter contention between two church communities, then as to the particular one of two sites in the same community that it was built. Finally it was located and built; then there arose still another issue that finally found its way in the courts.

There is a suit now pending against the contractor for \$4,000 damages and one against the present local school board for \$1,600, all for damages arising from faulty construction and for non-compliance with the law and negligence of duty.

Several Maxton citizens have suggested that Liberty school district be consolidated with Maxton consolidated district, wherein patrons from both would derive a benefit.

Fairmont Man Buys Large Tract Real Estate in Texas

Dr. Brown Says Advantages There Are Wonderful—Will Return to Texas in January—No Hard Times or Busted Banks.

Dr. J. P. Brown of Fairmont was a Lumberton visitor Thursday and was very much enthused over the great advantages, he says there are in the lower Rio Grande valley in Southern Texas, where he spent several days recently.

King and Harrell Pay Death Penalty

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 5.—Mortimer N. King, of Canton, N. C., and Frank Harrell of Union County, S. C. were electrocuted at the State Penitentiary here shortly after 6 o'clock this morning for the murder of Major Samuel H. McLeary, just off the Raleigh-Columbia highway on July 2 last.

Dinner In Honor Of Ex-Sheriff Lewis

Retiring Sheriff Honor Guest at Turkey Dinner Given at Goat Club by Solicitor T. A. McNeill—Remarkable Tributes Paid to Fidelity and Loyalty of Lewis and His Service to the County.

MOST DELIGHTFUL OCCASION.

Retiring Sheriff R. E. Lewis was honor guest at a turkey dinner given at the Goat club last Monday evening by Solicitor T. A. McNeill. Other guests included rural policemen and other officers who served with Sheriff Lewis during his 12 years in office, and a few other friends.

It was a bitter cold night, but blazing logs in the large fireplace made all clear and comfort within, and it was a most delightful occasion of fellowship. In informal talks around the fire after the repast, remarkable tributes were paid by every one of the guests to Sheriff Lewis' outstanding service to the county during his term of office, to his fidelity to duty and to his unswerving loyalty to friends through good and through evil report, without regard to the effect upon his political fortunes.

Those present and responding to toasts were: Rural Policemen J. H. Carper and R. C. Miller of Rowland, J. R. McRaney of Parkton, D. C. Ratley of Fairmont, Tom Bowen of Red Springs; E. P. Bryant, special deputy, of Alfordville; A. R. Pittman of Fairmont, former rural policeman; Lucy McNair of Rennett, special deputy; Neil Smith of Fairmont, special deputy; A. H. Prevatte, jailer; Jim McLeod, office clerk; W. B. Ivey, retiring recorder; Ertel Carlyle, solicitor of recorder's court; Henry Guthrie of Rockingham, of the State department of revenue; A. V. G. Wishart, county auditor; Ira Bullard and J. A. Sharpe.

Some of the boys called this the "spistol-toters ball", and most certainly it was an occasion to delight the heart of any Jiggs whatever.

Men's Prayermeeting In Court House Each Morning 8:30 to 9 Including Sunday

Fiddlers' Convention at Parkton 19th. An old fiddlers' convention will be held in the Parkton school auditorium Friday evening, Dec. 19th, at 7:30 o'clock.

Twenty dollars in cash prizes are offered to be distributed as follows: best all-round fiddler—\$10 in gold; second best—\$5 in silver; best banjo or guitar picker—\$5 in silver.

A full evening of entertainment is promised to lovers of good old-fashioned music. Hot coffee and cake will be served to all musicians.

Private Audit Shows Sheriff's Books in Fine Shape

Books in the sheriff's office have been found to be in first-class shape by certified accountants personally employed by Sheriff B. F. McMillan.

Cotton Market

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

A. W. McLean Highly Honored In New York And Washington

Governor-elect Guest of Honor at Dinner in New York Given by St. Andrew Society and Made Honorary Member of New York Caledonian Club—Guest of Honor at Dinner at Guatemalan Legation in Washington.

GIVEN EXQUISITE GOLD BADGE BY CALEDONIAN CLUB

Governor-elect Angus Wilton McLean returned home Saturday night from a week's visit to New York city and Washington, in both of which cities he was highly honored. He went to New York at the invitation of the St. Andrew society, the oldest Scottish society in America, founded in 1756, being honor guest of the society at a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel.

Mr. McLean also was entertained by the Caledonian club of New York and was made an honorary member of that body, being presented with a beautiful solid gold medal, on the back of which is inscribed his name.

President Pledges Continued Aid to Farmer

Promise of continued governmental aid to agriculture, an appeal to the nation's farmers to take full advantage of such assistance, and advice to business to cooperate with those on the farm were contained in two addresses made by President Coolidge during a 13-hour visit to Chicago Thursday.

