

JUDGE MIDYETTE HAS NOT YET ANNOUNCED ROAD CASE DECISION

Decision in Lumberton-Red Springs Road Matter Will Not be Announced for Several Days—Newton Decision Figured Largely in Hearing Here Lasting 3 1/2 Hours—Many Lawyers at Hearing.

Whether Judge Garland Midyette will continue or dissolve the judicial order issued by him on August 18 last, restraining the State Highway Commission from letting contract for construction of the Red Springs to Lumberton highway by way of Pembroke, connecting at the latter place with route 30, probably will not be known until next week. His honor took the case under consideration last evening after a hearing lasting from 4 p. m. to 7:30 p. m. in a hot court room, a formidable array of counsel presenting maps, a stack of affidavits and argument covering every phase of the different contentions.

Newton Case. Pat upon the eve of the hearing of this case came the decision of the State Supreme court declining to reopen the Newton case, wherein it was decided that the town of Newton would be disconnected with the State Highway system by entering the edge of the town, 1 1/8 miles from the court house, with route 10, as proposed by the State Highway Commission in order to save some \$200,000. The Supreme Court decision in that case sustains the judicial order restraining the Highway Commission from leaving the court house, to one side and points out that this is doing violence to the legislative act which directs that the State highways must connect county seats.

Council for the plaintiffs, Town of Lumberton, Zeb Carlyle and others, in the Lumberton-Red Springs case, argued that this is precisely identical with the Newton case, the only difference being that whereas in the Newton case the proposed connection would leave the center of Newton to one side only one and one-eighth miles, in the Lumberton-Red Springs case the distance to where the proposed connection would be made is 13 miles, thereby effectually disconnecting the county seats of Lumberton and Raeford.

Mr. Charlie Ross, attorney for the State Highway Commission, argued that the proposed connection would not disconnect the two towns, that it would save \$228,000, that paving the old road to McNeill's bridge would be a waste of money in that it would parallel route 20, and that since the contract for the Fairmont and Rowland roads was linked up with the contract for the road to Pembroke that if the proposed road could not be constructed it would dissolve the original contract and the Highway Commission could not call on the county for money for the Fairmont road, now under construction (the Rowland road being completed).

Counsel for the interveners argued that neither old route 70 nor the proposed new route was a compliance with the statute, but that to comply with the law the road from Lumberton to Raeford must take a direct course by way of Red Springs, which would be 4 miles shorter than the McNeill's bridge connection and 7 miles nearer than the Pembroke connection, this being shown on the map that is a part of the road act of 1921.

Cloud of Lawyers. In this case instead of a cloud of witnesses there was a sheaf of affidavits and much lawyers. According to Mr. R. C. Lawrence, when he suggested setting a limit to the time allowed each side for argument, every lawyer in eastern North Carolina was here except one, and he was expected on the 6 o'clock train from Wilmington. But after hanging around the court room the better part of two days only five lawyers actually took part in the speaking, Mr. R. C. Lawrence and Mr. J. Dickson McLean taking up 30 minutes of the 40 allowed each side in presenting the contentions of the plaintiffs, Mr. Charlie Ross, attorney for the State Highway Commission, arguing the case for the defendant, former Justice L. R. Varner closing for the plaintiffs, and Solicitor T. A. McNeill representing the interveners for the Red Swamp route.

Map Explained. After reading of the hearing by YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT. THE BEST WAY TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH IS BY REGULAR ATTENDANCE. ALL MEMBERS OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH PLEASE TAKE NOTICE.

NEED A NEW SUIT? SEE JOHN D. PURVIS, The Tailor, HAND TAILORED CLOTHES \$23.50 AND UP.

Claims Messiahship



The youthful Jeddur Krishna-murti of India is now in the United States, introduced by his "spiritual mother", Dr. Annie Besant as the new Messiah. He created quite a furor in England and is an admitted intellectual.

Lumberton Schools Get Off To a Good Start

Begin Fall Session This Morning With Snap That Gives Indication of Splendid Year—212 Enrolled in High School First Day.

The Lumberton graded and high schools opened at 9:30 this morning with a normal attendance in both departments. 212 students enrolled in the high school on the first day as compared with 231 last year. The attendance in the grammar school was normal, the exact enrollment not being known at this time.

