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### BILL PROVIDES FOR PUBLIC PARK WHERE CEMETERY IS NOW

Commissioners of Town Will Be Required to Remove Bodies From Lot Near Town Hall—Mayor Will Receive Additional Salary—Commissioners Also Get a Raise—Property Can Be Condemned For Extension of Power Lines—Waiting Tax Payers Charged With Additional Percentage.

### RELATIVES OF DECEASED TO BE GIVEN TEN DAYS' NOTICE

Converting the grounds now used as a cemetery near the town hall into a public park and playground will upon the ratification of a bill introduced in the legislature by Representative D. P. McKinnon, be the duty of the town commissioners of Lumberton, and failure to do so will subject them to a fine of not more than \$50. The bill provides for the removal and re-entombment of bodies buried on this lot by the town, unless it is done by relatives or friends of deceased. If the bill is ratified the commissioners are required to give notice of 10 days, and if after the expiration of this time no relative or friend has taken charge of the removal, the commissioners are required to remove the bodies and stones, slabs and monuments and place them in Meadowbrook cemetery in plots to be supplied by the town free of cost.

Commissioners of the town will receive an increase in salary from \$5 to \$8 per month, and the mayor will receive an increase from \$300 to \$480 per year, according to the bill.

Another paragraph in the bill gives the town commissioners power to condemn alleyways, and any other property for the purpose of running light and power lines. Tax payers will be benefited by the bill by an allowance of 2 percent discount on all taxes paid prior to November 1st, and a 1 percent discount on all taxes paid prior to December 1st. There is also a provision in the bill which will enable the town to use a great amount of tax money which has been withheld by the taxpayers until the final time for paying taxes. This part of the bill gives the commissioners power to charge 1 percent on all taxes paid during the month of January, 2 percent in February and 3 percent in March.

### GREAT WAR PICTURE TO BE SHOWN IN ST. PAUL SCHOOL

American Legion Post Secures Film of Actual Warfare.

Members of the St. Paul American Legion post are to be congratulated on having secured the great World War moving picture "Powder River" to be shown in the Grand theatre in St. Paul March 9th, 10th and 11th, matinee and night.

The picture is historical, educational and thrilling, and was taken in action by the United States Army Signal Corps. Every scene is real, and the 1,500 feet of confiscated German submarine pictures, showing the barbarous methods used by the Germans during their unrestricted submarine warfare, are especially interesting. These pictures were captured by Americans, and are being shown in this great film with the approval of the War Department.

### BORGULM FACES ARREST AND SUIT FOR DESTRUCTION OF STONE MT. MEMORIAL MODELS

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 25.—Warrants charging Gus Borgulm, sculptor, and J. G. Tucker his superintendent of construction, with malicious mischief in connection with the destruction of the working plans and models for carving the Confederate memorial on Stone Mountain, near Atlanta, were sworn out tonight by the Stone Mountain Memorial association, which today dismissed Borgulm as directing sculptor.

The association announced that it had filed suit against Borgulm for \$50,000 for alleged destruction of the models and working plans. Armed guards were placed on duty tonight at Stone Mountain by the DeKalb county sheriff, the association said.

Miss Lucy Crute of South Hill, Va., arrived Tuesday to resume her position as head trimmer in Miss Josephine Breese's millinery store. Miss Crute went with Miss Breese on her recent trip to New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore to study.

After the H. M. McAllister property on Seventh street had been sold at public auction Monday at 2 o'clock to Mr. A. E. White, the sale was reopened by Mr. E. M. Johnson, who had charge of the sale, and a bid of \$7,000 by the Mortgage Loan & Investment Co. was final.

Dr. G. Blair Jennings, chiropractor, has moved his offices from the Freeman building to the Johnson building, second floor.

Mr. L. Z. Hedgpeth of Rowland was a Lumberton visitor yesterday.

SPRING AND SUMMER STYLES are now on Display.  
TERMS  
Cash or 4 Months to Pay.  
JOHN D. PURVIS, Tailor,  
5th St. Front of Courthouse.

### W. K. BETHUNE AGAIN HEADS KIWANIS CLUB

Unanimously Re-elected and Given High Praise for His Untiring Efforts in Keeping the Club Alive and Active—Fish-Story Contest.

