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BOYS' CORN CLUB PRIZE WINNERS.

Two Boys From Robeson Among the Winners—Wilkes the Banner County—Largest Yield 235.55 Bushels.

County Superintendent of Public Instruction J. R. Poole received this morning from Mr. T. B. Parker, State director of boys' corn clubs, a report of the prize winners for this year. The winners for this, the sixth, district are: First prize, James R. Powell of Clinton, Sampson county, 132.64 bushels; second, J. Paul Robertson of Rowland, this county, 111.25; third, Harvey Holland, of Salemburg, Sampson, 106; fourth, Burton Graham of Rowland, 101.19; fifth, Eschol Hare of Autreyville, Sampson, 100.

The largest yield was 235.55 bushels, harvest measure, or a little more than 196 bushels crib dry measure, this being produced by Chas. Parker of Woodland, Hertford county, and he was among the boys who visited Washington this week, as mentioned elsewhere in today's paper. Three boys made over 150 bushels, 33 made over 100 bushels, and 89 made over 75 bushels each per acre. Boys to the number of 1,265, representing 89 counties, entered the contest, and 264, representing 65 counties, made final reports, giving an average yield of 67.69 bushels per acre. In the following the first figures represent number of reports and second figures average yield per acre: Wilkes, 39, 50.61; Edgecombe, 13, 79.44; Buncombe, 15, 88.73; Johnston, 13, 60.09; Robeson, 12, 61.72; Pitt, 11, 72.96.

Wilkes was the banner county, having 133 contestants and making 39 reports aggregating 1,976.40 bushels.

The corn club work hereafter will all be under Prof. I. O. Schaub, in order to avoid conflicts in reports. Mr. Parker will have charge of farmers' institutes, as heretofore, and he is especially anxious for the corn-club boys to attend the institutes.

A Double Murder Near Shelby—Most Horrible Crime in Annals of Cleveland County.

In the early hours of yesterday morning the most horrible crime in the history of Cleveland county was committed, Mr. and Mrs. John Dixon being brutally murdered at their new home ten miles above Shelby. Hack Ross and John Ross, two negro brothers, are held as suspects of the crime. It is known that Hack Ross made a threat that there would be "somebody missing in the neighborhood" if they took his meat, and Mr. Dixon had a mortgage on Ross' hog. When neighbors reached the scene yesterday morning Mr. Dixon, who was only 30 years old, was lying dead, face down, at the barn, and his wife, with her twelve-months-old baby at her side, was dead in a bloody bed in their sleeping room. Both murders were committed with an axe. Lynching is feared.

Postoffice Box Rents Will Increase.

Beginning January 1 box rents at the postoffice will be increased, per quarter, as follows: Small boxes from 45 cents to 60 cents; second size boxes from 60 to 75; drawers from 75 to \$1. It may sound like a paradoxical statement to say that this shows an increase of business—that is, that the business of an office has to increase to a certain point before such increase in rents is allowed; but that is the way the postoffice folks explain it. To the average layman it would seem that an increase in business ought to result in a lowering of rents, but it is the other way about. Anyway, the business of the local office has increased mightily, showing that Lumberton is a prosperous town, and those who want boxes must pay a little higher tax for the quarter beginning January 1, and for the quarters that follow.

The quicker a cold is gotten rid of the less the danger from pneumonia and other serious diseases. Mr. B. W. L. Hall, of Waverly, Va., says: "I firmly believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to be absolutely the best preparation on the market for colds, I have recommended it to my friends and they all agree with me." For sale by all dealers.

FIRE AT RAYNHAM.