"Short and snappy" was the description Supt. W. B. Crumpton gave the opening exercises. Dr. C. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, was in charge of the devotional exercises, reading a Scripture passage from Proverbs. Supt. Crumpton followed with a talk regarding tuition charges and asking for the wholehearted support of the children, teachers and parents; and school was on with a rush.

The enrollment in the graded school, together with a comparison with that of a year ago, will be given in the next issue of The Robesonian.

Mr. Lawrence and the reply thereto by Mr. Ross, a map showing the roads in contention was plentifully explained to his honor. It was shown that route 70 as it has been understood and designated on State highway maps, departs from route 20 at McNeill's bridge, 3 miles west of Lumberton, and goes through Back Swamp to Philadelphus and Red Springs; that the proposed route departs from route 70 at or near Philadelphus and goes thence to Pembroke, where it connects with route 20, the distance from Lumberton to Red Springs by that route being about 3 miles further, or, to be exact, 2.95 miles further, than the route departing from route 20 at McNeill's bridge. And it was further shown that the route as designated on the map that is a part of the highway act of 1921 is neither of the above, but goes north from Lumberton, through Saddlecreek, and is only 16 miles, or 4 miles nearer than the McNeill's bridge route.

Like Newton Case. The burden of the argument of the plaintiffs, as presented by Mr. Lawrence, was that this case is on all fours with the Newton case, in which the Supreme Court said that to locate route 10, from Statesville to Hickory, 1 1/8 miles from the court house at Newton, even though it connected there with a paved street and was inside the town limits, was not a compliance with the act which states that highways must connect county seats. While in the Newton case the road actually went to the town, Mr. Lawrence argued, in this case it is proposed to abandon the established route and connect with route 20 thirteen miles from Lumberton, thus disconnecting the county seats of Raeford and Lumberton and diverting traffic from Lumberton. Route 70 from McNeill's bridge had been recognized by the Highway Commission (Continued on page six.)

REMEMBER THE DATES OF ROBESON COUNTY FAIR, HAVE AN EXHIBIT. 20 CAR CARNIVAL. PLENTY FUN. THE STATE FAIR WILL BE AT LUMBERTON, OCTOBER 19th, to 22nd. HELP US MAKE IT THE BIGGEST.

Reward Changed From Still to Distiller

Reward for Capture of Stills Alone Discontinued—County Home to Get Equipment for Operating Room—\$300 for Colored Home Demonstration Work—Cotton Weighers-Graders.

At their regular monthly meeting in the court house Monday the county commissioners discontinued the regular allowance for the capture of whiskey stills and instead an allowance of \$25 each was made for the capture of persons convicted of operating a still, providing the officer making the arrest destroys the still. Heretofore the commissioners have paid \$20 for each still captured.

An appropriation of \$300 was made for the county colored home demonstration agent for the ensuing 12 months, to be paid in monthly installments of \$25.

County Auditor A. V. G. Wishart was authorized to order equipment necessary for maintaining an operating room at the county home. County Commissioner W. G. Pittman was appointed a committee to investigate and have repaired the cells in the county home.

Mr. L. R. Edens was appointed cotton weigher and grader for the town of Rowland, to succeed Mr. J. H. McQueen, resigned. Bond in the sum of \$500 is required.

The bond of Mr. A. F. Jones as cotton weigher and grader for the town of Red Springs, in the sum of \$500, with Messrs. A. F. Jones and J. N. Buie as sureties, was approved; also the bond of Mr. David Calhoun as cotton weigher and grader for the town of Parkton, in the sum of \$500, with Messrs. J. A. Calhoun and David Calhoun as sureties.

Mrs. Susanna Gore was placed on the regular mother's aid list at \$10 per month.

Harriet McLaurin was placed on the regular pauper list at \$3 per month. Mrs. Maud Byrd was given \$5 as a special allowance for one month. The regular pauper list was allowed.

Monthly reports were filed by the following: Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer; Miss Elizabeth Frye, county welfare officer; Planters Bank & Trust Co., county treasurer; K. W. Howell, keeper of chain gang.

