

## FOURTH ANNUAL YULETIDE BANQUET

Lumberton Young Men Entertain in Honor of Holidays Home-Comers—Beautiful Christmas Decorations and Special Musical Features—One of Most Successful Social Affairs Ever Attempted Here—An Evening Filled With Gaiety and Laughter.

### FINE SEVEN COURSE DINNER

Honoring members of Lumberton's younger social set, now home from their respective places of learning where they have spent the past three and four months preparing for the mid-winter examinations, a number of young men of Lumberton gave their fourth annual banquet in the beautifully-decorated parlors of the Lorraine hotel Tuesday evening.

At 8 o'clock couples began to file into the lobby of the hostelry, passing through to the beautiful banquet hall on the second floor. Christmas bells, holly, mistletoe, green ferns, pine boughs and artistically-arranged paper designs constituted the decorations, which made one forget the snow flurry of a typical Yuletide night in gaiety and laughter.

Known throughout North Carolina for his art of mastering every situation of importance, ex-Senator George B. McLeod again took complete control of the reins and drove the young folks from one spasmodic laughter to another, and filled everyone's eyes with tears of almost uncontrollable joy. Calling from the seat of the master of ceremony, he commanded in the jovial way every member to answer "present or accounted for, sir", and the responses contributed to the general enjoyment.

An orchestra rendered special music for the occasion, several numbers being especially appropriate to the Christmas season, and helped make the occasion one of the most successful and enjoyable social affairs ever attempted in Robeson's capital.

A feature of the musical program was a vocal solo by Miss Lula Norment, Miss Maitland LeGrande Thompson, director of drama at the Anne Tilley Renshaw School of Speech, Washington, D. C., also contributed to the enjoyment by a reading, also appropriate to the season.

Seven Course Dinner.

Dinner in seven courses was served the sixty-odd guests.

Alumni banquets, fraternity and sorority dinners, literary society luncheons and even collegiate "feeds" have never surpassed this social event of the old home town, where kinsman and kinswoman greeted homefolks and friends and knew no strangers.

Those present were: Miss Rachael Grady of Whiteville and Mr. F. Ertel Carlyle, Miss Madge Lewis of Whiteville and Mr. Joe Prewatte, Miss Rachael McNamara and Mr. T. W. Boyce, Miss Janie K. Wishart and Mr. William Caldwell, Miss Anna Lawrence and Mr. J. Robert Prewatte, Miss Maitland Thompson and Mr. R. N. Prewatte, Miss Mildred Barnes and Mr. William Carlyle, Miss Mary Biggs and Mr. Vernon Cottingham, Miss Mary Lou Lennon and Mr. Claude McCallum, Miss Margaret Biggs and Mr. Clinton Norment, Miss Ruby Thompson and Mr. Robert Proctor, Miss Anna Freeman and Mr. Sherwood Nye, Miss Isabelle McLeod and Mr. John Blount McLeod, Miss Mary Lawrence and Mr. Ralph Whaley, Miss Julia Thompson and Dr. S. L. Whitehead, Miss Evelina Beckwith and Mr. Carl Pridgen, Miss Lula Norment and Mr. Ervin Williams, Miss Joy Blue and Mr. John Wishart Jr., Miss Virginia Lawrence and Mr. Johnnie Johnson of Wilmington, Miss Mildred Weinstein and Mr. Max Weinstein, Miss Juanita Taylor of Rockingham and Mr. Regan Floyd, Miss Lula Taylor of Rockingham and Mr. George Ben Crofton, Miss Viola Jenkins and Mr. L. W. Wicker, Miss Lillian Bullard and Mr. Charlie Brown, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Humphrey Jr. of Lumberton, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Powell and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lee Jenkins of Whiteville, Mr. Frank McNeill of Lumberton.

### AUTO LICENSE BUREAU CLOSING DECEMBER 31.

In accordance with instructions from the State department, the local auto license bureau, which has been conducted here by Mr. H. M. McAllister, will close December 31. No plates will be issued after that date from the office here, but may be obtained from the Raleigh office.

### COTTON MARKET

Middling cotton was quoted on the local market yesterday at 17 1/2 cents the pound.

