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M. M. ROZIER WINS OVER C. E. CHERRY

Result of Primary Shows Big Victory For Incumbent For Commissioner of Ward 2—Only Contest in Town Politics—Board of Audit & Finance to Be Abolished.

ELECTION NEXT WEEK.

In the town primary held here Tuesday Mr. M. M. Rozier, incumbent, won a decisive victory over Mr. C. E. Cherry for the office of commissioner from ward 2, the final vote showing 161 for Mr. Rozier and 77 for Mr. Cherry.

No other contests were held, the nominees for the other offices going into the primary without opposition. Mayor E. M. Johnson was elected last year for a two-year term of office. It is the understanding that the office of board of audit and finance will be abolished by the next legislature on account of no further need of the office, and Messrs. E. L. Hamilton, Frank Gough and John T. Biggs incumbents, were re-nominated to wind up the affairs of the board.

Club Leader is Greatly Impressed With Robeson

Says County is One of Best Organized in State in Boys and Girls 4-H Club Work.

"Robeson county is one of the best organized counties in boys and girls 4-H club work in the State, and Miss Martha Flax Andrews and Mr. O. O. Dukes, home and farm agents, have enrolled over 300 boys and girls and organized them into six clubs," said Mr. L. R. Harrell, club leader of Raleigh who spent a few days here this week assisting in the work.

Mr. Harrell visited five of the clubs and each put on a splendid program, but, he says, the greatest achievement of all is that approximately 100 percent of the club members have started their projects. Programs for the meetings of the clubs are worked out in advance by the home and farm agents and each member of the club has a part in the program, which consists of short talks, recitations, songs, yells and recreational plays. Delegates have been selected from each club to attend the short course for boys and girls in Raleigh.

PROTEST AGAINST ANY CHANGE

Citizens of Sections Concerned Favor Route From Red Springs to Highway No. 20 Near Indian Normal School.

Special to The Robesonian. Red Springs, April 27.—Between 250 and 300 citizens of Red Springs and the surrounding community, together with citizens of Pembroke and other sections concerned, met here Friday afternoon to discuss the location of the concrete road to be constructed by the State Highway commission to connect with Highway No. 20.

Fractional feelings were forgotten and the entire town united as a whole to protest the proposal to carry the road over any other route than the one originally planned by the county commissioners, who entered into a contract with the State Highway commission to build the road.

A motion was introduced by Dr. C. G. Vardell, president of Flora Macdonald college, that those present at the meeting go on record as favoring the original route, and protest against the county commissioners attempting any change in contract between them and the State Highway commission. The motion would take the road as originally planned from Red Springs to Philadelphia church, and from there to Highway No. 20, connecting with the latter route at a point near the Indian Normal school near Pembroke. The motion received a second and was voted for by everyone present.

JOSEPHUS DANIELS TO SPEAK IN LUMBERTON

Accepts Invitation of Local Post American Legion. Mr. Josephus Daniels, editor of the Raleigh News & Observer, and former secretary of the navy, has accepted an invitation from the local post of the American Legion to deliver an address here May 10th. Plans are being made by the ex-soldiers to hold a big memorial celebration here.

Fiddlers Convention. There will be an old time fiddlers' convention in the school house at Rex Tuesday night, May 4th. Everybody is invited to attend.

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Dr Beaman Was Greatly Loved Here

Death of Beloved Former Pastor Brings Sorrow to Lumberton People—Had Planned to Return Here to End His Days—Served Local Church Longer Than Any Other Methodist Pastor.

QUITE A NUMBER FROM HERE ATTENDED FUNERAL

News of the death of Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman at the Methodist parsonage in Tarboro early yesterday morning brought sadness to the people of Lumberton, for he was greatly loved here, not only by the members of Chestnut Street Methodist church, which he served as pastor for six years prior to being sent to Tarboro 3 years ago, but by the entire population of the town. Dr. Beaman served this church longer than any other member of the North Carolina conference has served any church continuously. He had served during his long and brilliant record as preacher, the best charges in the conference, but he became so attached to Lumberton and its people, all of whom loved him, that he planned to return to this town to live when it became necessary for him to give up active pastoral work. He purchased a house here with that end in view and when his physical condition made it necessary some months ago for him to give up active work, he was anxious to move to Lumberton. Friends here made every preparation for his and Mrs. Beaman's return, and anxiously kept informed of his condition, hoping that a favorable time for moving him could be found, but death cut short the fond hope of having him again a citizen of Lumberton.

