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## TO FINANCE COTTON CROP

**A Meeting of the Robeson Farmers' Union Will be Held in Lumberton Monday to Take Some Action—An Interesting Talk on Holding Cotton by a Representative of the National Union.**

Mr. J. E. Walker of Mecklenburg county, commissioned by the National Farmers' Union to unfold the Union's plan of enabling farmers to hold cotton for a better price, addressed a small crowd in the court house here Tuesday morning. The crowd was small because the meeting had not been well advertised. The notice was not given to The Robesonian in time to reach its rural subscribers. After a public address in which Mr. Walker explained the need of holding for a better price and showed that all classes should be as much interested in doing this as the farmer, a meeting closed to all but Union men was held. Nothing that occurred at this meeting has been given out for publication except that it was decided to hold a meeting of the county Union in Lumberton next Monday morning at 10 o'clock. At this meeting important business will be transacted and it is desired that every local in the county be represented.

In introducing Mr. Walker President J. E. Carlyle, of the Robeson Union, emphasized the importance of the subject Mr. Walker would present. Last year at this time cotton was bringing 14 cents, now it is \$30 a bale less, and if farmers sell at present below-cost-of-production price they will not be in shape to make a crop next year.

Mr. Walker talked about the necessity of obtaining a greater price for cotton and cotton seed—he said the latter were worth from 38 to 40 cents as fertilizer—and showed that it is a shortsighted policy on the part of the manufacturer to help put the price of cotton down, for the banker and manufacturer are benefitted as well as the farmers by the money that comes in from foreign countries to pay for cotton. The farmers are working for the material upbuilding of the South. It is not the purpose to hold cotton without making arrangements to pay the merchant and the banker, but with the aid of the merchant and the banker they can hold. Arrangements must be made to warehouse cotton and make selling it a business proposition.

After Mr. Walker's talk there was discussion in which Messrs. J. E. Carlyle, J. A. McAllister, E. Wheeler Stone, A. S. Johnson, W. P. Barker and W. K. Culbreth took part. All were agreed that obligations must be met and that as much cotton as possible should be kept off the market; also that the merchant and the banker should do all they could to help finance the crop.

## A Strange Cotton Worm Working Havoc in Gaston County.

Gastonia Special, 24, to Charlotte Observer.

If reports brought to Gastonia by farmers from the southern and eastern parts of the county are correct, and there is no reason to doubt them, a cotton worm, which made its appearance only a few days ago, is working havoc on the late cotton bolls, stripping entire fields, as they come to them, of both leaves and the unopened bolls. There is quite a lot of this cotton in Gaston county and the opinion of conservative cotton farmers is that this pest will curtail the crop in this county several hundred bales.

Destructive worms are also reported from South Carolina.

## Important Farmers' Union Meeting Monday.

To the Officers and Members of the Farmers' Union of Robeson County: You are hereby notified that there will be a called meeting of the Union in Lumberton on Monday, October 9, at 10 o'clock a. m., and every Union man in the county is urged to attend this meeting. Every Local Union should see to it that it is represented in full, as some very important matters are to be taken up.

J. E. Carlyle, Pres.

## THE COUNTY'S BUSINESS.

**Town of Lumberton Tax Valuations Increased 10 Per Cent.—Farm Demonstration Work During October and November—Petition for New Township—Jailer's Salary Increased—Money Borrowed and Bills Ordered Paid.**

The county commissioners were in regular session Monday and transacted the usual amount of business:

The report of the committee, A. R. McEachern and E. J. Britt, appointed to investigate the tax values of Lumberton township was approved and it was ordered that, in accordance with the recommendation of that committee, the valuation of real estate in the town of Lumberton be increased 10 per cent. The calculations upon which this committee based its report were fully reported in a recent issue of The Robesonian.

It was ordered that Messrs. J. I. Townsend and H. F. Purvis continue farm demonstration work two months from October 2. In a letter to Mr. E. J. Britt, attorney to the board, Mr. C. R. Hudson, State agent for this work, stated that in other counties where this work had been carried on the average yield of corn on 4,000 acres of demonstration work last season was 44 bushels per acre, while the average yield of the State was only 18 bushels; the average yield of cotton on 3,000 acres was a little over 1,200 pounds of seed cotton, while the average yield of the State was 700 pounds. Use of improved machinery and other illustrations of actual results of such work were given.