**AUTO ELECTRICIAN  
EXPERT MECHANIC**  
All Automobile Electrical and General Repair Work done promptly.  
**OLIVER BROS.**  
236 Elm St., Lumberton (former Studebaker place)

**WE ARE PLEASED**  
with the work our new Dry Cleaning plant is turning out.

**YOU WILL BE PLEASED**  
with your clothes if you send them to us.

**WE PRESS WHILE YOU WAIT**  
LUMBERTON DRY CLEANING CO.  
Phone 94

## LOCAL ENTERPRISE STEPPING AHEAD

Directors of Robeson Manufacturing Co. Vote For Additional Buildings and Installation of More Machinery—Up-to-Date Corn Mill to be Installed—Will Have Daily Ginning Capacity of 150 Bales.

### WILL COST THOUSANDS

Directors of the Robeson Manufacturing Co. in annual meeting here Monday night voted for the erection of additional buildings on their site about 1 mile west of here, the installation of an up-to-date corn mill and the purchase of an additional four-gin system to be added to the double system now in operation.

## J. ROBERT WHITE DIES OF INJURIES

Mr. A. E. White's Brother Died in Winston-Salem Tuesday of Injuries Received in Automobile Mishap.

Winston-Salem, Dec. 22. — John Robert White, aged 61, well known resident of Ogburn Station, who was injured when struck by an automobile on the highway near the county hospital last Sunday evening, died today at a local hospital.

Mr. White was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. White. He was born in Forsyth county, but spent a number of his earlier years in the West, returning to the county about fifteen years ago, making his home near Ogburn Station since that time.

Mr. White is survived by one brother, Albert E. White, of Lumberton.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. White and Dr. Russell S. Beam, who left for Winston-Salem immediately after learning of the accident, and were with Mr. White's brother when the end came, returned home Wednesday night.

Rev. Mr. Clark Dies at Elizabethtown  
Clarkton, Dec. 22.—Rev. D. J. Clark, one of Bladen county's oldest and most prominent citizens passed away at his home at Elizabethtown this morning at 5:30 o'clock, death being the result of sudden apoplexy.

### POULTRY CAR HERE TUESDAY.

Between \$1,100 and \$1,200 were paid out here Tuesday for poultry weighing between five and six thousand pounds. As had been advertised, the co-operative shipment was made through the county and home agents and splendid response was given the call to market.

### A DECADE AGO.

How Time Does Fly.  
Cotton, 11 1/4 cents the pound; seed, 65 cents the bushel.  
Robber of a St. Paul store carries safe outside of building to open it.

First real snow of season visits Lumberton and vicinity.  
Dancing school closing here after successful term.

Miss Sallie C. Hartley and Mr. A. M. Hartley married at home of bride's parents on East Fifth street.

### TEN YEARS BEFORE THAT

No issue of The Robesonian from December 22nd until January 2.

Mr. Stewart Ramsey, who holds a position with the State highway forces at Brevard, is spending the holidays here with his parents.

Mr. Johnnie Johnson of Wilmington is spending a few days here with friends.

Mr. P. H. Wilson, instructor of modern languages at Wake Forest college, Wake Forest, who is spending the holidays with friends and relatives in Fairmont and Orrum, was a Lumberton visitor yesterday. Mrs. Wilson is also spending the holidays in the county with friends and relatives.

Mrs. W. C. Woodall of Birmingham, Ala., and sister, Miss Lois Caldwell of Ward Belmont school of Nashville, Tenn., came Monday night to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Caldwell. Mr. Woodall is expected to arrive tomorrow night.

Mr. John German and daughter, Miss Hanie, of Lumberton R. 5 were visitors in town Tuesday.

Mr. E. Odum of Buie was a Lumberton visitor Wednesday.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
And  
**A Happy New Year**  
JOHN D. PURVIS

## Varsar "Pulled" One On His Associates

Even the Chief Justice Was Not Aware of His Decision to Retire—War Trophies Galore at Disposal of Governor—Pardon Mill Has Much Grist.

### TRANSYLVANIA VOTES 8 MONTHS SCHOOL TERM

(By M. L. Shipman.)  
Raleigh, Dec. 23.—Associate Justice L. R. Varsar, of the North Carolina Supreme court, "pulled one" on his associates, Governor McLean and the public "over Sunday," in handing his resignation to His Excellency. Even the chief justice was not aware of Justice Varsar's decision to retire until the resignation had been accepted and a successor named.

"Quick as lightning," so to speak, Governor McLean called to the vacancy W. J. Brogden, prominent member of the Durham bar and his campaign manager in the primary contest with J. W. Bailey in 1924. The appointment is considered a very happy one and meets with general approval in the capital city and administration circles. Justice Varsar returns to the practice in Lumberton and will be associated with Lawrence and Proctor, members of the late firm of McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor.