Tarboro, April 21.—At one o'clock this morning Dr. R. C. Beaman, the beloved pastor of St. James church of this city, passed away at the parsonage following an illness of several months. About six weeks ago Dr. Beaman went to Rochester, Minn., to consult the Mayo brothers, in regard to his condition and they found his condition hopeless as he was suffering with a cancer. Returning here, Dr. Beaman gradually grew worse, although everything possible was done to make his last day as comfortable as possible.

For the past three years Dr. Beaman had faithfully served the Methodist congregation, but to all citizens of this community he was a Godly man in every sense of the word and his death is deeply deplored by all who knew him. He was doing splendid work here and his place will be hard to fill. As a speaker Dr. Beaman was brilliant and eloquent; as an orator he had few equals. No man has so endeared himself to the people here in so short a time as has Dr. Beaman. By nature gentle, genial and affable he made staunch friends among all classes and conditions of people.

Dr. Beaman was 66 years old. He had been active in the Methodist ministry since he was 18 years old, or about 48 years. During his ministry he had held many of the most important charges in the North Carolina conference, and was perhaps as well-known throughout Eastern North Carolina as any member of that body. He was a crusader for prohibition back in the days when North Carolina was still in the wet column, and his powerful thrusts at the whiskey traffic made such an impression then even yet, in Durham, where he was pastor at the time, older residents recall the fight he made.

Funeral services will be held from the Methodist church in Tarboro tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock, followed by interment at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in Willowdale cemetery in Goldsboro by the side of his first wife and two children, who died in infancy. Besides his widow, Dr. Beaman is survived by one son, J. Southgate Beaman, of New Bern, and two daughters, Mrs. John Suter, of New Bern and Mrs. Frank Durham, of Durham.

The following Lumberton people attended the funeral service at Tarboro yesterday: Rev. T. M. Grant, who succeeded Dr. Beaman as pastor of the church here, Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Barnes, and sons, Wilton and Knox, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hamilton and small daughter, Miss Ruth, Messrs. Daisy W. Jenkins and R. E. Lewis, Messrs. H. E. Stacy, F. P. Gray, J. P. Townsend and D. D. French. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Davis attended the services in Goldsboro.

Local School Finals. Supt. W. B. Crumpton has advised The Robesonian of the following part of the commencement program of the Lumberton high school: Commencement sermon night of May 26 by Rev. William H. Milton D. D., rector of St. James parish of Wilmington. Mr. Milton is a member and former executive secretary of the field department of the national council of the Episcopal church, a member of the executive council of the diocese of Eastern North Carolina, and has published volumes of sermons and lectures. Address to graduates night of May 28 by Associate Justice W. J. Brogden of the State Supreme court.

Lumber Bridge School Finals This Week. Class Exercises Tonight and High School May Friday Night—New Filling Station—Social and Personal.

By Mrs. C. J. Ammons. Lumber Bridge, Apr. 29.—Mrs. C. S. Wiggins of Pembroke is spending this week in town with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Odom.

People Pleased With State Administration

Robeson County Democrats Laud Their Governor as Greatest—'Rather Die in Robeson Than Have a Chill Anywhere Else' Says County Convention Chairman.

DEMOCRATIC RECORD GOOD

"Stand up, folks, for democracy and your county and let us rather die in Robeson county than have a chill anywhere else," said Mr. McKay McKinnon of Maxton in closing brief remarks in assuming the chair as permanent chairman of the Democratic county convention at the court house here Saturday. Report of the business transacted at the convention, which unanimously adopted resolutions lauding and endorsing the splendid administration of their fellow-countyman, Governor A. W. McLean, was given in Monday's Robesonian. The gravity was in the speeches.

Mr. McKinnon on being made permanent chairman of the meeting said that he had never known the Democratic party to make a mistake before. He lauded the work of the officers of the county and State and declared that the meeting was for the purpose of beginning a campaign to see that Democracy should again be the leader in the election. He spoke of the great pride the party should have in the splendid roads and schools which the county enjoys as the result of Democratic administration. Referring to the beautiful county home, Mr. McKinnon said that it was possibly the greatest of its kind in the world. And in connection with this he was pessimistic enough to say, "If we raise as much cotton in this Southland as we did last year our county home is not too large, for most of us will be there." He stated that the county commissioners had unjustly been accused of spending too much money for the institution. In closing his remarks the chairman said that the greatest governor North Carolina had ever had was now in the chair. "He knows the value of a dollar and will not let a dollar of the State's money be spent unless he knows that the State will get a full dollar's value," he said.