All members of the board were present: Kory McNair, chairman, Robert F. Stuart, W. G. Pittman, John G. Hughes, W. J. Council.

As stated in Monday's Robesonian, the Planters Bank and Trust Co. of Lumberton was re-appointed county treasurer on its bid of 4 per cent on daily balances and to lend the county money at 6 per cent.

Rosh-Hashanah Is Observed By Jews

Jewish Holy Season Began Wednesday Evening.

Local Jews and Jewish people the world over are observing the holy season which began with Rosh Hashanah, or New Year's Day, on Wednesday evening, September 8, and ends on the evening of September 30. Stores of Jews here, at Fairmont and elsewhere in the county, are closed today and will be closed Friday, opening again Saturday, September 11.

Rosh Hashanah, or New Year, is one of the festivals ordained in the Bible (Leviticus XXIII, 24, 25), where we read: "In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a Sabbath, a memorial of trumpets and holy convocation. Ye shall do no servile work therein."

Mr. Abraham Lieberman, a student in the Jewish theological seminary of New York city, arrived here Wednesday and is conducting services at the synagogue. Services were held last evening and will be held until Friday evening at sunset. Mr. Lieberman will remain here until Yom Kippur, which comes on Saturday of next week, September 18. He is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Weinstein, North Elm. Many out-of-town Jews are attending services here.

Rosh Hashanah is really celebration of the birth of the world, 5,687 years ago, when, according to Jewish reckoning, God took the first steps in creation of the universe. It is the Jewish New Year, and at this time Jews are asked to take on new life, to begin living anew—to turn a new leaf and forget the iniquities of the past year. The ten days from Rosh Hashanah is a season of repentance, ending with Yom Kippur, day of atonement, when the destiny of each Jew is sealed.

This is one period that is observed by all Jews, regardless of their degree of piety, and whether rich or poor.

Cotton Market

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 16 1/2 cents the pound.

Dr. Douglas Hamer Deed Is Set Aside

Jury Renders Verdict That Defendant Was Insolvent And That He Executed Deed for Purpose of Defrauding—Money to Wife and Sisters of Mr. A. T. McCallum to Be Paid Quarterly—Several Divorces.

A Robeson county jury late yesterday afternoon set aside a deed executed by Dr. Douglas Hamer of McColl, S. C., conveying to his wife and children certain lands on which the Bank of McColl, McColl, S. C., had claims. The jury answered the issues that the defendant was insolvent, that he executed the deed for the purpose of defrauding his creditors, that his wife and children had the knowledge of such purpose and intention and that they did not pay a fair and reasonable consideration for the land conveyed in the deed. The case has occupied most of the three days of court this week, the term being a two weeks' one for the trial of civil cases, with Judge Garland E. Midyette of Jackson presiding.

An order has been issued by the court directing J. E. Purcell and Davis W. Bethea, executors of the estate of A. T. McCallum, to pay to his wife, Agnes T. McCallum, and his sisters, Cornelia Purcell and Lou Fulmore, \$1,000 in four installments yearly instead of \$4,000 in one payment annually as provided in the will of Mr. McCallum.

The American Agricultural Chemical Co. recovered a sum of \$2,007.07 with interest on \$1,854.44 from Oct. 25, 1925, until paid, with costs in the action from Jackie J. Wells for unpaid notes.

Mrs. Maggie G. Edwards, administratrix of Z. V. Edwards and O. E. Seawell and Mattie S. Seawell, recovered the sum of \$1,000 with 6 per cent interest from Jan. 1, 1924, and costs in the action from W. N. Kinlaw.

The following divorces have been granted: H. Q. Beard and Grace Beard, Frank Johnson and Mabel Johnson, John McNeill and Alma McNeill, A. Couch and Henrietta Couch.

Common Grades Flood Market But Sell High

\$120,461.63 Paid Out to Farmers Here First Three Days of This Week.

With common grades flooding the market, Lumberton sold 527,257 pounds of tobacco the first three days of this week for a sum of \$120,461.63. Tuesday was the high day of the week with 190,596 pounds sold on the floors of the four local tobacco warehouses for a total of \$41,177.32. Wednesday's sales were just a bit lower, 189,331 pounds being marketed for \$42,731.09. The market sold 147,330 pounds Monday for \$36,553.22.