C. T. Pate's Store, a Dwelling and a Blacksmith Shop Burned This Morning—Thought to be of Incendiary Origin.

Fire which was discovered between 4 and 5 o'clock this morning destroyed C. T. Pate's store and entire stock of goods at Raynham, 12 miles from Lumberton, a near-by dwelling which Mr. Pate had rented to a colored family, and a blacksmith shop. It is thought that some person or persons broke into the store and then set fire to it. Nothing was saved except a few tools from the shop. There is no clue to the guilty parties. Bloodhounds were phoned for from Fayetteville and about noon Deputy Sheriff J. D. Monaghan and Mr. Robertson passed through Lumberton on their way to Raynham from Fayetteville with a hound. Mr. Pate had about \$4,500 insurance on his stock of goods.

NORMENT NEWS NOTES.

No School at Present—Preaching Day Changed—Some Cases of Smallpox—Personal.

Norment, Dec. 13—Picking cotton, which has been the order of the day in this section for a long time, is about over with, to the satisfaction of the farmers.

Messrs. Coy and Owen Brown of Chadburn, spent Saturday night and Sunday visiting their aunt Mrs. Mag Phillips. Mr. C. E. Phillips spent Sunday at Mt. Elisha. Messrs. Haynes Branch and Guy Phillips spent Tuesday at Lumberton on business. Messrs. Kinnon Shepherd and Hayes Hester of Boardman spent Sunday here. Mr. Orion Martin and sister, Miss Katie, spent a few days last week in this section. Mr. Stacy Martin spent Friday at Bellamy. Mr. and Mrs. Dayton McLean and children spent Sunday night visiting Mr. McLean's sister Mrs. R. M. Phillips.

There ought to be a school going on in this section now. Most of the children are through picking cotton and ought to be going to school. As it is, the children will be idle till spring. We had our school in the summer. It was so that a good many children could not go, and now when they ought to be in school there is not any.

Messrs. Marshall and Enoch Britt were in these parts Saturday night. Mr. Homer Edmund of Long Branch was in this section Sunday.

Rev. R. N. Cashwell filled his appointment at Beulah the first Sunday. There was a large crowd out to hear him. The third Sunday has been our regular time for preaching, but it has been changed to the first Sunday. Let everybody remember and come.

There are some cases of smallpox above Beulah but don't think it is hurting them much. It was in this section last winter, but it died down in the summer. Some of the people have been vaccinated, but those who haven't are scared.

Mrs. Mag Phillips and son, Luther, spent Friday at Boardman. Sorry to report Mrs. Ella Branch on the sick list. "Brinkle"

Judge Geo. W. Ward Resigns.

The resignation of Hon. George W. Ward as superior court judge for the first judicial district, reached Governor Kitchin this morning, his service as judge to terminate December 31st. There is no intimation as to who will be appointed by the Governor to succeed him or when the appointment will be made. It is possible that the appointment may be delayed until just before the resignation takes effect. Being especially urged for the appointment are Col. W. C. Rodman and Stephen Bragaw of Washington. Judge Ward has been on the bench for seven years and writes the Governor that his resignation is actuated more from a desire to resume the practice of law than on account of poor health.

Every family has need of a good, reliable liniment. For sprains, bruises, soreness of the muscles and rheumatic pains there is none better than Chamberlain's. Sold by all dealers.

RED SPRINGS BUDGET.

A Delightful Recital—In Social Circles—Personal.

Red Springs, Dec. 12—On Monday evening the college auditorium was crowded by an eager audience which had gathered to hear the first quarterly concert of the year. This recital was equal to those of last year and that is saying a good deal, for we had some exceptionally fine ones then. The program was opened by two songs by the college chorus, consisting of 25 girls. The selection from Mendelssohn by Miss Margaret Dixon was beautiful and well rendered. Miss Flora Ray sang in her usual sweet manner the solo "I am thine forever." This was perhaps the number most enjoyed. Miss Patterson played beautifully two piano solos. The song by three girls, Misses Finley, Gordon and Miller, should have special mention as it was beautiful and faultlessly rendered. It would be impossible to mention all the numbers separately, but as a whole the recital showed the talent of the performers and the good training they are receiving from the competent conservatory faculty.

Tuesday afternoon and evening the Methodist ladies gave a "silver tea" at the home of Mrs. A. B. Pearsall. Quite a number of guests called and a nice sum was realized which will be used for benefit of the new church.