Well Pleased With Policies. The first to be called on by Chairman McKinnon was former Justice L. R. Varsar, who called attention to the fact that people throughout the State are well pleased with the present State administration for they know that pre-election policies are being regarded as carefully by those elected as they were before the election. For years, since the appeal was made "Hold Robeson and save the State," Robeson county has had very little voice in the government of the State, and because Governor McLean is making such a brilliant administration some people are even saying that Robeson county is enjoying a full hand in the government, said Mr. Varsar. He called attention to the difference now on the highways since the State inspectors have been adding money to the State treasury by putting a stop to automobile owners living in North Carolina driving automobiles with the \$1 license plate of an adjoining state. In a voice of warning about being too well satisfied with the affairs of the party, Mr. Varsar said, "Off years are generally the pitfalls for the Democratic party nationally, and we must be on our guard."

Good Men Put in Office. Solicitor T. A. McNeill spoke as if he had prepared a speech in spite of his statement that he had no idea he was going to be called on to say anything. "I congratulate the Democratic party for not putting out a candidate against me for the office of solicitor," he said. Mr. McNeill spoke of the commanding position the people of the county hold with the State government, saying that the reason was that the Democrats had gotten behind their guns and put in men who were best suited for the offices. He called attention to the prosperity of the farmers and the financial depression of the railroads and big corporations during the most of last Democratic national administration, and the present depression of the farmers and the great wealth of the railroads and corporations during the Republican administration. He also spoke warningly about the indifference of so many of the party and their failure to attend the meeting, but with a smile of assurance closed his speech by saying he was mighty glad to see so many members of the "Old Guard" present.

Puts on Brakes. As was referred to later by another speaker, Mr. H. C. McNair, editor of the Scottish Chief at Maxton, "put on the brakes" a little and said it was about time something be done about selling bonds and increasing taxes. He told the convention that

NEW HOME FOR JAILOR HAS BEEN COMPLETED. Mr. W. C. Britt and family Move Into New Quarters—Erected at Cost of Several Thousand Dollars. Robeson county's new home for the county jailor has been completed and Jailor W. C. Britt and family are now occupying the building, which was erected at a cost of several thousand dollars and which is modern throughout.

The new building is connected with the jail, and the first floor is the home of the jailor, the second floor being arranged for two large cells, which will be installed at a later date.

County Spelling Contest. The county spelling contest will be held in the Lumberton high school building Thursday morning May 6 at 11 o'clock. The successful candidates will enter the contest at Charlotte May 15th for the State championship.

Cotton Market. Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 16 3/4 cents the pound.

SALE OF PROPERTY FOR TOWN TAXES. At a meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners held on the evening of March 23rd, 1926, it was ordered that all unpaid Town Taxes be advertised during the month of May, and sold on the first Monday in June, 1926.

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ROBESONIANS AT CAPITOL

(Editorial Correspondence) Raleigh, April 29. Mrs. T. A. McNeill and A. E. White of Lumberton were elected Robeson county members of the State Democratic executive committee at the Sixth District meeting here this morning preceding the State convention.

W. S. Britt of Lumberton was made vice-president of the convention, Edgar McCulloch of Bladen, member platform committee, Floyd Taylor of Brunswick, organization, W. A. Thompson of Columbus, credentials, J. E. Carpenter of Maxton, judiciary committee, H. A. McKinnon of Maxton, senatorial committee, J. D. McLean of Lumberton congressional. J. D. McLean was also chosen chairman of the Robeson county delegation. Nat Townsend of Dunn was made chairman of the district meeting. Robeson's delegation occupies front seats in convention hall.

Fourth Candidate For House Enters Field

Mr. George A. McKay of Philadelphia Section Balances Things Up—This Makes Two From Upper as Well as Two From Lower Robeson.

Entrance of Mr. George A. McKay into the field as a candidate for the lower house of the General Assembly balances things somewhat and relieves the danger of the county toppling over. Two candidates in the lower end of the county have had the field for some time, with only one candidate in the upper end, and as a member is usually chosen from upper and lower Robeson it appeared that the only race was between Mr. W. M. Oliver of Marietta and Mr. M. Sheppard of Orrum, with Mr. W. J. Council of Red Springs having no opposition. Mr. George A. McKay has changed the complexion of things. He is a farmer, living 2 1/2 miles out from Red Springs on R. 2, in the Philadelphia section, and the race will be between him and Mr. Council. Mr. McKay is a son of Mr. J. F. McKay, who served for a number of years on the board of county commissioners and is well known throughout the county. Mr. George McKay is now a member of the county road board and Mr. Council is a county commissioner, which is another unusual fact in this unusual situation where four candidates are offering for the house of the legislature, two to be chosen.