It was ordered that the following amounts be borrowed by the board: \$800 from Bank of Lumberton; \$800 from First National Bank of Lumberton; \$800 from Bank of Maxton; \$800 from Bank of Robeson (Maxton); \$800 from Bank of Rowland—each note due January 1st, 1912, with interest at 6 per cent after maturity.

Sheriff McNeill filed his final report of taxes for 1910, treasurer's receipts showing that all amounts collected had been properly accounted for, and the report was approved.

Bonds of Kelly Johnson and Herbert Lowrie, as constables of Sterling's and Pembroke townships, respectively, were approved.

F. P. Humphrey was granted pedler's license.

The following bills were ordered paid:

Court House and Court—J. R. Britt, conveying jury to chain gang, \$3 50; Oscar Edwards, work at court house, \$20.70; J. A. Potter, fixing locks at court house, \$3 30; Pound & Moore, overhauling adding machine and paper, \$18 50; Judge H. W. Whedbee, holding special term of court week beginning September 25, \$100; Town of Lumberton, water, \$14 68; J. B. Bowen, repairing chairs, \$3; Anna Thompson, feeding jury, \$22; janitor, \$40; A. Nash, indexing records, \$60. Total \$285 68.

Jail and Prisoners—J. D. Regan, conveying lunatic to asylum, \$14.20; J. H. Floyd, jailer, \$125 40; F. J. Adams, conveying prisoner to jail, \$7 85; Town of Lumberton, water, \$18 Total \$165 55.

Jailer Floyd's salary was increased from \$50 per month to \$65. W. P. Barker and A. T. Parmele were appointed a committee to have bath arrangement installed in the jail.

Richard Parker, sentenced at September term of court to 90 days in jail to be hired out, was hired to H. A. Prevatt for \$21.

County Home and Paupers—F. J. Meares, keeper of home, \$100.45. The regular pauper list was allowed and Dan Gilchrist and Harriett Oxendine were placed on the list at \$3 and \$1.50, respectively.

Miscellaneous—J. A. McCormick, special coroner, inquest over-body of Wm. Fields, and expenses, \$6.50; jurors in above inquest, \$12; M. G. McKenzie, treasurer, salary, \$200; stamps \$1.47; A. T. Parmele, auditor, salary \$216.66; supplies \$4.05; S. A. L. Ry. Co., freight, \$1.01; E. J. Britt, 4 days work reassessing property, \$40; Freeman Printing Co., printing, \$180.10; T. N. Higley, register of deeds, salary, \$358.34, supplies \$3.80; K. M.

## COUNTY SCHOOL MATTERS

**Some Special Tax Districts Overpaid by Sheriff—Various Orders Passed.**

The county board of education was in regular session Monday for the transaction of routine business.

County Auditor A. T. Parmele reported that in auditing the sheriff's final settlement with the county for 1910 he found that the following amounts in white special school tax districts were overpaid: Blue Springs, district 3, 90 cts.; Maxton, district 2, \$15 23; St. Paul, district 4, \$86.93; Saddle Tree, district 4, 86 cts.; Thompson, district 6, \$3.35—total, \$107.32. It was ordered that these districts be charged with the amounts overpaid.

Supt. Poole was instructed to have school site in district 1, Raft Swamp, surveyed and to put house in condition for school. The exchange of school house and site in district 6, St. Paul, for the old Baptist church at Rennet was confirmed and the committee is allowed to pay \$141.31 difference out of the special tax fund of the district. District 6, colored, Maxton, was allowed \$112.50 on purchase of lodge hall and school building provided the district contribute an equal amount and move the building on county property, and the superintendent was authorized to sell the old building.

Supt. Poole was instructed to purchase a corporate seal for the board at not exceeding \$1.75. The committee of district 2, Indian, Thompson's, was allowed \$112.50 for building purposes provided the district build a two-story frame house not less than 24x36, brick pillars and flues, and complete the building. The school site selected by Supt. Poole in district 5, White House (Marietta), was approved. Condy Arnette and D. F. Israel were appointed committeemen in district 4, Wishart's. It was ordered that Auditor Parmele be paid 90 cts., supplies for superintendent's office, and H. M. McAllister \$75.90, insurance.

