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MELON GROWERS HAVE CONFERENCE

Robeson Association Asks For Railway Facilities.

ALSO WANT ICING STATION

Maxton Is The Great Melon Grow- ing Centre—Large Shipments Are Anticipated—Cantaloupes Are Shipped in Refrigerator Cars—Sheds to be Built.

Robeson is the largest melon growing section of the state and recently the different local associations organized into what is known as the Robeson Melon Growers association, the object being to aid farmers generally in disposing of their melons and other crops of like nature. The association is patterned after the Truck and Fruit Growers association and the executive committee was here yesterday to confer with Secretary Bauman in regard to methods used in putting the truck crops on the market.

The officers of the Robeson Melon Growers association are, H. G. McNair, of Maxton, president; Mr. W. S. Cobb, of Lumber Bridge, vice president; Mr. T. O. Evans, of Maxton, secretary and treasurer. Directors, Messrs. J. S. McRae, of Maxton, A. J. McKinnon, of Maxton; L. W. McKinnon, of Maxton; D. Z. McGougan, of Lumber Bridge; W. S. Cobb, of Lumber Bridge; Martin McKinnon, of Red Springs, and George H. Hall, of Red Springs. All of the above were present except Mr. Hall.

The directors spent a busy afternoon, having held conferences with several railroad officials and also with Mr. Charles W. Woodward, agent of the Armour Car Line in this city. The conference with Mr. Woodward was in regard to getting an icing station at Maxton. Mr. Woodward promised to take the matter up with the Chicago office and the members of the association are very hopeful of their request being granted. No watermelons are shipped in refrigerator cars, but cantaloupes can be shipped no other way.

They had a conference with Mr. E. Borden as to schedules of trains; with Mr. R. A. Brand as to freight rates, and Mr. A. W. Anderson regarding the erection of sheds and platforms. The members of the association were assured that the matter of erecting the sheds and platforms would be looked after at once.

Last night the directors met in room No. 16 at The Orton and discussed matters in general concerning the association. It may be that agents will be stationed at the Northern markets, at least at the principal ones, as is done by the Truck Growers Association, but this matter has not yet been definitely decided upon. The melon growers desire as far as possible to dispose of the crop at the track. A specialty will be made of track sales and it is expected that this season quite a number of buyers will be in the melon growing belt.

The watermelon acreage will probably be some larger than last season, but the same. It is estimated that there will be about 650 cars of watermelons, 115 cars of cantaloupes and 5,000 crates of corn.

Farmers are now getting their land ready for planting melons, but the actual work of planting

will not begin before the tenth of April.

At the meeting of the directors last night the following resolutions were adopted:

"Resolved, That the Carolina Fruit and Truckers Journal be and the same is hereby adopted as the official organ of the Robeson Melon Growers association: "Resolved, Further that the thanks of this association are hereby tendered Mr. H. T. Bauman, of the East Carolina Truck and Fruit Growers association, and Mr. Z. W. Whitehead, of the Carolina Fruit and Truckers Journal, for courtesies extended and favors shown the special committee and officers of this association while in Wilmington today."—Wil. Messenger, 22nd.

Soft Drink Case Up Again.

This morning in the Supreme court Attorney General Gilmer for the state and McLean, McLean and McCormick for the defendant argued the case State vs. Powell from Robeson, which the defendant was convicted on the charge of selling a phosphate drink which produced intoxication. The case was tried below by Judge Justice who held that the plea on the part of the defence that he did not know that the drink would intoxicate could not avail him as he should have known the character of the drink he was selling.—Raleigh correspondent, Industrial News, 21st.

The Weather Makers.

A man from a rural section of Robeson county was in Lumberton one day last week. While in an office, opposite the millinery store of Peterson and Breece, he saw a sign which read:

"Spring opening, Wednesday and Thursday, March 28th and 29th."

After reading the sign, he turned to Dr. Castlebury. "Say," said he, pointing to the sign with his thumb, "What're they got to do with the weather."

ALMA PUBLIC SCHOOL

CLOSES—MAXTON NEWS

Maxton, March 24.—It was erroneously stated in this correspondence, in the last issue of The Robesonian; that Mr. B. C. Glass, had been succeeded by The Adams Grain & Provision Co., of Charlotte. We are now informed that such is not the status of the business but that Mr. Glass will continue his business as formerly, simply handling the account of the Charlotte concern, at this point. The correction is cheerfully made.

The regular term of the public school for the Alma school district closed a few days since, but so pleased were the patrons with their efficient and popular teacher, Miss Clarkie McLean, that she has been employed to continue to teach a subscription school for two months.

The following conundrum has been propounded to your correspondent by a bright young lady. Guess it if you can: "Not on the ground, not on a log, not on a hill, I've told you once and left you guessing still?"