Practically all the week marketed here this week consisted of the common grades, but they sold high.

Ask That Boardman Road Be Paved At Once

At their meeting Monday the county commissioners passed a resolution requesting the State Highway Commission to Boardman and proceed as early as possible mission to let contract for paving with paving this last unpaved stretch between Wilmington and Rutherfordton. The resolution will be sent to Commissioner McGirt of Wilmington, third district member of the State Highway Commission.

Barker-Ten-Mile School Will Not Open Until October 4

Barker-Ten-Mile school will not open until Monday, October 4, on account of it being a rural school and the children needed on the farms. The following teachers will assist Mr. D. B. Oliver, principal: Mrs. H. A. Oliver, Miss Margaret Durham, high school; Miss Mary Stewart, 7th grade and a section of the 6th; Mrs. LeRoy Townsend, 5th grade and other section of the 6th; Miss Flora Murph Bethune, 4th grade and a section of 3rd; Miss Myrtle Swan, 2nd grade and the other section of 3rd; Mrs. D. B. Oliver, 1st grade.

Football Candidates Hard at Work

With the first high school football game of the season just two weeks away, Coach S. A. Bowden of the local high school has some 25 or 30 candidates hard at work each afternoon at the high school grounds.

The locals lost some valuable men by graduation last year and Coach Bowden will have to fill these places with new men, some left over from last year and new ones that have entered this year.

From the ones that are expected to make the team, Coach Bowden can pick a line that will weigh around 160 pounds, which is unusual for a high school team.

Charlotte Observer: Ninety-eight cents on each \$100 worth of property was fixed by the board of county commissioners yesterday afternoon as the tax rate for Mecklenburg for the ensuing year. This is a rate of two cents. The rate was based on the expectation of \$165,000,000 worth of taxable property.

World's Record Broken For Amount of Tobacco Sold in Given Time

Fairmont Market Sells 511,298 Pounds in 7 1/4 Hours—Report of Sales for Week and for Biggest Day—Gus Floyd Chapter Will Meet Sept. 16—Personal and Other Items.

(By Mrs. H. G. Inman.) Market Record Smashed. Fairmont, Sept. 8.—Fairmont drew the largest crowd of tobacco folks in the history of the market Friday, September 3, and as the official figures show below broke the world's record for selling the most tobacco in a given length of time, two sets of buyers selling 511,298 pounds in 7 1/4 hours.

Sales for week (ie Thursday to Thursday) 1,918,800 lbs for \$576,624.93; average \$0.05. Sales for season to Thursday night, 3,977,172 lbs. for \$1,065,526.90; average 26.79. Week's average, same selling period last season, 21:73; season average, same selling period last season, 19:32. Sales Friday, September 3: 511,298 lbs for \$146,558.40, average 28.67; sales for week, 1,940,238 lbs for \$575,206.60, average 29.13; sales for season, 4,488,470 lbs for \$1,212,085.10, average 27. Last season's sales for same selling period, 4,019,856 lbs for \$776,790.20, average 19.32.

This market on Friday, September 3, broke the world's record for selling tobacco in a given time, as its only two sets of buyers sold 511,298 pounds of tobacco in 7 1/4 hours time. Heretofore the world's record for selling in a given space of time was held by Wilson, which in 1924, (Think it was in September) with its then four sets of buyers sold 1,060,000 pounds of tobacco in 7 3/4 hours time.

St. Pauls Schools Have Fine Opening

475 Present at Opening and Prospects Bright—Personal and Other Items.

By Bessie G. Johnson. St. Pauls, Sept. 9.—The St. Pauls public schools, which are again under the superintendency of Mr. Earl K. Franklin, opened Monday morning with one of the largest enrollments ever, something like 475 being present, which included about 110 in the high school, with the remainder in the grammar grades. Appropriate chapel exercises took place in the high school auditorium which was largely attended by friends and patrons of the school. Following the singing of America by the audience the devotional was conducted by Rev. J. A. Dailey, pastor of the local Methodist church, after which each of the ministers of the town was called upon to make a few remarks, to which they very delightfully responded, extending a welcome and word of encouragement to the faculty group, which includes quite a number of the former as well as the new. Mr. A. R. McEachern, chairman of the board, Mr. L. A. McGeechy, secretary, and Mr. J. M. Butler, vice chairman, were next called upon to say a few words, after which Mrs. E. C. Murray presented the pictures of the confederated flags to the high school and graded school rooms in behalf of the local chapter U. D. C. with a very nice little speech, which conducted the affair. The pupils then filed to their respective class rooms, where lessons were assigned and the usual routine of work begun.