Institutions, municipalities, organizations and individuals desiring war trophies may have their wishes satisfied by application to Governor McLean, who has placed at his disposal a large list of them. The assortment includes guns weighing up to 11,000 pounds each. State institutions are to be given first choice.

A statement given out by Pardon Commissioner Sink shows that clemency has been extended to 298 prisoners since the pardon commission got into action last April. There have been 1275 applications for pardons and paroles, 480 were dismissed without action, 341 were considered and declined, making a total of 821 cases which failed of approval, 130 cases are pending.

Transylvania county has voted for a minimum eight month school term and the State Superintendent, A. T. Allen, "thanks God and takes courage." Transylvania is the seventh county in the State to take such action and Superintendent Allen is confident that the sentiment indicates similar action by many counties in the near future.

### ACTION OF BOARD OF DEACONS OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Resolution Passed in Regard to Proposed Union Revival Meeting. Reported for The Robesonian.

At a meeting of the board of deacons of the First Baptist church, held on the evening of Dec. 22, 1925, at 7:30, the matter of a proposed revival meeting to be held in the early part of February, 1926, by the Rev. Dan Iverson, a Presbyterian preacher from Tarboro, N. C., was presented to the board with the request that our church suspend its Sunday evening services and one day service while the revival meeting was going on.

After a careful consideration by the board, the following resolution was passed, to-wit:

"Resolved, that we recommend to the church, that while we give our prayers and best wishes, and freely accord to any or all of our members the free privilege to attend any or all of the services, yet it is the opinion of the board of deacons that it is our duty to carry on regularly all the services of our organized church work. It is the sense of the board that we should in no way antagonize the work, but we do not feel like suspending our regular services in the early part of the year, and while the interest of the Kingdom is in such need."

### COUNTY HOME WILL HAVE NEW KEEPER JANUARY 1ST.

Mr. W. H. Prewatte Resigns Commission Appoint Mr. Geo. L. Townsend.

At an adjourned meeting of the county commissioners held in the court house Monday Mr. George L. Townsend of Raft Swamp was appointed keeper of the county home, succeeding Mr. W. H. Prewatte, resigned. Mr. Townsend takes charge of the institution on January 1, 1926. The commissioners transacted very little other business during the day, this matter having been brought over from the meeting on the first Monday in December.

Town office will close at 4 o'clock Christmas Eve and will not open until Saturday morning at the usual time.

**FORD COUPE  
For Sale Cheap  
The Robesonian.**

Trade up your old car for a Nash six closed model. Cash or time payment.  
**C. M. FULLER & SON**  
Lumberton, N. C.

## STATION S-A-N-T-A BROADCASTING



## ROWLAND NEWS

School Closed Friday for the Holidays—Social and Personal Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.  
Rowland, Dec. 21.—Mrs. J. E. McCallum and little daughter, Annie Lucia, spent last week in Raleigh visiting relatives.

Mr. Walter McLeod spent a few days of last week in Asheville on business.

Mrs. G. B. Sellers and Mrs. R. M. Morgan and little son of Maxton visited relatives last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leewood McCallum have moved into their handsome new home.

Mr. McKay Pleasants of Raleigh spent Sunday with relatives.

Mr. W. H. Baker, who has been working in West Palm Beach, Fla., for the past six months, returned home Tuesday.

Misses Lucia Mae and Opal McCallum, who are teaching at Belmont, are spending the holidays with their mother, Mrs. Lucia McCallum.

Mr. George Patterson and Dr. N. H. Andrews spent last week-end in Jacksonville, Fla. Mrs. Patterson and baby, who had been visiting relatives, returned with them.

Mrs. B. A. Edens was hostess to the Thursday afternoon Rook club.

Mr. G. B. Sellers of Maxton spent Wednesday in town.

Mr. Mack Baker of Columbia returned home Sunday to spend the holidays.

Miss Dora Belle McLeod spent last week-end in St. Pauls visiting Miss Clyde Fisher.

Mr. Edens Ward, who is attending school at Bingham, has returned home for the holidays.

Mr. Graham McKinnon of the university of North Carolina arrived Friday to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Allie McKinnon.

Mr. James Hines of the university of North Carolina is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hines.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McArn and Mrs. J. Brown Bullock were Lumberton visitors Friday.