## Stockholders' and Directors' Meetings of Farmers & Merchants Bank.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers & Merchants Bank was held yesterday in the directors' room of the bank. The president's annual report showed the bank in good financial condition. The following were elected directors for the ensuing year: W. M. Bridgers, K. M. Barnes, D. H. Britt, A. P. Caldwell, J. E. Carlyle, T. C. Evans, M. W. Floyd, John Knox, Jr., R. E. Lee, T. A. McNeill, Jr., E. C. Nye and C. B. Skipper. At a subsequent meeting of the directors the following officers were elected: ex-Judge T. A. McNeill, president (re-elected); Messrs. K. M. Barnes and J. E. Carlyle, vice presidents; Mr. T. C. Evans (re-elected) cashier; and Mr. R. E. Lee, attorney.

## Examinations For Public School Teachers.

County Superintendent J. R. Poole will hold examinations for public school teachers at the court house in Lumberton on the following dates: for white teachers, Thursday, October 12; colored, Friday, 13th; Indian, Saturday, 14th.

Biggs, supplies, \$1; C. B. Skipper, clerk superior court, salary \$341.67, supplies \$4.50, salary fund \$33.55; G. E. Rancke, coroner, inquest over Will Small, \$14.80; jury, \$12; Pope Drug Co., medicine, etc., \$101.25; Caldwell & Carlyle, supplies, \$3.17; E. C. McNeill, sheriff, salary \$400, salary fund \$23.25; McCormick & Paul, expenses burial of Wm. Fields, \$10. Total, \$1,969.42.

A petition was presented asking for a new township to be formed from portions of St. Paul and Lumber Bridge townships, to be known as Rennet township and with Rennet as voting precinct, signed by Mr. B. Tolar and others, and the secretary to the board was instructed to notify the petitioners that the matter would be considered when it was presented before the board as required by law.

## JEWISH CEREMONIES.

**Atonement Day Observed in Lumberton—Ritual of Redeeming First Born Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Weinstein—Election of Officers of Lumberton Congregation.**

Reported for The Robesonian.

Atonement day was celebrated and observed by the Jews of Lumberton on the evening of October 1st and October 2d by praying and fasting. A goodly crowd of visiting brethren gathered together for prayer and observances in the Jewish synagogue. Services were conducted by M. B. Schockett. The brethren who participated in the observance of the ritual were the following: A. Blacker, Robt. Blacker and I. Baker of Monroe; Frank Blacker, J. Cohen, Sam Hopkins, Sidney Hopkins and Myer Roman of Rockingham; M. Fine, Maxton; M. J. and Max Margolis, Leinwant Stark, A. B. Brick, M. Kramer, Rowland; William Brick, Dillon, S. C.; Sam Dunie and Myer Barman, Fairmont; H. Weinstein, McColl, S. C.; L. Blacker, Richmond, Va. Those from Lumberton were A. Weinstein, S. Weinstein, M. Blacker, Joseph Blacker, H. Dunie, H. Cowen, Abe Schwartzberg, also all their ladies and children were present.

Monday night at 9 o'clock all the Hebrews and families assembled at the residence of Mr. S. Weinstein, where Mr. H. Weinstein, wife and baby boy were visiting, and the ritual of redeeming the first-born son was performed on the first-born boy of Mr. and Mrs. H. Weinstein, Rayford Lee Weinstein. See Exodus, chapter 15, verses 2:12-13. The boy was redeemed from the Cohen for 5 shekels, as precept ibid. The Cohen who performed the exchange was Mr. J. Cohen of Rockingham. After the ceremony a sumptuous repast was served by Mr. and Mrs. S. Weinstein, grandparents of the baby boy.

An election of officers of the Lumberton congregation for the ensuing year was also held, the following officers being elected by acclamation: Mr. A. Weinstein, president; Mr. H. Dunie, vice president; Mr. Moses Blacker, secretary and treasurer. A building committee was elected to repair the synagogue, as follows: Messrs. A. Weinstein, Moses Blacker and Abe Schwartzberg.

