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## FARM-LIFE SCHOOL ASSURED.

County Commissioners appropriate \$1,500 for maintenance of Farm-Life School—State Will appropriate Like Amount—School to be located at One of the Four State High Schools in the County—Appropriation for Farm Demonstration Work Increased to \$600 and Mr. J. A. Boone Will Continue in Charge of Work—Must Have Demonstration Farm in Each Township and File Monthly Reports.

After a thorough consideration and at the request of a great many farmers from different sections of the county, the county commissioners decided Monday to appropriate annually \$1,500 for the maintenance of a farm life school, provided the State appropriates a like amount. The location of this school will be at one of the State high schools in the county—these schools are located at Philadelphia, Lumber Bridge, Orrum and Rowland—location to be determined by a committee composed of one member from each township in the county. The school that offers the greatest inducement in the way of local donations, either in cash or farm, will be most likely to get the school.

The main object of this school will be to teach the boys and young men of the county better methods of scientific farming, and to teach the girls domestic science, that is to say, to teach them to cook and do practical housekeeping.

This is a wise step and will mean much to the county boys and girls of this great agricultural county, who will be the farmers of tomorrow. It means the bringing about of a brighter day for all classes.

At the meeting of the county board of education Monday Supt. J. R. Poole was instructed to advertise for bids from the four State high school of the county for the location of the farm-life school. All bids must be filed in the office of Supt. Poole on or before the first Monday in March.

## Farm Demonstration Work.

At the personal request of many farmers and letters and telegrams from others, it was decided to continue the farm demonstration work, and the board made an appropriation of \$600 for this work this year; the State will appropriate a like amount. The demonstration agent will be required to have at least one demonstration farm in each township in the county, and he shall file a monthly report with the board of commissioners showing progress made and methods being used by him, in order that the citizens of the county can examine the record from time to time and see that he is giving all his time to the work and rendering faithful service.

The board recommended the reappointment of Mr. J. A. Boone, Jr., for this work. The appointment will be made by the agricultural committee of the State. This is another wise step and will mean much to the farmers of Robeson county.

## Merely Testing the Road Law.

In the report in Monday's Robesonian of court proceedings it was stated that Mr. D. B. McNeill was tried for failure to work the roads when summoned, that a special verdict of guilty was ordered, that a fine of \$2.50 was imposed, and that the case was appealed to the Supreme Court; also that several other similar cases were continued to await the decision of the Supreme Court. This is merely a test case to determine whether the section of the Robeson county road law requiring free labor will stand. Of course it is costing Mr. McNeill more than it would have cost him to hire somebody to work in his place. He merely wants to test the law for the benefit of the public.

## Planting Irish Potatoes.

Mr. Collier Cobb of Parkton was among the visitors in town yesterday. Mr. Cobb says the farmers around Parkton are planting their Irish potatoes. He says the Baird Company of Norfolk, Va., has arranged to put out 300 acres. This company furnishes the seed and 2,000 pounds of fertilizer to the acre for half the potatoes raised, also handles the farmer's half if he desires. The farmers get two crops each year where they plant their potatoes by planting corn or cotton between the potato rows, the potatoes being made and harvested before the other crop needs cultivating.

## WANTED: 150 BOYS.

At Least That Many Robeson County Boys Should Enroll for the Boys' Corn Club Contest—Robeson County Boys Made Best Record in State Last Year—Want to Make Still Better Record This Year.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

Out of 78 boys enrolled in the corn club last year, 31 sent in their reports, making an average of 80.4 bushels of corn per acre, at an average cost of \$4.7c per bushel.

We want at least 150 boys enrolled in Robeson for the 1914 contest.

Our Robeson county boys made a good record last year—a little better than any other county in the State.

Now we want to make a still better record this year. The following boys have already enrolled and a good many of them are very busy preparing their land:

### Corn Club Boys.

Arnett, Van C., Marietta.

Bullock, Henry, Lumberton, Route 5.

Bullock, Wilton, Rowland, route 1.

Britt, Sam, Lumberton, Route 1, box 58.