### CRUMPTON WINS THE HATCHET

W. K. Bethune was unanimously re-elected president of the Lumberton Kiwanis club at the weekly luncheon Tuesday. Other officers were elected Tuesday of last week, as stated in The Robesonian a week ago. Mr. Bethune was elected after Rev. T. McM. Grant, who was placed in nomination last week, had decided definitely that he would have to decline. Dr. R. S. Beam, chairman of the nominating committee, who placed Mr. Bethune in nomination, and Mr. H. E. Stacy, who seconded, gave public expression to what every member of the club knows in declaring that the success of the club during this, its first year, has been due to the tireless energy and determination of President Bethune, who organized it after much hard work and has kept it functioning by his persistent efforts. Mr. Stacy said that no other man in Lumberton would have devoted the time and energy and ability that Bethune has expended on the job.

In reluctantly accepting the office for another year Mr. Bethune expressed appreciation of the confidence of the members and said he would undertake to continue to discharge the duties of the office on condition that every member pledged his loyal support, which was done in a rising vote.

The program included a vocal solo by Miss Leta Norment, a violin solo by Mrs. Robert McIntyre, piano accompaniment for both by Miss Elsie Thompson, a reading by Mrs. M. A. Waddell, and a fish-story contest in which Supt. W. B. Crumpton of the local schools beat Ertel Carlyle and M. F. Cobb in telling the biggest fish yarn, in the opinion of the judges, Dickson McLean, John Felts and A. V. G. Wishart, and was awarded the prize, a hatchet entwined with cherries. H. E. Stacy, in presenting the emblem of truth-telling or lying, depending on how you look at it, said that one of the biggest lies ever told was that George Washington never told a lie, and that this emblem went to Crumpton because he had told a bigger lie than the historian who started that G. Washington lie. Mr. Crumpton gracefully accepted the hatchet, with trimmings, as head of the liars' club.

In determining who would compete in the fish-story contest Mr. W. W. Davis, program chairman for the day, drew three cards from a bunch on which members had written their names. Mr. Crumpton's yarn was something like this: Some years ago, when he was fishing in the South Sea islands, his boat sprung a leak one day and he was caught a whale of a fish. The leak was so bad that the boat sank rapidly and his only chance of rescue was to ride the fish to shore, which was miles and miles away. The fish was willing and on the way in they became greatly attached to each other. Kindest fish, he said, he ever met. Wouldn't accept a cent. Fish got so attached to him that it wouldn't leave, but stayed about the place. But later it got to drinking like a fish and went to the bad. So he honestly won the hatchet.

### Recorder's Court

Brooks Miller and Maud Walters Get 18 Months and 60 Days Respectively—Frank Walters and Wife Pay Cost For Affray—Other cases.

### COURT ROOM IS OVERFILLED

Brooks Miller was sentenced to 18 months on the roads Monday by Recorder P. S. Korneyay who found him guilty of fornication and adultery. Mrs. Maud Walters was given a jail sentence of 60 days on the same charge. Both gave notice of appeal to Superior court, and Mrs. Walters was released under bond. Miller went to jail in default of \$500 bond.

Both defendants are married, and have been in court before on similar charges but were found not guilty. Mrs. Walters was in court Friday charged with an affray, her husband, Frank Walters, being the prosecuting witness, who stated that she had whipped him. Recorder Korneyay taxed each with half the costs. They are residents of East Lumberton, and particularly, on account of the determination of revenge on the part of Walters, who has used an unusual amount of detective work in trying to get a case against the defendants, the case has attracted unusual attention. The commissioners' room in the court house where the trial was held would not hold all the spectators.

Other cases disposed of during the last few days are as follows: Finn Williamson of Cerro Gordo paid the costs for being drunk. Carl Leach was fined \$10 and costs

### DR. DURHAM SAYS DANCING WILL MEET STRONG OPPOSITION

Terrific Blow Against Dancing is Struck at Close of Sermon on Practical Christianity—"Amen" Comes From Congregation When Appeal Is Made For Influence Against Dancing—Where Dancing Is There is Generally Some Drinking.

### SHOULD THINK OF GOD WHEN CASTING A VOTE

Dancing was hit a terrific blow Sunday night by Dr. Chas. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, as he was closing his sermon on "What is Practical Christianity?" "Nobody can pull off a dance here like the one a few nights ago, and get by with it without meeting the strong opposition of this church and the Christian people who believe in practical religion," said Dr. Durham in words that were full of meaning and power. "Amen" was heard to come from a very distinguished member of the church, who was sitting more than half-way back on the main floor, when the preacher made an appeal to the Christian people of the town, who wanted the town to continue to be a decent place in which to live, to use their influence against such evils.