## Jurors For November Term of Court.

At the meeting of the county commissioners Monday the following were drawn to serve as jurors at the two-weeks' criminal term of Robeson superior court which will convene Monday, November 6:

First week—J. T. Poole, Levi Phillips, C. B. Redmond, Robt. D. Croom, John Horne, J. H. Johnson, Jr., S. F. Caldwell, W. H. McCormick, H. M. Norment, D. S. Marley, Geo. T. Graham, C. A. Burns, Fletcher Walters, Geo. W. Turner, T. D. Williamson, I. M. Thompson, Chas. R. Parker, J. M. Johnson, E. M. Hines, J. M. McKinnon, C. T. Harrington, Milton Lytch, Jesse Wilks, E. L. Ivey, R. A. Harden, J. T. Purvis, M. W. Floyd, H. E. Bacott, H. B. Jennings, A. L. McCallum, W. J. Britt, Scott McLean, B. S. McLean, A. W. Walters, Jim Kinlaw, Andrew Smith.

Second week—Collier Cobb, Jno. Parnell, Mills Prevatt, J. B. McLeod, I. J. Lancaster, W. S. Johnson, R. B. Turner, S. M. Britt, Ernest McLean, J. J. Beard, Gordon Flowers, B. A. Miller, Owen Ward, Agrippa Mercer, F. J. Morgan, Alex. White, J. R. Harrington, Frank Williams.

Rear Admiral Winfield Scott Schley, United States Navy, the hero of Santiago in 1898, fell dead on a street in New York Monday afternoon. It was announced Monday night that the body would be taken Tuesday to Washington and that service would be held at his late home in that city, burial to be in Arlington cemetery.

Bilious? Feel heavy after dinner? Tongue coated? Bitter taste? Complexion sallow? Liver needs waking up. Doan's Regulate cure bilious attacks. 25 cents at any drug store.

## KILLED BY TRAIN.

**Body of Young White Man Found Near V. & C. S. Tracks Near Roslin—Loaded Pistol Found Near Body.**

Jeff Davis, a young white man, probably between 25 and 30 years old, was found dead Tuesday morning lying near the track of the Virginia & Carolina Southern Railroad at a curve of the road about a quarter or a mile south of Roslin. Dr. J. V. McGougan, Cumberland county coroner, was notified and went to the scene, summoned a jury and held an inquest; and the verdict rendered was that the deceased came to his death from a blow by a railroad train. The body was lying near the road, head toward the track within a few inches of the cross ties, and the only indication of being struck was a hole in the back of the head. It is supposed that Davis was killed Monday night by passenger train No. 78, due to leave Lumberton at 8:35 p. m. and arrive Hope Mills at 9:35. Davis was seen about half an hour before the train passed Roslin going in the direction of where the body was found Tuesday morning, and it is said that he was wobbling along as if he was drunk. His loaded pistol and coat were found lying by the track a few feet from his body.

Mr. Davis was a son of Mr. Jack Davis, who lives on Big Rockfish, Cumberland county. It is said that he was fireman for the Hughes Lumber Co., near Parkton.

## Diphtheria Antitoxin at Manufacturers' Cost.

Dr. W. A. McPhaul spent yesterday in Raleigh on business and inquired while there as to why the law which he was instrumental in having passed by the last Legislature, of which he was a member, making diphtheria antitoxin available to the public at manufacturers' cost, had not been put in operation. He was informed that it had been opposed by wholesale dealers and retailers, but that now it was being enforced. This means that a dose that formerly cost \$7.50 retail can now be obtained for \$1.95—a tremendous saving and one that means a great deal to people who are not able to pay such high prices for medicine as diphtheria antitoxin costs.

## A Change in Management of Lumberton Drug Co.

Mr. Howard McLarty, of Morroe, has accepted a position as pharmacist and manager of the Lumberton Drug Co. Mr. McLarty arrived Monday evening from Laurinburg, where he had held a position for some time, and began work Tuesday. Mr. R. S. Sledge, who held the position of pharmacist and manager of the company for several years, resigned some days ago and will probably accept a position in Danville, Va., where he is at present with his family on a visit to relatives. Mr. Sledge still has an interest in the business.