Miss Beatrice Farquhar of Halifax, Nova Scotia, is the guest of her sister Mrs. Bartram Robeson. Miss Farquhar will spend the winter here. Mr. and Mrs. George Howard of Canada, who have spent the past two winters here, arrived Friday evening and are guests at Hotel Red Springs. Mr. Howard enjoys hunting now here and the weather is so much milder and more pleasant than it is in Canada that he comes here to spend the cold months of the year. They have made many friends here who are delighted to see them again. Dr. West of Fayetteville was a business visitor in our town Wednesday.

Miss Margaret Williams gave a delightful six-o'clock dinner Saturday evening in honor of Miss Farquhar. Covers were laid for twelve and the table was very beautiful in the soft light with pink carnations as a centerpiece. Miss Williams is a charming hostess and she made the evening very pleasant for her guests.

Fine Displays of Holiday Goods.

All up and down the streets in the business portion of the town of Lumberton things are beginning to take on the appearance of "Merry Christmas," and in window after window can be seen fine displays of holiday goods. So purchasers can now find a better and more complete stock of goods to select from than they will be able to find the last two or three days before Christmas, and it will be well for shoppers to bear this in mind and come early and avoid the rush near Christmas.

In The Mayor's Court.

Ora Holmes, Indian, was tried before Mayor White yesterday on the charge of using profane language on the streets Thanksgiving Day and was taxed \$5 and costs. Mayor White also instructed Chief of Police Redfern to have a warrant issued for the same woman on the charge of fornication and adultery and to serve same at the expiration of five days.

Democrats Win In Arizona.

The Democrats of Arizona will place two members in the United States Senate and one member in the House of Representatives, a Governor in the State capital at Phoenix, and unless present indications are materially changed, will make a clean sweep of the State ticket, as a result of the first State election.

Pension Warrants Have Arrived.

Clerk of the Court C. B. Skipper asks the Robesonian to state that pension warrants for old soldiers and widows have arrived and are being distributed and those who want their money will please call at his office.

PARKTON PARAGRAPHS.

Baptist Pastor Tenders Resignation—Masons Have Moved Into New Quarters—New Police Chief—Personal and Social.

Parkton, Dec. 11—No preaching in town last night, but a very good prayer and praise service was held at the M. E. church.

It is with the deepest regret that Rev. J. M. Dunaway has tendered his resignation as pastor of the Baptist church here, to take effect the first of the year. We also regret to hear of the serious illness of Mr. R. F. Council.

Many of our townsmen attended court at Lumberton last week, and also will continue for a few days this week.

The pastor of Parkton circuit, Rev. E. L. Stack of Lillington, will occupy the house occupied at present by Mr. Archie Smith, belonging to Mr. J. T. Odom. Mr. Stack will move his family here the first of the year.

We are glad to state that our physician, Dr. D. S. Currie, is at our service again, making his first call last Wednesday morning. We are glad that he is almost entirely well again and hope that this trouble will be his last, as his family has before this year had several visitations not pleasant.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Missionary Society will give a very large reception at the manse tomorrow night.

The Masons have moved into their nice new quarters over the new drug store of Dr. D. S. Currie. This is a most desirable place and nicely arranged for a lodge hall.

Misses Mary Louise Culbreth and Annie Williamson spent Saturday in Fayetteville.

There is a new chief of police on duty now and he is ever on his beat and up to his job. Look-out, and keep cool, sober and speak no guile and you will go free.

The cotton gin here is overrun with cotton and has to run day and night, and then can't keep up. But the price is too low to waste the time.

Miss Ethel Marsh spent Sunday in Red Springs. Mr. J. T. Odom attended church at Lumber Bridge Sunday night.

The Parkton band spent Wednesday in Lumberton and Thursday in Dublin, playing for Penny Bros.' auction sales.