Superior Court

The regular term of Robeson Superior court for the trial of civil cases which convened here last Monday adjourned Thursday afternoon. No jury trials were held after the report published in Thursday's Robesonian. The case of Richard Hardin, Indian, vs. the Globe Insurance Co. was non-suited.

Tom Graham, Colored, Dies Suddenly

Tom Graham, colored, about 40 years old, was found dead at his home a short distance west of the Fifth street river bridge Saturday morning at 7 o'clock. He had gone to the kitchen and fell while about some work in the room.

Oyster Supper At Zion's Tabernacle

Correspondence of The Robesonian. There will be an oyster supper given at Zion's Tabernacle school house Friday night of this week, Dec. 12th. Various stunts will be given by the school that will be interesting.

Box Supper

There will be a box supper at Cedar Grove school house Friday night at 7 o'clock. The proceeds will go toward paying for the piano in the church. Everybody invited.

Parkton Letter

Handsome New Brick Depot About Completed—Fiddlers' Convention 19th—Residence Burned—Preparings for Christmas Carols and Pageant—Personal and Other Items.

By C. D. Williamson.

Parkton, Dec. 5.—The new brick depot is just about completed, and it is one of the prettiest depots this side of the Blue Ridge or the Mason and Dixon line, of which we feel proud. The Union prayer-meeting held at the Baptist church here Wednesday night was conducted by the following laymen of Fayetteville: Dr. J. W. McNeill, leader, Mr. Kerr and Mr. W. B. Webb.

Ye old-time fiddlers' convention-for Parkton will convene in the school auditorium on Dec. 19. All fiddlers of this section, dancers and banjo pickers are urged to get ready for one of the biggest conventions. A real record-breaker is expected.

Another exciting fire occurred in our town last night about six o'clock, when the dwelling owned by Mr. G. D. Ammons on Second street and occupied by Mr. Geo. Hall, burned. It seems as there was no one home when the fire was discovered.

William Phillips, first to discover the fire, and he rushed to the burning building and a few others. Only saved a very few belongings. Origin unknown, and no insurance.

Christmas Carols.

Extensive preparations are being made for the Christmas Carols, to be given Christmas Eve. Fifty or more voices are in training, with the desire to increase the number to one hundred.

Wife of Rev. S. E. Mercer Dies at Home in Durham

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Recorder's Court

Monday Morning Session Attended by Large Crowd—W. W. Bullard Charged With Transporting Whiskey and Carrying Concealed Weapons.

Recorder P. S. Kornegay's court this morning had the appearance of a regular term of Superior court for the trial of criminal cases. At least a hundred people were in the court room during the session, which lasted into the afternoon.

The case against W. W. Bullard, whom officers have charged with transporting whiskey and carrying concealed weapons, attracted much attention and possibly will be tried this afternoon. Several minor cases took up most of the morning session. The case against three soldiers from Fort Bragg, who were arrested Saturday afternoon on charges of transporting whiskey had to be continued until tomorrow morning on account of the crowded docket.

The soldiers were arrested by local officers after they had wrecked the Ford touring car in which they were riding, on Elm street, near Fourteenth. Private Paul Bryant was the driver of the car. Officers found a large army pistol on him and a small quantity of whiskey in the car. He was also charged with driving while under the influence of whiskey.

Sam Hammond, Indian, plead guilty Saturday to carrying a concealed weapon and was given the choice of a \$50 fine and costs or 30 days on the roads. The road sentence is to take effect tomorrow if the fine is not paid by that time.

"DANGER" WAS ITS NAME AND HARMLESS WAS ITS NATURE.

Fine Work of Local Actors Rescued From Entire Bromidity an Entertaining of Small Merit—Woman's Club Realized \$79.

"Danger" was the name and harmless was the nature of the burlesque entertainment given at the high school auditorium Thursday evening under the auspices of the Woman's club and under the direction of Mrs. J. J. Garland of Atlanta, Ga.

Andor compels the statement that the entertainment was something of a disappointment to the large crowd that assembled. But that was in no wise the fault of the local actors. In fact, the local actors by sheer ability and determination to put it over, spite of, rescued from entire bromidity a play that otherwise would have fallen flat. There were many "bright particular stars" among the local actors, but there is no doubt but that Supt. W. B. Crumpton of the local schools was the "dark particular star."

Total receipts amounted to \$208. Of this amount, Mrs. Garland got half, plus expenses, leaving the Woman's club \$79 net.

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While hunting Friday in Columbus county, Messrs. W. G. Allen and W. H. Hamilton, northern sportsmen, who are guests at the Lorraine hotel, shot and killed a bob-tailed wild-cat, which the dogs had chased up a pine tree about 12 feet from the ground.

Two New Rural Policemen

Rural Policemen R. C. Miller of the Lumberton district and D. C. Ratley of the Fairmont district have resigned and Sheriff B. F. McMillan has appointed to succeed them Messrs. Melton Ivey and Mark Page. All the other rural policemen hold over until the January meeting of the county commissioners.