## School Will Close In Time For the Show.

Owing to the fact that so many of the pupils are going anyway, Sup. Sentelle, of the graded school, has decided to close school tomorrow in ample time not to interfere with those who want to go to the show. He is anxious that no one stay away on account of the show, for he will let out in plenty of time. This is the first show that has been advertised as a really truly circus that has been through these coasts in a blue moon, and it is probable that all this countryside and his wife and children will be here tomorrow.

## Is the World Growing Better?

Many things go to prove that it is. The way thousands are trying to help others is proof. Among them is Mrs. W. W. Gould, of Pittsfield, N. H. Finding good health by taking Electric Bitters, she now advises other sufferers everywhere to take them. "For years I suffered with stomach and kidney trouble," she writes. "Every medicine I used failed till I took Electric Bitters. But this great remedy helped me wonderfully." They'll help any woman. They're the best tonic and finest liver and kidney-remedy that's made. Try them. You'll see. 50c at all druggists.

## LOCAL BRIEFS

—Licenses have been issued for the marriage of Mabel Wooten and D. O. Houser; Mary E. Faulk and J. H. Hughes.

—Mr. W. S. Britt has been appointed a delegate to the Atlantic Deepwater Association which meets in Richmond, Va., 17th to 20th.

—The regular quarterly meeting of the directors of the National Cotton Mill was held this morning and a 2 per cent quarterly dividend was declared.

—Mr. W. F. French, of the firm of W. F. French & Co., left Tuesday for the Western markets to purchase mules and horses. He will be away several days.

—The school at Ten Mile will begin the first Monday in November. Miss Mattie C. Dunlap, of Waynesville, has been elected principal of the school and she will be assisted by Miss Cora Britt, of Ten Mile.

—Mr. C. U. Spivey is the latest night policeman. Counting by the way others have been sticking to the job since Policeman Strain left for Rowland Mr. Spivey is an old hand on the job—he's been on 3 nights now.

—The Lumberton Motor Car Co. is expecting the arrival of a car load of Chalmers automobiles one day this week. This will be the first of this make of cars ever received here. Mr. H. M. McAllister will own one of the machines.

—The old porch on the second floor of the Waverly hotel has been removed. To accustomed eyes the old building looks queer without it. This porch stretched across the sidewalk and beneath it has for years been a favorite loafing place.

—Dr. W. A. McPhaul received yesterday his appointment as Seaboard surgeon for this division of the road. Dr. McPhaul has been acting as surgeon for the Seaboard ever since Dr. T. D. Kitchen, former surgeon, left here something over a year ago.

—There will be preaching next Sunday at 11:00 o'clock a. m. by Rev. R. E. Sentelle at the East Lumberton Baptist church, the pastor, Rev. J. M. Fleming, being with Rev. F. T. Wooten of Chadburn in a meeting at Western Prong church in Columbus county.

—Albert Biggs, infant son, about 4 months old, of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Carter, formerly of Lumberton but now of Maxton, died Monday night. The funeral services were conducted Tuesday from the home by Rev. S. J. McConnell and interment was made in Maxton.

—Lumberton theater-goers are expecting a treat tonight at the opera house, "The Man On the Box" being the attraction. The company arrived this morning from Wilmington, where an audience was vastly pleased, according to The Star, with its performance last night.

—Mr. Robert E. Lewis, who lives about 5 miles from town on the Fayetteville road, has purchased from Mrs. Mary E. Raybon 139 acres of land located east of the road in front of Mr. Lewis' home. The deal was made Monday and the price paid for the place was \$4,000.

—There will be a layman's missionary rally at Barker's church, at Barker's, Sunday, the services beginning at 11 o'clock. Messrs. A. W. Peace, W. H. Humphrey, W. H. Kinlaw, of Lumberton; Prof. H. L. Edens, of Pembroke, and Mr. D. C. Regan, of Hawellaville, are among those that are expected to make talks on this occasion.

—At the regular monthly meeting of the county road commissioners Monday Mr. N. B. McArthur, commissioner for district 5, tendered his resignation, effective the first Monday in November, on account of the lack of time to devote to the work. Owing to the crowded condition of today's paper a full report of this meeting must be held over for Monday's paper.

Lame back is one of the most common forms of muscular rheumatism. A few applications of Chamberlain's Liniment will give relief. For sale by all dealers.