Mr. J. Frank Armfield, of Fayetteville made a short stay here this week, going from this point to Lumberton.

Mr. J. D. Austin, the "Greaser", of Red Springs, was offering his lubricators on this market recently.

Mrs. Dr. Smith, of Magnolia, N. C., is visiting her parents Maj. & Mrs. Maj. T. J. Wooten.

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NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM RED SPRINGS

Cor. of The Robesonian.

Red Springs, March 25.—We are glad to have any sort of post office. But the temporary one we have is painfully inconvenient. The people are not to be expected to be content with it long. They will begin all too quick to murmur. Dr. J. L. McMillan expects, we learn, to replace the burnt office. The prodding of a complaining people will make him bustle. When he returns from the meeting of the Atlantic Coast Line surgeons at Tampa, Florida, we dare say he will be "set agoing" after material and mechanics. We shall have in a short time, we hope, a fine and more convenient office even than we had before the fire.

Monday and not Saturday is the holiday at the College. Monday, 2nd of April, in the afternoon and at night the Zetesian society will give a fair in the hall of the auditorium to raise money to furnish its hall. Many and various kinds of fancy articles will be sold and ice cream will be served. This is a worthy cause. The attendance should be large. Everybody ought to encourage the young ladies in this good work.

The third quarterly concert at the College last week was thoroughly enjoyed. Very inclement and threatening weather made the audience smaller than it would have been. The music by the young ladies was highly creditable and greatly enjoyed. There were solos and quartettes on piano and violin, and songs, and all did well. It was all in all a very enjoyable musical performance.

Mr. Jack Singleton, of Shannon, has bought the lot adjacent to the Baptist church lot on the north side and expects to build at once a store house on it. Mr. Jim Singleton owns the lot between this lot and his two-story double store building now occupied by the Sikes-Currie Company and Red Springs Drug Co., and will build three brick stores on it as soon as he can get the material.

Mr. Arch McKinnon, of Red Springs, paid a short visit to his mother and sisters here this week.

Mrs. W. F. Steed, of Pates, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. A. H. O'Brien here this week.

Hinton James and A. D. McEachin, of Laurinburg were visitors here recently.

Mr. W. R. McKay returned from a business trip to Wilmington, Thursday night.

Miss Mattie Williams McLean spent Thursday in Lumberton. Miss Sallie McLean spent Friday in Laurinburg.

Mr. R. B. Lovin is building a new store on the street leading out to the Robeson residence from the railway crossing. The contractors are clearing away the rubbish to begin the erection of J. Allen Huggins new stores. They will stand on the site of the stores that were burned. Later he expects to build a two-story house where the hotel stood.

Hon. G. B. Patterson was appointed one of the committee to accompany the remains of Hon. George R. Patterson, a member of the House of Representatives from Pennsylvania, who died in Washington last Thursday, to his home. By a standing arrangement these two representatives, it is reported, were always paired as there was occasion.

Mr. Jim Singleton has purchased Mr. R. L. Atwell's timber about half a mile from town, down the railway towards Maxton and will put one of his saw mills on it without delay.

Our good friend, Mr. Neill Brown, no mean judge, thinks the fruit is killed. We hope against hope that it will not prove to be so.

The Red Springs Drug Company will rebuild where its store was burned and will begin to do so as soon as the material can be purchased.

Rev. Dr. A. J. McKelway, it is reported, will make his home in Atlanta, Georgia, where he will be more centrally located for his work as secretary of the Child Labor Association.

Mr. W. J. Council is making the concrete building stones for his handsome two-story store building.

Mr. L. M. Cook is the registrar for the town election to be held in May. Messrs. E. C. Cope and Mr. R. Baggett are the judges.

Mrs. Daniel McLeod, who has been quite sick, is convalescing.

Mr. J. M. Pope, who was made sick by overwork at the great fire, is out again, we are glad to say.

The pastor will preach at Shannon church next Sunday.

Union Service.

A union service of the members of the Sunday school and congregation was held at the First Baptist church Sunday morning. The service was in charge of Pastor Durham and Sunday School Superintendent R. D. Caldwell. Short addresses were made by Rev. O. J. Peterson, Prof. Vann, Messrs. E. J. Britt, S. McIntyre and Dr. R. T. Allen. The service was a most enjoyable one.

Mr. J. L. Monroe, of Elrod, was in town Friday.

PARKTON NEWS ITEMS.

Parkton, March 24.—On the evening of the 21st at the home of Mr. C. L. Thaggard's, Miss Janette Thaggard and Mr. John Ray were married, Rev. Dougald Monroe officiating. Best wishes to them.

Several of our townsmen went over to Fayetteville Sunday to hear Governor Glenn on the subject of Temperance and reported a great speech.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Hughes spent Sunday here with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. D. Hughes.

