

# The Fayetteville Index

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## Shock to Upper Cape Fear Section

**Dr. J. H. Marsh Passes Away—Was Proprietor of St. Luke's Hospital, a Leading Physician and Citizen of Fayetteville.**

Died in this city last Sunday morning at 3:30 o'clock, Dr. John Henry Marsh, in his 45th year. Though his death had been hourly expected for several days, the announcement when the end came was a great shock and grief to the community. He was stricken Christmas eve with violent and alarming illness from acute Bright's disease, and despite the untiring efforts and skillful ministrations of his fellow-physicians, nothing availed—his splendid physique and robust manhood succumbed to the summons of grim death.

Dr. Marsh, who was a son of the late Neal and Caroline Smith Marsh, was born in Gray's Creek township, Cumberland county, where he was reared and lived until he came to Fayetteville to practice his profession in 1889. His subsequent career has shown the compelling influence of the quiet and modest, yet aggressive, country boy who goes to the city to make his way. His schooling was acquired in the district school house and Bingham's Military Academy, Mebane, N. C. During attendance on the common school, and while daily laboring on the farm and studying at night, he took his first medical course under the late Dr. Duncan Smith, at St. Pauls, Robeson county. The entire expense of his academic and medical education was defrayed by himself, his father having died in the Confederate service during the son's infancy.

Dr. Marsh graduated in 1889 from Jefferson Medical College, after a four-year course, and the same year he came to Fayetteville and began the practice of medicine. At Jefferson Medical College, he was classmate of Dr. J. F. Highsmith, this city, and they graduated together. During the subsequent years of his practice he took several post-graduate courses.

In 1890 Dr. Marsh and Dr. J. F. Highsmith founded and built in this city the Marsh-Highsmith hospital, a complete modern sanitarium with the most advanced scientific, medical and surgical appliances and conveniences, and under the management of these able physicians, it had a high reputation which greatly enlarged and improved its main tains as the Highsmith hospital. Withdrawing from the Marsh-Highsmith hospital in 1904, Dr. Marsh in the fall of that year built St. Luke's hospital on Haymount, this city. It is a splendid structure equipped, like the Highsmith hospital, with everything that goes to make up the modern sanitarium. Within its walls, under Dr. Marsh's able treatment, hundreds have sought and found health and restoration.

As a physician, Dr. Marsh was learned, advanced with the times and skillful. He was a noted surgeon, and performed some very difficult operations. As a business man he was energetic, astute and successful. As a citizen he was public spirited, aggressive and generous in response to demands upon his time and means. As a man he bore himself, and fought a good fight for the things he thought right. Impetuous and bold, he never hesitated to speak his mind, but was always ready to make amends.

Having a large and lucrative practice, a noted hospital, and various business interests, he was accounted a man of considerable wealth. He was president of the Fayette Auditorium Company and prominent in the management of other business enterprises. He was a member of the First Presbyterian church and of Cumberland Lodge, No. 5, K. of E. For some years he was city superintendent of health, and was elected and served as president of the Cumberland County Medical Society. He had also served as county physician and as a member of the county board of health.

As a physician, a citizen, a man, the loss of Dr. Marsh will

be felt in this community. The high esteem in which he was held has been attested since his death by the great crowds who have visited St. Luke's hospital, where he died and where his body lay until burial.

In 1886 Dr. Marsh married Miss Laura Glover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Glover, of this city. He is survived by his wife and four children. The youngest, a daughter, entered upon her life just one day before the stalwart father laid his down. A month ago his aged mother passed to her reward. The dying father looked upon and blessed his new-born child and called her Caroline for that mother, who had instilled into him those principles which stood him in such good stead in the brave fight he had made with life's obstacles.

Of his immediate family Dr. Marsh is survived by two brothers, Mr. D. W. Marsh, of Parkton, and Ex-Sheriff W. H. Marsh, of Fayetteville, and by two sisters, Mrs. Heman Jones and Mrs. W. A. Gainey, both of Gray's Creek township, this county.