The faculty is composed of the following: Mr. Herbert Lee Swain, principal, science and French; Miss Bernice Spear who succeeded Mrs. George Deans, history and algebra; Miss Emily E. Lottin, English; Miss Beulah Walton, Latin and Science; Mr. Earle R. Franklin, geometry; Miss Pearl Oliver, seventh grade. Grammar school—Miss Mary McGooagan, principal, 2nd A.; Miss Anna E. Spain, 1st B.; Miss Eulalia McGill, 1st A.; Miss Sarah McDuffie, 2nd and 3rd B.; Miss Louise Steele, 3rd A.; Miss Evelyn Rogers, 4th A.; Miss Thelma Pridgen, 4th and 6th B.; Miss Winnie Smith, 5th; Miss Sarah Stone, 6th A.

Mill School—Mrs. Talmadge Byrd Graham, principal, 4th and 5th; Mrs. Julian Butler, 1st B.; Miss Lena Griffin, 1st A. and 2nd B.; Miss Grace Fisher, 2nd A. and 3rd; music—Miss Kathleen Blue.

This is Mr. Franklin's third year as superintendent of the local schools and with his very efficient co-workers the prospects are indeed very bright for a successful year's work. Mrs. Mary E. Graham of Rennett is in charge of the teacherage, to the delight of her numerous friends locally, with whom she made a very splendid impression last season. All the faculty group are here with the exception of Miss Louise Steele who is being relieved for the present by her sister, Miss Dorothy Steele of Fayetteville, during the former's recuperation from injuries sustained in an automobile accident some time ago. She is improved and hopes soon to be back on the job, her friends delightfully note.

More Premiums Than Ever Offered Before For Robeson Co. Fair

Buildings and Grounds Being Put in Fine Shape—Premium List Covers Astonishing Amount of Farm Produce.

The 12th annual Robeson county fair to be held in Lumberton, October 19, bids fair to be the largest in the history of fairs. With more premiums offered than ever before, good crops and fancy prices, the crowd and exhibitors should be the largest ever known in Robeson county.

Secretary W. O. Thompson has been busy having the buildings and grounds put in good shape for this great home-coming of people of Robeson and adjoining counties. A new entrance with new ticket office and a two-way automobile drive will be of great convenience to patrons of the fair. One drive-way will be used to go in and another for those going out, thus eliminating the congestion at the gates.

You will have to get a premium list which can be had by calling at the Robesonian office or from W. O. Thompson, to get an idea of the great amount of farm produce it covers. In fact, it calls for everything from the largest pumpkin to the smallest cucumber and in the live stock and poultry department, from the rabbit that roams the woods to the hound dog. Get a premium list now and be ready for the opening, October 19, 1926.

BAGGY KNEES MAY BE STYLISH IN BAGDAD

But in America they indicate lack of attention to one of the fundamentals of success—good appearance. Those immaculate friends you envy are no more fortunate than you—they, too, perspire, but they have discovered the secret of having their garments refreshed often by the LUMBERTON DRY CLEANING CO. Eddie L. McNeill, Mgr. Phone 94. Our modern methods positively remove stiffness from trouser knees.

THE GO-TO-CHUCH CAMPAIGN OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IS ALREADY PRODUCING GRATIFYING RESULTS. EVERY MEMBER OF THE CHURCH IS URGED TO CATCH THE STEEP.

Calls Dry Conference



Gen. Lincoln C. Andrews, U. S. national dry chief, has called his twenty-two district chiefs to Washington for a 6 day conference, starting Sept. 20.