Rev. Mr. Dixon, of R. S. S. preached two fine sermons Sunday in the Presbyterian church.

Mrs. D. E. McNair, of Rennert visited her mother, Mrs. L. M. Lancaster, last week.

Mrs. J. B. McCormick and Miss Mary Janett McNeill visited at St. Pauls Thursday.

Mrs. J. D. Malloy and daughter, Miss Treva, spent Tuesday in Fayetteville.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Welch visited their daughter at McColl last week.

Sheriff McLeod and Mr. Sandy Barker were here last Saturday.

Sheriff McLeod for Congress?

It was currently reported here yesterday among Sixth District lawyers returning from Brunswick Superior court at Southport that Sheriff George B. McLeod, of Lumberton, would be a candidate for the nomination for Congress to succeed Hon. G. B. Patterson. However, the rumor lacks confirmation. Wilmington Star 23rd.

Baseball at Red Springs.

The North Carolina Military Academy and Oak Ridge Institute will play two games of baseball at Red Springs Monday and Tuesday, the 26 and 27. Both are good teams and two interesting games are expected. Admission prices are: Gentlemen, 35 cents, Ladies and children, 25 cents.

INTERESTING NEWS NOTES FROM LUMBER BRIDGE

Lumber Bridge, March 24.—The sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered at the Presbyterian church last Sunday. Rev. D. P. Bridgers, pastor of the Baptist church, preached for the pastor, Rev. J. A. Caligan, Saturday and Rev. Dr. C. G. Vardell on Sunday.

The enrollment at the Academy has reached 105. Steps have been taken to make the school a graded one. Prof. McCullom and his assistants, Misses Johnson and McNeill, are doing highly satisfactory work.

It is said that there is to be a small increase in the acreage set apart for cotton and also a small increase in the amount of fertilizers to be used on it this community.

Mr. Ed. Clifton has recently added an engine to his general repair shop. This is now one of the best equipped shops of the kind in this section.

Miss Julia McEachern, having concluded her school work at Kenly, has returned home.

Mr. Neill Shaw made his first shipment of lettuce last Thursday.

The Robeson county bar met Thursday afternoon and fixed the calendar for the April term of court to convene next Monday, with Judge O. H. Allen presiding. The Calendar is printed on the third page of today's Robesonian.

MOVEMENT FOR NEW RAILROAD

Messrs. Blue and Armfield Submit Pro- position.

PART OF AMOUNT IS RAISED

To Build a Railroad From Here to Point on Coast Line—Lumber- ton People will Take \$25,000 Bonds—People Along Way To Assist.

The Board of Trade and Industry met at the office of the Lumberton Cotton Mills Thursday evening to consider the proposition of Messrs. John Blue, C. N. Blue and J. F. L. Armfield, to build a railroad from Lumberton northward. Mr. R. D. Caldwell, president of the board presided. Among the members present were, Col. N. A. McLean, Dr. J. D. McMillan, Messrs. S. A. Edmund, B. Godwin, A. W. McLean, S. McIntyre, H. B. Jennings, Geo. B. McLeod, W. P. McAllister, J. P. McNeill, J. G. McCormick, K. M. Biggs, A. E. White, W. J. Prevatt, E. J. Britt, Frank Gough, R. E. Lee, M. W. Floyd. The proposed line as designated would probably run from Lumberton to Parkton or some other point on the Atlantic Coast Line and perhaps connect with Mr. Blue's railroad at Dundarach.

It is expected that Lumberton subscribe twenty-five thousand dollars toward the construction and that bonds would be issued to the subscribers as soon as the construction advanced sufficiently to do so. The citizens of Lumberton would also be required to assist in every way possible in securing right of way for the road. The construction of the line will then be dependent upon the subscriptions which can be secured along the proposed line and the extent to which the people who own the lands through which it will pass are willing to donate the right of way. During the discussion of the matter, Mr. John Blue stated that if the people along the line along where it should be determined to build, were not willing to aid and assist the enterprise, that it would not be built.

The advantages of the proposed plan were also discussed and it was shown that the territory tributary to the new road would have the benefit of direct connection with the three great railway systems of the South.

Col. N. A. McLean, Messrs. A. E. White, G. B. McLeod, S. McIntyre and Q. T. Williams, were appointed as a committee to consider the proposition submitted to and secure subscriptions. Within a short time more than fifteen thousand dollars was subscribed. Our people are determined to have the road and if the citizens along the line will show the same spirit, it will be but a short time until the work of construction will commence.

Masonic Meeting.

The St. Alban's Lodge of Masons has invited the members of the lodges at Red Springs, Rowland and Ashpole, to meet with the local members Tuesday night. There will be work in the third degree, after which a spread will be given by the local lodge. An interesting occasion is promised, and all members are urged to be present.