In honor of the dead man's memory, the business houses generally were closed during the funeral services, and the La Fayette Auditorium, of which he was president, was draped in mourning.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, from the First Presbyterian church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. M. Fairley, assisted by Rev. Dr. J. J. Hall, pastor of the First Baptist church. The large building was literally packed to the doors with a vast congregation, great numbers of whom came from the surrounding country. The Cumberland County Medical Society, the druggists of the city and Cumberland Lodge, Knights of Pythias attended, and were fully represented. The cadets of Donaldson Military School acted as military escort, in honor of the deceased, who was a trustee of Donaldson Academy, the property of the First Presbyterian church. The floral offerings were very numerous and beautiful.

The pallbearers were: Honorary—Major E. J. Hale, Dr. H. W. Lilly, Messrs. Alex. Campbell, H. R. Horne, D. H. Ray, W. G. Hall, H. L. Cook, W. M. McCaskill, Active—F. H. Stedman, C. J. Cooper, H. McEl. Robinson, A. L. McCaskill, T. J. Purdie, J. H. Culbreth, J. R. Boyd, J. C. McDiarmid.

### RAILROAD FOR BLADEN

**Wanted A Direct Line from Fayetteville**

A number of the best citizens of lower Gray's Creek and Upper Bladen wish to say a word about the proposed new railroad through Bladen to Elizabethtown. While the people want a railroad and need one, yet if they vote \$40,000 bond to assist in building the road it is only reasonable and just for the people to have some say in the starting point. If Mr. Armfield will make Hope Mills the starting point the bond election will be carried, if he will not start from Hope Mills, then we wait a proposition from Mr. Mills. Now we have no fight to make against either of these gentlemen but it is the road we want and a more direct line than it would be starting from St. Pauls. We verily believe the above is the sentiment of a large majority of the voters of the three townships in Bladen through which the Railroad will run. Let us have the propositions of each, and I am sure the voters will choose intelligently and vote likewise.

A Citizen

### Death of Miss Lela Williams

Miss Lela Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Williams, who live about five miles east of this city, died at their home, Dec. 24th after an illness of several months. She underwent an operation at Highsmith hospital about three months ago. She was 32 years of age. Her death was the result of cancer. The funeral was conducted from Salem Methodist church December 25th by Rev. L. E. Thompson, of Fayetteville. THE INDEX extends sympathy to the bereaved family.

## Bond of V. & C. S. Cumberland and Hainett to Unite

**Bladen Commissioners Turn Down Mills' Railroad Proposition—Armfield Puts up \$40,000.00**

An Elizabethtown special of Monday to the Wilmington Star says: The board of County Commissioners of Bladen county in session here today refused to approve the bond offered by J. A. Mills, proposing to construct a road from Fayetteville to Elizabethtown on the ground that the proposition and bond did not safeguard the rights of the citizens, or guarantee the building of the road.

Messrs. J. F. L. Armfield and A. W. McLean, representing the Virginia & Carolina Southern, filed bond in the sum of \$40,000 guaranteeing the building of the road from St. Paul's to Elizabethtown in 12 months if the bonds are voted by the people on the 11th instant, and the Board of Commissioners promptly approved this bond. The people here are enthusiastic for the latter proposition and it looks now as if the election will be carried by a good majority. The proposition of Mr. McLeod is regarded as a joke.

At a meeting of the directors of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce Thursday night the following resolution was adopted: "Without any purpose to dictate to the citizens of Bladen county, or to be antagonistic to any party or railroad system contemplating the construction of a railroad to Elizabethtown, we would say that after a full investigation of Mr. Armfield's (Virginia & Carolina Southern) plans to build a road from Elizabethtown to Fayetteville, we, the directors of the Chamber of Commerce of Fayetteville, N. C., most heartily endorse the same, and wish for it success, believing that the completion of this road would be mutually beneficial to the said county and the city of Fayetteville."