Former State Senator George B. McLeod will be "former" no more for a season, after the election in November. The Democratic nomination for the Senate will be handed to him without opposition, no other aspirant for the office having appeared before the expiration last week of the time for registering. The next session will make Mr. McLeod's third term as Senator from Robeson.

He had heard since arriving in Lumberton that there was a lot of dissatisfaction among the people, and that some of them had stated to him that unless there was some relief from taxation another party would rise up and make a change. "I don't think the county commissioners should have a right to go ahead and vote bonds as they see fit without submitting the question to the people of the county. I think we have about reached the limit." Mr. T. W. Maxwell of Howellsville township said he was anxious to see more young men taking active part in the affairs of the party, but that he was mighty glad to see so many of the "Old Guard" on the job.

Here the speech-making stopped with the motion of Mr. A. E. White that delegates to the State convention be elected. While the precinct delegates were selecting those to go to Raleigh the chairman called on Mr. H. E. Stacy for a short speech.

Like Greased Lightning. "The progress we are making is so fast it is like greased lightning and occasionally we need men like Mr. McNair to put on the brakes a little," said Mr. Stacy, after which he gave a laugh-provoking illustration of the greatness of the State.

Dr. B. F. McMillan of Red Springs was called for a few remarks but declined, and Mr. E. J. Britt also reserved his remarks for a later time.

Former State Senator George B. McLeod, candidate for the Senate again, said he had returned home from the far West and that he was ready to do what the people of his county wanted him to do, and that he would do it regardless of other things. He also spoke of the great work of the Democratic party, and in closing said he had another resolution to offer. This was in favor of the fine music rendered during the meeting by the West Lumberton brass band under the direction of Mr. Lucian Ward. "Gentlemen, did you know we had such a fine band here?" asked the speaker in closing.

Bladenboro High School Commencement Progr'm. Friday, April 30, 8 p. m., play by grammar grades; opera by primary grades. Sunday, May 2, 11 a. m., baccalaureate sermon by Mr. J. A. Sullivan, Wilmington, the subject being "Answering the Call." Monday, May 3, 2 p. m., declamation and recitation contest. Monday night, May 3, class day exercises. Tuesday, May 4, 11 a. m., commencement address by Mr. L. C. Brogden, state supervisor of rural education, Raleigh. Tuesday evening, May 4, senior play. The public is invited to be present at each of these exercises.

Kiwanians Learn More About Beans

Mr. O. I. Floyd Tells of 60-Acre Venture at Fairmont and Hopes That Hang Thereby—Survived Cold and Expect to Ship 15 Carloads—Urge Support of Duke-Wake Forest Game.

LUNCHEON HOUR REMAINS 7:30

Kiwanians were "beaned" most pleasantly and profitably at the weekly luncheon at the Lorraine Tuesday evening, learning more about beans than they ever knew before. Mr. O. I. Floyd of Fairmont, secretary of the Fairmont Truckers' association, brought the message, and he did a good job. He made every man at the table feel like taking off his hat every time he sees a bean. Mr. G. H. Floyd, president, and Mr. Arthur Davis, vice president, of the association, also were guests at the luncheon, and Mr. Floyd didn't see why Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm agent and program chairman for the evening, didn't call on them, both of them good farmers.

Bean Kings Cotton and Tobacco. Mr. Floyd said he feels like they have started something that will break into the reign of kings cotton and tobacco somewhat, and he's glad of it. In fact he's glad, he said, that Robeson has lost first place as cotton producer of the State. He sees more prosperity with diversification. Survived Recent Cold. "Sixty farmers, as good as there are in the county," said Mr. Floyd, "have planted one acre each, investing \$600 in bean seed. They ordered a hardy variety and the recent cold did not get these beans as it did vegetation in other sections. There is a splendid stand and we feel that we shall do well. It is expected that these 60 acres will produce 15 carloads. The present price is 20 cents a pound, and at that rate you can get rich on an acre."

Selling is the Big Idea. The Fairmont truckers have joined with the Wilmington growers and Federated association, successors to the United Fruit Growers. "The great idea is to sell," said Mr. Floyd. "We work like the devil to make and act like fools when we go to sell it. We are planting too much land and not diversifying enough. What Robeson farmers need is to change their plan of ramming money into the pockets of the cotton and tobacco monopolies and put money into their own pockets. Fairmont is in a great tobacco section and is building greater warehouses, but it is not going to depend on tobacco and cotton in the future."