Mr. Alex. McArtin arrived at home Sunday from a visit in Florida. Mr. J. B. McCormick spent Sunday in Fayetteville.

The bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. Murphy McMillan, returned from their bridal trip to Northern cities Monday evening and are now at home near Needmore, this county.

Some More Hefty Hogs.

Please print the weights of these two hogs in your paper: Silas, 336 pounds; Paul, 269 pounds—cleaned and dressed. Age of both, 1 year and 9 days. John Bullard, Jr. Pembroke, N.C., R.F.D. I, Dec. 11, 1911.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

I am pleased to advise that since last report of hogs killed at Alma, Mr. H. I. Carter has killed two hogs one year old weighing 582 lbs. and Wess Sellers killed two hogs 14 months old weighing 622 lbs. Sellers' hogs weighed five pounds more than any others killed at Alma to this date.

J. W. McLean. Alma, N.C., Dec. 11, 1911.

—Rev. A. J. Groves, pastor of St. Paul circuit—formerly East Robeson circuit—was among the visitors in town this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Groves and one son, Master Wesley, moved last Friday into the parsonage at Barker's, rural route 1 from Lumberton, from Rockingham, where Mr. Groves lived while pastor of Richmond circuit. A daughter, Miss Pattie, is expected home next Thursday for the Christmas holidays from Greensboro, where she is a student at the State Normal College. Mr. Groves has also a son in Baltimore and one in Henderson.

A specific for pain—Dr. Thomas' Eclectic Oil. Strongest, cheapest liniment ever devised. A household remedy in America for 25 years.

PENSION BILL PASSES.

Estimated That It Will Add \$75,000,000 to the Pension Roll.

Washington Dispatch, 12th.

The Sherwood service pension bill, which will add upwards of \$40,000,000 to the government's annual expenditures by granting increased pensions to civil and Mexican war veterans on the basis of length of service, was passed by the House tonight, despite the determined opposition of many Democratic leaders. Secretary of the Interior Fisher has estimated that the bill will add \$75,000,000 to the pension roll if the 400,000 veterans eligible take advantage of the increased wage.

Eight Republicans voted with the 84 Democrats against the bill. Speaker Clark voted with the majority of his party for the bill and Democratic Leader Underwood and Fitzgerald of New York, chairman of the appropriations committee, voted against it. The bill now goes to the Senate, where there is a disposition to pass some form of amended service pension legislation. Senate leaders, however, will proceed slowly in the consideration of this legislation and many House Democrats voted for the measure in the belief that the Senate would not pass it.

The Sherwood bill would establish the following basis of pensions:

For service for ninety days to six months \$15 a month; from six to nine months \$20 a month; from nine months to one year, \$25 a month; more than one year \$30 a month.

Superior Court.

The jury in the case of Jackson Locklear vs. Simeon Bullard, a suit involving about 10 acres of land between Wakulla and Pembroke, which had engaged the court since Friday of last week, returned a verdict this morning for the plaintiff. D. G. Bethune vs. A. C. L. Ry. Co., suit for \$1,600 damages for burning woods, is on trial now. Messrs. Sinclair & Dye of Fayetteville and T. L. Johnson of Lumberton are representing the plaintiff, Messrs. McLean, Varner & McLean appearing for the defendant company.

Revisits Scenes of His Youth.

Mr. W. O. Robeson, of Greensboro, is in town today en route to Bladen county, his old home. Mr. Robeson was born and reared on the banks of the old Cape Fear, in the Robeson settlement, and says that he used to come to Lumberton a great deal when a boy, in the days when Hardy Bell sold ginger cakes on the corner of Fourth and Elm streets. Mr. Robeson is now 70 odd years old and says that there has been a great change in the appearance of Lumberton since he was here before.

A Model Presiding Officer.

The Twin City Daily Sentinel, in its account of the closing sessions of the Baptist State Convention held last week in Winston-Salem, has the following to say of the president of the Convention, who is pastor of the First Baptist church of Lumberton:

"No preacher could sit before Rev. C. H. Durham for four days and not be enthused in his work. He has made a model presiding officer and his Godliness has had its effect. He has controlled the extremely large body with perfect ease."