Monday's Robesonian says:

A meeting of the stockholders of the Lumberton & Elizabethtown Railway was held in Lumberton Saturday and the following directors were elected: Geo. B. A. H. and Alph H. McLeod, Gen. F. A. Bond, W. P. McAllister and J. A. McLoughlin. At a subsequent meeting of the directors the following officers were elected: G. B. McLeod, president; Gen. F. A. Bond, 1st vice-president; W. P. McAllister, 2d vice-president; A. H. McLeod, secretary; Alph H. McLeod, treasurer; J. A. McLoughlin, general manager. It is said that the civil engineers who began surveying two or three weeks ago are expected to return from their holiday vacation tomorrow night and resume work. The promoters of this road do not offer to file any bond to guarantee that the road will be built.

### BURIED AT OLD HOME

**Remains of Miss Elizabeth J. Winslow Brought to Fayetteville.**

The remains of Miss Elizabeth J. Winslow, of this city, who died in Savannah Saturday night, were buried here Monday from the residence of Mr. H. R. Horne. The remains were accompanied here by Mr. and Mrs. E. Winslow Jewett, of Savannah, at whose home Miss Winslow spent her last years. Miss Winslow was a woman of rare grace and culture. She was born in this city 72 years ago, and was a daughter of Edward Lee Winslow, one of the most prominent lawyers of this state in his time, and a niece of Hon. Warren Winslow, member of Congress. Miss Winslow is survived by her nephew, Mr. E. Winslow Jewett, of Savannah, and four cousins, Mrs. Haslem, Miss Ochiltree, and Messrs. W. W. Horne and S. R. Horne.

If you want the best Range made buy the "Princess" at a price lower than any other high grade Range. Every one guaranteed. Fayetteville Furniture Co., W. E. Brothers.

## WHITE OAK NEWS

**Delicious Prominent Citizen Farmer's Institute—Other Items.**

**In Establishing a State High School at Little River Academy—Proposition by Board of Education.**

The Cumberland County Board of Education, at its meeting Monday, took action toward the establishment of a State high school at Little River Academy near the line between Cumberland and Hainett counties, on the Raleigh and Southport railroad. The district to embrace portions of both counties in that section. The proposition contemplates the united effort and action of the boards of education of the two counties, and the Cumberland board will confer with the Hainett board as to the movement. If the Hainett board will join in the undertaking it looks as if the proposition would materialize and it would doubtless be a great benefit to upper Cumberland and lower Hainett.

### WOMEN CAPTURE CITY.

**Fayetteville's Fair Daughters Pull Off Annual Celebration in Highly Creditable Manner—Tournament and Brilliant Masquerade Ball.**

Friday was a gala day in Fayetteville, the city having been turned over to the Woman's Civic Improvement Association, which handled its gala day celebration in a manner highly creditable. Even the street railway system was given over to the fair sex, the cars, throughout the day, being in charge of charming girls.

An old-fashioned knight's tournament was held at the Cumberland Fair park, which was well attended in view of the extremely cold weather prevailing. The tournament was a splendid and exciting exhibition of skillful riding. The victorious knight was Mr. Fred G. Williams.

At the brilliant masquerade ball, which took place in the F. I. L. I. armory, Mr. Williams crowned Miss Jessie Crosswell, as "Queen of Love and Beauty" presenting her with a handsome diamond brooch. After the dancing, in which forty-five couples participated, a prize for the best costume worn by a lady was presented to Miss Chambers, who is the guest of Mrs. Peter Mallett. The gentleman's prize was awarded to Mr. Wingate Tomlinson.

### DEATH IN TEXAS

**Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Parker, Native of North Carolina, Passes.**

The learned correspondent of the Wilmington Star says: News was received here yesterday from Greenville, Texas, of the death at that place of Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Parker. Mrs. Parker was the widow of the late W. J. Parker of Cypress Creek, one of the most prominent merchants who ever lived in this community. Mrs. Parker was before marriage Miss Sarah E. Owen of Sampson county, daughter of Rev. Miles Owen, of that county. She was noted for her charming and pleasant manners. She was very industrious and faithful to home and domestic duties of every kind. The deceased was a consistent member of the Methodist church several years ago. Mrs. Parker went to Texas to live with her only daughter, Mrs. Kate Taylor. Her death occurred there and interment will be made at Greenville to day. Besides her daughter Mrs. Parker is survived by a granddaughter Miss Faye White, also of Greenville, Texas, and three sisters, Mrs. Margaret Brock of Durham, Mrs. Annie Helow of Sampson and Mrs. Martha A. Smith of Cumberland.