"Mr. Dukes is the daddy of the bean in the Fairmont section," Mr. Floyd said. He quoted a Mr. McIntosh of Kingtree, brother-in-law of Mr. E. G. Floyd, as saying that he "thinks more of beans than of cotton twice over," that he does not mind letting his tenants have anything they want if they plant beans, and that his average is \$500 to \$750 an acre on beans. He has had 12 years' experience.

New York city uses 85 carloads of beans a day, Mr. Floyd said, and the Fairmont truckers expect something worth while from branching out on beans and not depending altogether on cotton. He closed with the old colored man's reminder to the Lord that "beans, peas and potatoes are good for little children."

Mr. Floyd's talk was not only enjoyed but it opened the eyes of those who heard him to the possibilities of one way of diversifying in Robeson. Secretary Crumpton was moved to move that the charter of the club be changed to reach out and take in Fairmont.

Time Remains 7:30. Hour for weekly luncheon remains 7:30 p. m., members being pleased with the trial during April and voting to continue until further notice.

Duke-Wake-Forest Game. The Kiwanis club will indicate to the athletic managers of Wake Forest college and Duke university that it hopes baseball games between the two institutions will become a regular thing at Fayetteville. They play there Friday of this week at 3:30 p. m. and President L. R. Varsar stated that a letter to him had advised that this game is in the nature of an experiment and other games will depend upon how well alumni of the two institutions and others patronize it. A motion to encourage these games by attending was made by Mr. Furman K. Biggs, seconded by Mr. J. A. Sharpe, and passed.

A lemon-passing contest, to see which side of the table could pass a lemon more quickly, and the way of a peanut with a small can some paces away when you do your possible to toss said peanut into said can, was demonstrated by Messrs. A. E. White and F. E. Carlyle. Mr. Carlyle put the most nuts in and won the race. These

Items of Local News. Messrs. Dickson McLean and H. E. Stacy are having two dwellings erected on East Fourteenth street near Elizabethtown road. The Woman's club will meet in the domestic science room high school building, Monday afternoon, May 3, at 4 o'clock. Thompson Memorial hospital authorities have leased the dwelling on East Fifth street belonging to Mr. and Mrs. E. R. McIntyre and will use it for a nurses' home. The meeting of the Men's Wesley Bible class of Chestnut Street Methodist church, which was scheduled for tonight at the Goat club has been postponed indefinitely on account of the death of Dr. R. C. Beaman, former teacher of the class. Messrs. R. C. Adams and G. C. Crawford are spending a few days in Atlanta purchasing machinery for the Robeson Manufacturing Co. The spinning capacity of the company will be doubled with the installation of the new machinery. The appearance of Mr. M. A. Geddies' ice plant on the Elizabethtown road is being improved very much by the removal of an old dwelling house, out-houses and fences, which heretofore cut off the view of the up-to-date plant and building from those coming to Lumberton from toward Elizabethtown. Saturday afternoon at 3:30 hundreds of people are expected to be on Chestnut and Second streets to witness a free stunt circus, which will consist of a man leaping from an automobile running 60 miles an hour, standing on the head on top of the hood of an automobile running 50 miles per hour, a tug-a-war, and several other hair-raising stunts. Repair work on the McLeod building, corner of Elm and West Fifth street has been started and upon completion will be occupied by Buddie's parlor, which will be moved from the Johnson building to make room for the postoffice which will be moved as soon as remodeling can be completed, mention of which was made in The Robesonian a few issues ago. Former Justice and Mrs. L. R. Varsar left last night for Washington, D. C. where Mr. Varsar will attend a meeting of the American Law institute, which will be held this week in the Mayflower hotel. Among several attractive social affairs to be given in honor of the members of the institute and their wives will be a reception at the White House given by President and Mrs. Coolidge. Mr. and Mrs. Varsar expect to return to Lumberton Monday.

LIBERTY FINALS

Begin Friday Night and Go Through Next Tuesday—Sermon by Dr. Peacock of Raleigh and Address by Rev. T. M. Grant of Lumberton.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Liberty (Maxton R. F. D.) Apr. 28.—We now stand at the end of 'perfect days. Thus we will announce Liberty's program: Friday evening, April 30th, 8:30 o'clock, entertainment by primary and grammar grades. Sunday morning, May 2nd, 11 o'clock, sermon by Dr. J. L. Peacock of Raleigh; subject "Shadows of Influence."

Monday evening, May 3rd, 8:30 o'clock, senior play, "Mr. Bob." Tuesday, May 4th, beginning at 10:30 o'clock, graduating exercise; address by Rev. Mr. Grant of Lumberton; picnic.

Married—Single Baseball Game. Directly after the picnic dinner there will be a baseball game between the married men and single men of our community. This is worth seeing. Come.

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