The Rowland high school closed Friday, Dec. 18, for the Christmas holidays. All of the teachers left for their respective homes.

Mrs. H. P. Alford and baby have returned to their home, Alton, Ill., after spending several weeks with Mr. Alford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Alford.

Miss Margaret Pittman, who attends school at the Asheville Normal, is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Isla Pittman.

## FAIRMONT LETTER

Christmas Thoughts—Fairmont Baptists Want to Raise \$1,000 by Jan. 1—Christmas Trees at School and Exercises by Sunbeam Band—Miss Dorothy Ricks Becomes Bride of Mr. Ed Wells—Fidelis Class Meets.

### MANY PERSONAL ITEMS.

(By Mrs. H. G. Inman.)  
Fairmont, Dec. 23.—The Christmas season is upon us again and old as well as young are thrilled and eager that Santa Claus is able to scatter so much sunshine and happiness that all are prone to want it to last all the year instead of a few days. But Christmas to the grown-up is what toys are to the children—soon torn to pieces and forgotten until the approach of the next Yuletide season.

The world rolls merrily on, and we are thankful that we are permitted to stay and taste a little bitter with the sweet. It is with the sincerest appreciation that we thank the friends who have made it possible for the "Fairmont Letter" to be gotten up.

The writer alone could not do this while the burden falls there—an item here, a bit of news there, is why it is possible, and many thanks to the editor and The Robesonian staff who have death so kindly with us. Wishing you all a merry Christmas and a happy, happy, New Year.

Want to Raise \$1,000  
The Southern Baptist convention must raise a million dollars for its foreign mission debt or call home some of the much-needed missionaries who are laboring so faithfully on the fields. The Baptist in Fairmont want to raise by January first a thousand dollars. Now that will mean sacrifice on the part of all, but on one foreign field of 300,000 natives there is only one lone missionary. Could we hold back a few dollars and see that missionary returned home?

Each room at the school house enjoyed a short program and a Christmas tree Friday afternoon before closing for the holidays. The school will close for 2 weeks, opening for work January 4th.

The exercises at the Baptist church Sunday night by the Sunbeam band were well rendered and appreciated by a large congregation. The program which took the place of the Sunday night's service consisted of songs, recitations and playlets.

Did you see the sunrise Monday morning? Those who were fortunate in seeing same were heard to say that it was the most gorgeous in a long time. It seemed that some artist might have dipped his brush in all the colors of the rainbow and daubed the entire eastern sky. In a short while after the sun came over the pines a rainbow that reached across the sky was observed. Still nothing but the hand of God could have given us such loveliness.

The Fidelis class of the Baptist church met with Mrs. P. P. Jones Monday night. Despite the almost continuous rain all day and a steady mist at the appointed hour, twenty members were present. Many interesting matters of business were attended to, also Mrs. Giles Floyd, 2nd vice president, reported much organized personal service done by the class, after which a most interesting

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## Review Of The Week From State Capital

Reduction of State Holidays, Record of Executions, Successful Sale of State Bonds, Move to Increase Food Acreage and Decrease Cotton Production, Figures Concerning Road and Bridge Construction and Other Matters Commanded Interest During the Past Week.

(By M. L. Shipman.)  
Raleigh, Dec. 23.—The action of the Salary and Wage Commission in reducing State holidays, the verdict in the Wyatt trial, the record of executions for the past year and the successful sale of more than twenty millions of State bonds were matters of interest in the Capital city last week. In addition, Raleigh people heard with regret of the death of Judge Oliver H. Allen of Kinston, who sat on the Superior court bench for a quarter century.

The action of the State Fair committee of the Chamber of Commerce in recommending removal of the fair to another section of the city was of interest.

The Salary and Wage Commission decided that employees would only have one instead of two weeks' holiday. This came after the Attorney General had ruled the commission had no right to eliminate legal holidays from the schedule of holidays for the employees. The ruling was made public Saturday morning and not sufficient time has elapsed for the sentiment to be felt but a safe prediction is that the Salary and Wage Commission may find itself fighting for existence before the next legislature.

The commission had a hard job and has successfully succeeded in making it harder.