Revival Services At Christian Church

Revival services began Tuesday evening at the Christian church, East Fifth street. Services are held every evening at 8 and the public is cordially invited. Dr. John W. Tyndall of Atlanta, Ga., evangelist and president of the Southern Bible Institute, is doing the preaching and is preaching sermons of great power.

ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—The condition of Mrs. Alex Phillips, who underwent an operation at the Thompson Memorial hospital Monday, is favorable as could be expected. —Master Cecil Smith, aged 6, stated Tuesday that he did not want to go to school. When asked why he said that they would expect him to read and write and he couldn't do it. —Mr. Robert Deese, who underwent a throat operation at the Thompson Memorial hospital Monday, was able to return to his home this morning. He is getting along nicely. —Mr. Marshall Shepherd of Orrum did jury duty at the term of Robeson Superior court this week, the first time he has served on a jury in 40 years, and the second time he has ever served. —Rev. J. M. Fleming has returned from Bladen Union, route 4, St. Pauls, where, with the assistance of Rev. L. H. Carter of Lamar, S. C., he conducted a successful revival. Three additions were made to the church. —Mr. J. T. Bryant, an employee of the Mansfield weave mill, has worked for the last three years without losing but 4 days. He states that an insurance company paid him more for the days he missed than he made while at work. —Mr. A. T. McLean and son, Mr. Archie, returned this morning from a 5-days' trip to New York and Philadelphia, at the latter place visiting the Sesqui-Centennial. They found the exposition still incomplete, but very good. —Mr. H. L. Summit, who lives 5 miles from Lumberton on the Flowerer's road, Wishart township, was a Lumberton visitor yesterday. He said that only a light rain fell off his way Tuesday evening, when there was a heavy downpour in Lumberton. —Kiwanis weekly luncheon meeting at the Lorraine was almost drowned out by the heavy downpour of rain which came on about 6:30 p. m. Tuesday, but a handful of the faithful and two guests enjoyed the hour. —Mr. K. M. Barnes underwent a serious mastoid operation for mastoiditis at the Thompson Memorial hospital Tuesday. His condition is improving and is considered entirely favorable today. The operation was performed by Dr. R. S. Beam. —The following have left to attend college: Miss Ruth Neill Bullock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Bullock, left Wednesday morning for Queens college, Charlotte; Miss Louise Kirkman left Wednesday morning for Louisville Junior college, Louisville; Mr. Henry Jennings left Wednesday morning for Davidson college; Messrs. Woodward Townsend and Randolph Bullard left Tuesday morning for Oak Ridge institute. —Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Oliver, who were married at Marietta a week ago today, returned last night to Marietta after an automobile trip to Columbia and Greenville, S. C., and the mountains of western North Carolina. Mr. Oliver returned to Lumberton this morning to resume work as local editor and business manager of The Robesonian. Mrs. Oliver, who is at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Oliver, at Marietta, will come to Lumberton Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver will live at the home of Mrs. J. P. McNeill, East Fifth street.

Prices Best Since 1919 On Eastern Markets

Raleigh, Sept. 7.—(AP)—With prices reported "the best since 1919," the tobacco market opened in eastern North Carolina today. Millions of pounds were sold at 20 widely scattered markets, the average price ranging from 22 to 28 cents a pound. The lower grades constituted the chief offerings. Growers were reported well satisfied with prices which were from 50 to 90 percent greater than paid on the opening day last year. Sales also were reported greater than at the initial auction last season. For the first time in five years the co-operative markets were not open. The Tri-State Tobacco Growers Co-operative Marketing association was placed in receivership some time ago and growers were released from their obligation to deliver this year's crop to the association.

SEE US FOR Watch, Clock, Jewelry repairing and Engraving. MOORE'S GIFT SHOP W 3rd St. Nat. Bk. Bldg. Phone 454

TYPHOID CLINICS SEPTEMBER 10.

Dr. E. R. Hardin will vaccinate for typhoid and diphtheria at Dr. Friday's office, St. Pauls, at 4:30 p. m. Friday, September 10th.

The clinic at Ernsoldson Mill, St. Pauls, will be at 2 p. m. and at Rex at 3 p. m. the same date.

GROWN CHICKENS and SMOKED HAMS Wanted. BUDDIES PARLOR Lumberton, N. C.