Special attention is called to the big, full page advertisement of Bevil & Vanostory, which will be found on the eighth page. Mr. C. L. Bevil has returned from the West where he purchased what is said to be the largest lot of horses and mules ever brought to Fayetteville at one time. They arrived yesterday afternoon. This progressive and prosperous firm is preparing to get its share of the stock business of this section this spring, which promises to be the biggest ever known.

## Jury List For February Term

**Meeting of Cumberland County Commissioners—Several Important Orders Made.**

The January meeting of the Cumberland County Commissioners, held Monday and Tuesday, was an important one, because of the import of several orders passed, these relating to another bridge across the Cape Fear, the canalization of the river, the Capital Highway and stock law. To serve as jurors for the February term of court the following names were drawn:

Grays Creek, H. L. Hall, Caryer's Creek, W. I. Lewis, Joseph Ray, Beaver Dam, V. M. Simmons, Flea Hill, Jas. I. Matthews, G. D. Horne, A. K. Bullard, H. A. Sessions, K. A. Williams, Black River, R. P. Thornton, Cross Creek, C. W. Rankin, Joe I. Kennedy, A. S. Melvin, Cedar Creek, J. Mc Johnson, B. McR. Autry, W. W. Matthews, Quewhiffle, T. B. Epechurch, Rockfish, G. W. Gibson.

It was ordered that the board recommend to the next Legislature that an act be passed authorizing the Commissioners to issue bonds for the purpose of building a steel bridge over the Cape Fear River at some point between Godwin and Wade, to be agreed upon, said issue not to exceed \$25,000.

It was ordered that \$300 be appropriated to assist in securing a congressional appropriation for the canalization of the upper Cape Fear. It was ordered that Capt. P. P. Baker proceed at once to employ hands and carts to work on the Capital Highway; from the sand clay road in Cumberland to the Moore County line. A committee composed of Messrs. W. J. Olive, H. Lutterloh and Chas. G. Rose was appointed to draft suitable resolutions upon the death of Dr. J. H. Marsh, late member of the Board of Health and Ex-County Physician.

A Farmers' Institute, and a Woman's Institute, in connection, will be held at White Oak Academy on Saturday, January 15. J. L. Burgess, S. P. Shaw, and Hartwell Scarborough will be the lecturers, and Mrs. F. I. Stevens will address the women. Everybody who is interested in farming and the betterment of farm homes is urged to attend. The boys are especially invited to come and learn about the Boys' Corn Club.

The spring term of White Oak Academy opens Tuesday, January 4, and the outlook is for a fine spring session. White Oak, N. C., Jan. 3.

### REVIEW OF TRADE

**Indications Point to a Record Breaking Volume of Business in Year Just Closed.**

Quiet has followed the preceding week's rush of business in retail lines, while in the wholesale salesmen are in from the road and inventories is general. All obtainable information points to a satisfactory, in many sections, indeed, a record—volume of business done in the year just closed. The most satisfactory reports as to the year's results come from those sections of the South where crop damage has prevented fullest advantage being taken of the high prices of cotton. In wholesale and jobbing lines, if not indeed, record spring business has been booked. Prices of commodities show undiminished strength and some of the highest prices of the year were made in the last week. Cotton, for instance, reached and passed 16 cents, a price never heretofore reached at this date since war times. Business failures for the United States ending with December 30 were 256 against 264 last week and 257 in the like week of 1908.

### TWO WEDDINGS

**Porter Grimes and Adams Grimes, in the Hope Mills Section.**

Miss Lizzie Grimes and Miss Sallie Grimes, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Grimes, of Cotton, have both lately married.

On the 1st day of September, 1907, Mr. H. B. Porter and Miss Lizzie Grimes, accompanied by a few relatives and friends drove to the Baptist parsonage at Hope Mills about 2 o'clock, p. m., and after a few minutes of joyful entertainment were happily united in the bonds of wedlock.

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