A preacher, physician, plumber, undertaker, moving picture theatre manager and an ice dealer, all of Lumberton, left here early this morning for several days' hunting trip in Currituck county. The gentlemen are Rev. T. McM. Grant, Dr. T. C. Johnson, Messrs. J. L. Stephens, J. W. Griffin, M. A. Geddies and G. B. Kirkman.

Mr. C. W. Dever of Bladenboro spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Roberts of Lumberton.

HELD OVER

Owing to the sickness of one of The Robesonian's linotype operators, several articles that otherwise would have appeared in this issue must be held over. Among them are reports of a well-attended county teachers meeting here Saturday and an address by A. E. Bing, secretary-treasurer of the N. C. Cotton Growers Co-operative association.

Items of Local News

Only 14 more shopping days until Christmas.

Local schools will suspend December 19th for Christmas holidays and the spring term will begin January 1st.

Mr. D. H. McPhail and family moved Saturday from R. 2, Lumberton, to the Elrod section, where they will make their home.

Mr. E. Clyde Wade, superintendent of streets, has moved from Allenton to the Moore dwelling on Nineteenth street.

Mr. G. W. West has moved into his new store building on Chippewa street. The building is of brick and adds greatly to that section of town.

A large number from here went to Hamlet Friday night, to Bennettsville Saturday night and to Fort Bragg last night to see "The Flashes of the Great White Way."

Miss Lucy Crute's season here as trimmer for Miss Josephine Breese will be over on the 16th inst. and she will leave soon there-after for her home at South Hill, Va.

A bird and oyster supper was enjoyed by a large crowd of members and invited guests at the Goat club Friday evening. A little after-supper fun was had by mild initiation of a few members who escaped the last strenuous initiation.

Mrs. John Jones had us her guests yesterday Dr. E. G. Wimberly of Bethel Church, Charleston, S. C., his wife and Mrs. R. L. Wells and Mrs. Jones' step-son, Mr. J. W. Jones, also of Charleston, who had been attending the Methodist conference in Dillon. Mrs. Jones also attended the session of conference yesterday.

Representative Collier Cobb of Parkton was a Lumberton visitor Saturday. Mr. Cobb says he and his fellow-representative, Mr. D. P. McKinnon, and Senator T. L. Johnson would like to see discussion through the columns of The Robesonian by the people of the county of the legislation they want at the coming session of the Legislature.

All of the steel beams have been placed in the new Planters Bank building on the corner of East Fourth and Chestnut streets. Many have been attracted daily by the display of nerve of the work-men who almost did acrobatic stunts on the top beams, which will support the 5th story of the building.

The young men's Christian league of Lumberton meets at the new high school building Monday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 to 8:50 for a short prayer-meeting service. All boys and young men of the town are requested to attend. The older men hold their prayer-meeting in the court house every morning from 8:30 to 9 o'clock.

Local theatre fans are interested in the announcement that Vierra's Hawaiians will play an engagement at the Pastine theatre here Wednesday and Thursday, matinee and night. This theatrical troupe has played Lumberton several times and their concerts of music and song are always of high order.

Dr. C. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, Messrs. S. McIntyre, T. L. Johnson and R. L. Stephens and Rev. I. P. Hedgepeth expect to leave tomorrow morning for Raleigh to attend the Baptist State convention, which will be in session there Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in Tabernacle Baptist church.

While hunting Friday in Columbus county, Messrs. W. G. Allen and W. H. Hamilton, northern sportsmen, who are guests at the Lorraine hotel, shot and killed a bob-tailed wild-cat, which the dogs had chased up a pine tree about 12 feet from the ground. The cat was brought to Lumberton Saturday morning. It weighed 19 pounds. They reported good luck in finding quail and wild turkeys.

A meeting of the Parent-Teacher association will be held in the new high school auditorium Friday night of this week at 8, and for the entertainment of all who may attend the primary grades will give that "Tom Thumb Circus" which captivated a crowd at morning exercises some month or so ago. No admission will be charged. It is an entertainment extraordinary and no one should miss it who can attend.

Dr. T. C. Britt, formerly of Lumberton but now an official in the Wilmington City Health department, was a Lumberton visitor yesterday and received congratulations from friends on the arrival of a daughter, Bettie Lou, who was born to him and Mrs. Britt a few days ago. Dr. Britt was accompanied to Lumberton by his father-in-law, Mr. Landeth, of Brooklyn, N. Y., his sister Miss Bettie Britt and his half-brother Master Knox Britt.

Wrecks on the highways or streets are becoming so common that when an automobile strikes another no special attention is paid to it, and both drivers keep going. Saturday a car was going east on West Fifth street, and as it passed the Battery Service station a car backing out was struck by it. A front fender on the car going east was badly bent, but the driver kept going, after casually glancing around to see if the wheels had been knocked out from under the other car, which was not damaged, the bumper being struck.