"Go Together." "Reveling, drinking and lust are generally closely associated, and dancing has been determined a part of reveling," he said, and continued, "Where there is dancing, there is generally a certain amount of drinking."

Dr. Durham said that upon investigation he had found that in certain cities, naming several of the larger cities of this state, the proprietors, or people, who ran public dance halls were usually irresponsible persons, who did not help to build school houses, pave the streets or keep up the churches. During a conversation with the chief-of-police in Winston-Salem, Dr. Durham said that the chief had told him the public dance hall was the first place he went when he had an inquiry about a missing girl from her home.

Practical Christianity. The subject of dancing was the climax to Dr. Durham's sermon, the majority of which was built up from the 18th chapter of Romans. He described in detail the different requirements for practical Christianity. He said that he thought a man was going wrong when he went to the ball-box and cast his vote as a citizen of the town, state and nation, leaving off the thought that he was a child of God. "All things that are worn, while are sacred things," he said. The corruptness in politics would soon vanish if every man and woman would cast his or her vote with the idea that he or she was casting it because of the fact that they were children of God.

The man who cannot love his neighbor as he does himself does not love his God enough, declared Dr. Durham. Some people seem to think that it is impossible to love someone else as well as self, but this thought is quickly thrown away after one really loves God as is his privilege.

Another weakness of the average person, Dr. Durham said, is that is seems hard for one to humble himself before his fellow-man. To overcome this weakness one must love God and have a true conception of practical religion. One must sometimes get down on a lower level than he generally walks in order to help someone else, and unless this is done the help is not coming as from a Christian.

### INSPECTING HIGH SCHOOLS.

Robeson Probably Has More on the Accredited List Than Any Other County in the State.

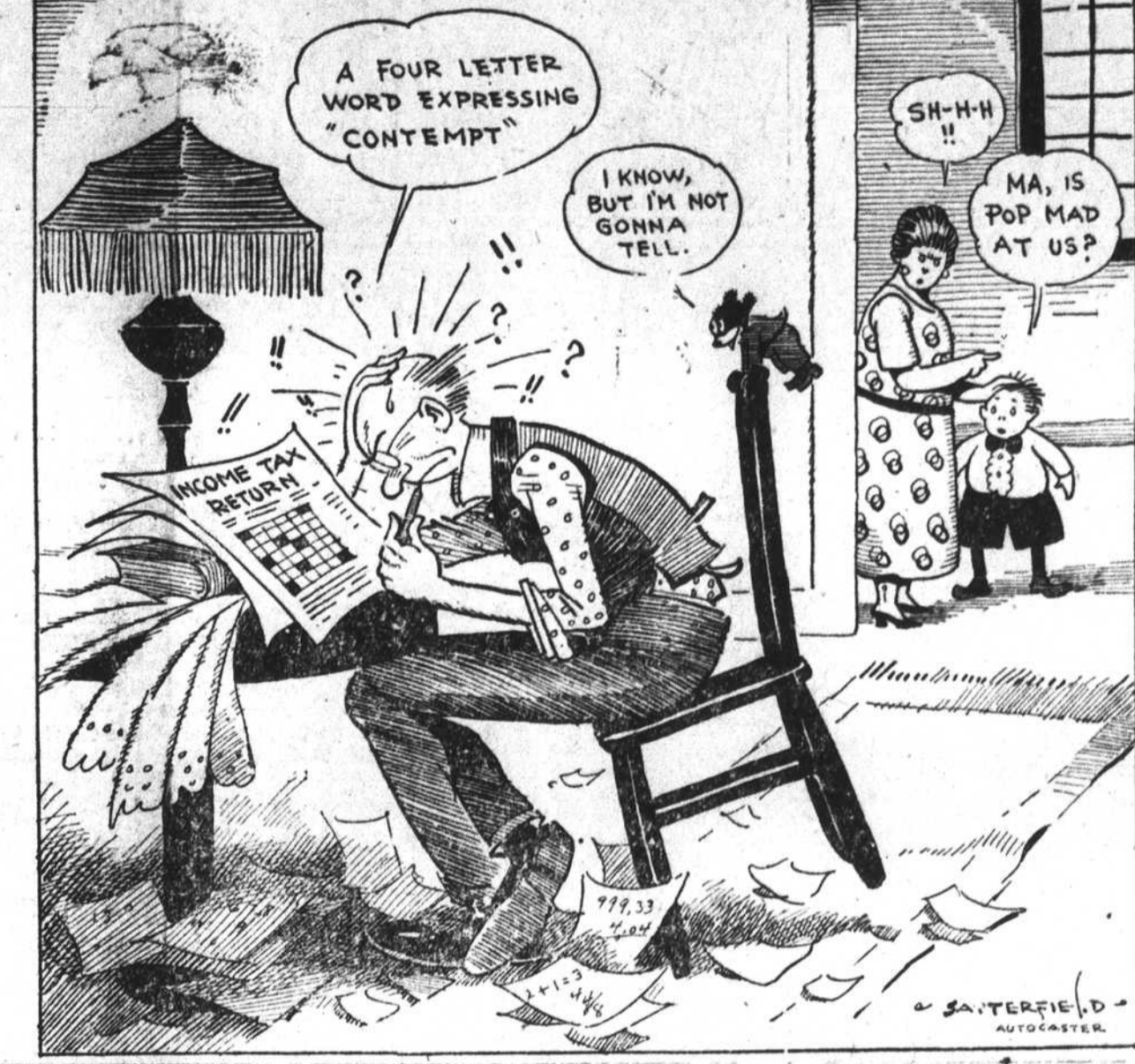
Prof. L. L. Lohr, State inspector of high schools, is spending two days this week with Supt. J. R. Poole inspecting Robeson county schools. They inspected the high school at Fairmont and Barke-Tennille yesterday and today they are visiting Lumber Bridge, Parkton, and possibly Lumberton. Robeson county now has 11 accredited high schools and Supt. Poole thinks that 3 more probably will be added to the list this year, giving the county 14, which probably will place Robeson at the head of the list in the State. Prof. Lohr will advise Supt. Poole definitely on this point when he gets back to his records in Raleigh.