The verdict of Judge Garland Midyette that Jesse Wyatt must serve not less than eight nor more than 18 months in the State prison was given out Friday. Wyatt was convicted of killing Stephen Holt of Smithfield when he fired on the lawyer thinking he was a run runner. Holt was returning from a term of court in Raleigh. Wyatt's long and honorable record as an officer of the Raleigh police force saved him from heavier punishment and it was felt that the decision of Judge Midyette would constitute sufficient punishment under the circumstances. It is probable that an appeal will be taken to Gov. McLean to stay the beginning of the sentence from January 2, the date set by the court, till after Wyatt's wife gives birth to their eighth child, a couple months hence.

New Record for Taking Life.  
North Carolina set a new record for taking life during the past year. Twelve men died in the electric chair. Prior to this time there had been nine executions in any one calendar year. Since the electric chair replaced the gallows fifteen years ago there have been 85 executions by the new method.

Sale of State Bonds.  
The State during the week sold (Continued on page two.)

"COME"  
to Moore's Gift Shop  
West 3rd St., Phone 454,  
National Bank Building.

Paying assessments must be paid by January 1st in order to avoid appearance in advertisement in The Robesonian, Jan. 4th.

J. P. RUSSELL,  
Town Clerk and Treas.

## LET'S SKIP AN ISSUE.

Ladies and gentlemen, with your permission The Robesonian next week will skip the regular Monday issue and call on you again with the regular issue next Thursday. Is that all right? Thank you. Newspaper work is exacting and calls for strict attention all the year, often when others are taking holidays. Christmas is the only time that an issue is skipped. The young ladies and men whose faithful work brings the paper to you twice a week all the year, except the one issue omitted Christmas time, want to take a few days off, and if you will promise not to tell on them it will be done. Thank you again and here's wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## MUNICIPAL BONDS MAKE BEST SALE

Premium of \$512 Paid on \$80,000 Water and Sewerage Bonds—Interest of 5 1/4 Percent—Chicago Firm Successful Bidder—Only One Bid Asked For More Than 5 1/2 Percent. NO TOWN DEFICIT HELPS.

Lumberton municipal water and sewerage bonds in the sum \$80,000 were sold here Tuesday for a premium of \$512 and an interest rate of 5 1/4 percent. "By far the best bond sale ever made by the town and better than many county bond sales," said Mayor E. M. Johnson after the sale.

Mr. Johnson stated that the bidders were anxious for the bonds and the excellent sale can be attributed to the fact that the town has been run on a business-like scale, leaving no deficits at the end of each fiscal year. This helped materially in receiving the high premium and low interest rate. The successful bidders were Seipp, Princell & Co. of Chicago. There were fourteen bidders, and only one of these asked for more than 5 1/2 percent. This bid for the bonds was for 5 3/4 percent and a large premium.

The bonds are for the purpose of extending the water and sewer lines of the town. The retirement begins within a few years, the bonds being serials for 30 years.

## Items Of Local News

—Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

—The Mansfield group of cotton mills and the National cotton mill closed yesterday afternoon for the holidays and will resume operations Monday morning.

—Rev. T. McM. Grant, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, is confined to his room at the parsonage on East Seventh street on account of sickness.

—Mr. Malcomb S. McConihe, receiver for the defunct First National bank of Lumberton, left last night for Washington, D. C., where he will spend a few days relative to the work of the receivership.

—Visitors at the weekly Kiwanis lunch at the Lorraine Tuesday were Mr. Leak Covington and Mr. McLeod, of Rockingham, and Mr. J. E. Carpenter of Maxton, guests of Senator T. L. Johnson.

—Julius Thompson and Ellen Copeland, colored, of Lumberton R. 6, were married in the court house Wednesday, in the office of the register of deeds, Justice Ben G. Floyd officiating.

—Fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed a 5-room dwelling owned and occupied by Dr. W. O. Edmund about 1 1/2 miles east of town early yesterday morning. A piano and other furniture were saved. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

Schaub Succeeds Kilgore.  
I. O. Schaub, director of agricultural extension work at State college since July, 1924, has been appointed acting dean of the school of agriculture, subject to the approval of the board of trustees, President E. C. Brooks announced Monday.

Professor Schaub, who is a graduate of State college, class of 1900, succeeds Dr. E. W. Kilgore, who resigned the deanship of the School of Agriculture last July.

Cotton Seed Test.  
Those wishing to have cotton seed tested for germination should send about a pint of seed to O. O. Dukes, county agent, at once.

Mr. Alex. Alford of Rowland R. 3 was a Lumberton visitor Wednesday.

Miss Julia Thompson, member of the school faculty in Dillon, S. C., is spending the holidays here with friends and relatives.