Recital Tonight at Graded School Auditorium.

The music class of Miss Mary Weddell, music teacher at the graded school, will give a recital tonight, beginning at 7:30, in the auditorium at the graded school building. After the recital a little play, "Six Cups of Chocolate," will be given. Those who know about the delightful character of recitals heretofore given by graded children will not miss this treat.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Mary T. Paul and Jno. M. McCall.

"I have been somewhat costive, but Doan's Regulets gave just the results desired. They act mildly and regulate the bowels perfectly."—George B. Krause, 375 W. 14th Ave., Albany, N.Y.

LOCAL BRIEFS

—Miss Birdie Moore has accepted a position in the office of Mr. T. N. Higley, register of deeds.

—The town authorities now have a force of hands numbering some 12 or 15, at work on the streets and some much-needed improvements are being made.

—There will be a box supper at Regan's church, Howellsville township, Friday night, 22nd instant. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody to come and bring a basket.

—There will be an important congregational meeting at the First Baptist church Sunday immediately after the morning service, and all the members are requested to be present.

—A 12-inch pipe has just been put in at the power house for pumping water into the mains, so that the water in the reservoir, some 100,000 gallons, will be held in reserve for emergency use.

—Rev. Father Gallagher, of Wilmington, will fill his regular third-Sunday appointments here Sunday. He will celebrate mass at the opera house at 7:30 a. m., and will deliver a lecture at the same place at 3:30 p. m.

—The Indian school house of district No. 4, Pembroke township, near Pates, was burned Sunday night. No particulars have been learned. An addition to the old building was being built and the whole was worth about \$125. There was \$50 insurance.

—A meeting of the board of stewards and laymen of Chestnut Street Methodist church will be held tomorrow night at the residence of the chairman of the board, Mr. A. E. White, for the purpose of fixing the assessments for the coming year. The meeting will begin at 7:15 o'clock.

—C. E. McNair, colored, of route 1 from Rowland, was in town Tuesday and says that he killed a 22-months-old hog last week that weighed 288 pounds. He also states that D. C. McLean, colored, who lives near by, killed a hog 24 months old that weighed 311 pounds. This is pretty good, but several others have beaten it.

—Mr. J. Thomas Prevatt and his two daughters, Misses Flora and Katie, who went about three months ago, on account of their health, to Alamogordo, New Mexico, returned Monday evening. They went from here to Mr. Prevatt's old home place at Clibournville, about three miles from town. They returned on account of the serious illness of Miss Flora, whose condition is not thought to be much, if any, improved.

—The big sales that have been on in town during the last few days seem to be great successes, judging from the great crowds of anxious purchasers that are thronging these stores. Messrs. E. P. Prunty and Littlejohn, managers of the sales at John T. Biggs Co.'s and Caldwell & Carple's, respectively, are bringing great things to pass with their lively and wide-awake advertising. Where a business concern has the goods there is nothing that pays like advertising.

—Invitations reading as follows have been received here:

Mrs. Ann Catherine Pittman requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of her daughter Maggie

to Mr. Patrick R. Floyd on Tuesday afternoon, the twenty-sixth of December at four o'clock Ashpole Baptist Church Fairmont, North Carolina

Miss Pittman and Mr. Floyd both live at Fairmont. The groom-to-be is a brother of Mr. M. W. Floyd of Lumberton.

—Rev. S. J. McConnell, who built up Lumberton mission work during the past three years to where a new circuit had to be formed, left this morning with his wife and three of their children, Misses Lizzie and Esther and Master Leroy, for Troy, Montgomery county, to enter upon new work as pastor of Montgomery circuit. Two of Mr. McConnell's sons, Messrs. Enoch and James, are clerking for Mr. J. H. Wishart and will remain in Lumberton until after Christmas.