for an affray. Ben Blount paid the costs for being drunk. Jim Jenkins paid the costs for being drunk. Carry Mae McQueen was sent to jail for 30 days on a charge of vagrancy. Lucy Lennon paid the cost for trespassing.

### VETERANS LOAN FUND ACT IS DECLARED INVALID.

The veterans' loan fund act to aid ex-service men to acquire homes and providing for \$2,000,000 bond issue is invalid for the reason that the bonds have not been approved by a majority of the voters of the State, and only by a majority of those voting, the Supreme court decided yesterday in deciding on the test case sent up from Wake Superior court.

### IT'S GOT TO BE SOLVED BY MARCH 15



### FAIRMONT LETTER

Fidelis Class Maps Out Much Work—Last Lyceum Number Friday Night—Personal.

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### Lumber Bridge News

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### SUPERIOR COURT

Civil Term Scheduled For 2 Weeks—Lasts One Day and A Half—Only One Jury Trial—Several Issues Answered to Bind Compromises—Many Cases Continued on Account of Absence of Attorneys.

### THREE DIVORCES GRANTED.

Robeson Superior court for the trial of civil cases which convened here Monday morning with Judge Henry A. Gredy of Clinton presiding, adjourned Tuesday at noon. This was possibly the shortest term of Superior court ever held here, lasting not more than 18 hours and being scheduled for 2 weeks. Only one case was contested, the jury finding that J. H. Furniture Co. was indebted to the Shapleigh Hardware Co. in the sum of \$97.75.

Several issues were answered by the jury, but these were for purposes of making compromises binding. Three divorces were granted as follows: Annie Belle Singletary vs. Geo. C. Singletary; Katie McLeod vs. Wm. McLeod; John Moody vs. Minnie Moody.

Absence of Senator T. L. Johnson, Representative D. P. McKinnon, Attorneys L. R. Varner and R. E. Lawrence made it necessary to continue some important cases which had been set for this term.

### Basketball

Wilmington and Fayetteville Girls Will Play State Elimination Game Here Friday Night.

### COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP GAME FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Wilmington and Fayetteville girls' basketball teams will play a State elimination game on the Lumberton high school court tomorrow (Friday) night at 7:45.

Parkton and Philadelphia boys will play the county championship game on the Lumberton court Friday at 3:30 p. m.

Game Saturday Night—Hamlet and Lumberton boys will play on the Lumberton court Saturday night at 8. This is not a championship game, Lumberton having been eliminated by Jackson Springs in the game at Rockingham last Saturday night.

Philadelphia Wins. In games played in Lumberton yesterday both teams of Philadelphia were victorious, the girls defeating Barker-Tennille and the boys defeating Rowland. In the boys' game the score was 16 to 14, an extra 5-minute period being required to determine the victors.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's club will be held Monday at 4 o'clock in the new club room on the school grounds. All members are urged to be present.

### CROSS WORD PUZZLES

Don't be too sure you can work all the cross word puzzles. A puzzle of unusual interest will appear in an early issue of The Robesonian, possibly Monday. This puzzle is not the most difficult ever tried, but it is not easy. Prizes will be awarded to those sending in the correct solution. Be sure to read Monday's paper for further particulars.

### BEAR AT LARGE UP PARKTON WAY

A Hunt Sunday Night Failed to Land Bruin and He Still Roams—Sawmill Run by Tractors—Sunday School Superintendants Asked to Announce Sacred Concert Sunday.

By C. D. Williamson.

Parkton, Feb. 25.—Please allow me space to report the true account of a real bear hunt which took place Sunday night over in Cumberland, just across the county line in the Roslin section. Mr. Albert Guy, who lives at Roslin, was coming home near 8 o'clock and in less than 300 yards from his home a large black bear crossed the highway and Mr. Guy had to use his breaks to prevent running his Ford over the bear. He recognized it was a bear and rushed home and reported to Dept. M. A. McLean and J. W. Regan, and they took their dogs and soon had the bear on the move, and much interest pursued the race, expecting the dogs to bring the bear to bay or up a tree; but the dogs were unable to capture the large beast. A message was phoned in to Mr. J. B. McCormick to come with his pack of hounds, but as Mr. McCormick is a close observer of the Sabbath he declined. However, the race was kept up till 3 o'clock in the morning and cooled off, and the bear is yet at large. Tais bear has been seen by different parties prior to Sunday night, was seen one night last week by J. C. Hayes of Roslin. One colored man says, "I've been seeing that bear for several years, but didn't tell it case I know nobody would believe me." The writer only regrets he was not in the race with Ralph and Queen.

Mr. L. M. Powell made a business trip to Rocky Mount Tuesday. Times have changed in these latter years. I would ask to report a sawmill owned by Chason Brothers near their farm west of McNatt's station. The power is furnished by a tractor. I was told the capacity is 4 to 5 thousand feet per day of as good lumber as any mill. Just to think, this same tractor can log the mill, haul the lumber if necessary, and furnish the power to saw the lumber.

Since learning of Chason Bros. mill I was informed that McRaney Bros. on Buckhorn have performed the same stunt with their tractor. And we still learn new ideas.

We hear no complaint of the attendance of our school as there is no epidemic of contagious diseases. No mumps reported as yet.

Will the following persons please announce on next Sunday morning the musical program to be held at the school auditorium at Parkton Sunday, March 1, at 3 p. m. T. W. Maxwell, Tolarville; Z. V. Tolar, Tar Heel; J. C. Lentz, J. M. Butler and Dr. Murrays St. Pauls; W. K. Bethune, Lumberton and O. O. Duke and others of Lumberton, Dr. V. G. Smith at Lumber Bridge; Sheriff Edgar Hall, Raeford; Mr. Tolar, Rennert.

### Sacred Concert At Parkton Sunday P. M.

The North Carolina sacred orchestra will give a concert in the graded school building at Parkton next Sunday at 3 p. m. The following program will be rendered:

Onward Christian Soldiers—Orchestra; Fling Wide The Gates—Orchestra; Welcome address—by Prof. G. E. Parratt; All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name—Audience; devotional—Dr. V. G. Smith; vocal solo—Mrs. Breese; overture—Wren Love Shines In—Orchestra; violin duet—Misses Allen and McCormick; Victory Trio—Grace—Orchestra; quartette—Lumberton male quartette; duet—Messrs. Hilburn and Hall; overture—Happy Day—Orchestra; trio—Messrs. Williamson, West and Hall; quartette—Lumberton quartette; duet—Messrs. Eggleston and West; Bless Be Thee That Binds—Audience standing; benediction.

Little Miss Janie Page Powell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Powell, was slightly injured and a bicycle on which she was riding badly damaged late yesterday afternoon when an automobile driven by a Miss Buffkin of Florence, S. C., ran backwards into the bicycle, in front of the Star barbershop. Eye-witnesses state the accident was unavoidable.

The condition of Mr. O. C. Norment, who has been ill at his home on Sixth street for the past 10 days, is reported today as improving.

### Cotton Market

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 24 3/4 cents the pound.

DR. WILLIAM W. PARKER  
OPTOMETRIST  
Better eye-sight for those who appreciate better service.  
Office—over 1st National Bank.