Harrington, Luther, Marietta, route 1.

Inman, James H., Fairmont.

Jenkins, Sam, Lumberton, Route 3, box 25.

Leggett, C. P., Fairmont, Route 2.

Leggett, Grady, Fairmont, Route 2.

Leggett, Dewey, Lumberton, route 3, box 16.

Leggett, Samuel, Fairmont, Route 2, Box 15.

McLaughlin, Henry, Pembroke, Route 1, box 3.

McNeill, Bundy, Pembroke.

McCall, M. V., Elrod, Route 1.

Oliver, Paul, Marietta, route 1.

Small, John, Lumberton, Route 3, box 58.

Smith, Jesse L., Rex.

Smith, D. L., Rex.

Geo. Lamb, Lumberton, Route 4.

It is impossible for me to get round and see all the boys in the county before it will be too late for them to enter the contest, and I want to ask all the boys intending entering the contest to send in their names as soon as possible to Mr. A. K. Robertson at West Raleigh, or to my address here at Lumberton, and I will forward them to Mr. Robertson.

It is important to get the names of those wishing to enter the contest right away, so as Mr. Robertson and myself can visit them at an early date and give them full instruction for carrying out the work.

Remember that boys are eligible between the ages of 10 and 18 years.

We expect to make it very interesting for our Robeson county corn club boys this year, and we hope to have the largest enrollment of corn club boys in Robeson county of any other county in the State.

### J. A. BOONE, JR.,

President Boys Corn Club for Robeson County.

Response to Appeal for Unfortunate Orphans Liberal.

Mrs. W. W. Carlyle desires to thank everyone who so cheerfully and generously contributed toward the unfortunate children at Elhanan, N. C., in charge of Miss Mattie Perry.

A large barrel, also a box of splendid clothes, bed linen, &c., were sent the children today in addition to a cash contribution of \$50.

May the One who rewards even the giving of a cup of cold water, in His name be very real and precious to every contributor in her earnest prayer.

### MRS. W. W. CARLYLE.

Street and Sidewalk Paving to Begin at Once.

Mr. Robert G. Lassiter of Oxford, to whom the contract for the street and sidewalk paving to be done in Lumberton, mention of which was made in recent issues of The Robesonian, was let, arrived this morning and is making arrangements to begin the work at once.

Farmers' Union Will Handle Fertilizers.

The executive committee of the Robeson Division of the Farmers' Union were in session here yesterday. They made arrangements to handle fertilizers again this year. Some other important inside business was transacted.

Mrs. Thesia Carlyle in Extremis.

Mrs. Thesia Carlyle of Rozier's suffered a stroke of paralysis recently and is very ill. She is not expected to recover.

## \$2,000,000 FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Governor Craig Has About Completed Arrangements to Collect Cotton Taxes Illegally Collected by Federal Government During the 60's.

Washington Special, 3d, to Wilmington Star.

In accordance with a bill introduced by Senator Simmons in 1908 and another recently introduced by Senator Overman, Governor Craig has about completed arrangements with attorneys to collect the \$1,959,704.87 cotton taxes illegally collected by the Federal Government from the citizens of North Carolina from 1865 to 1868, inclusive.

Senator Simmons' bill was referred to the Court of Claims, and attorneys who have made an investigation claim that they can make out such a clear case as there will be no question about the money being paid. According to the bills introduced by the two Senators, the money is to be paid to the State as trustee and the State in turn will pay the claims of the heirs of those who sold their cotton to brokers upon which the tax was exacted.

For some reason Governor Kitchin failed to take any action, during his administration as Governor. Governor Craig, however, has already arranged with Washington attorneys to prosecute the case and it is believed the money will be turned over to the State within a short time. Under the provisions of the bill, the State will hold the money for one year and then reimburse the individuals or their heirs who actually paid taxes.

Senator Overman's bill further provides that after one year the balance left after reimbursing individuals who have these claims shall be held in trust by the State to be used for pensions for the surviving Confederate soldiers and their widows. The amount of tax which will be paid to North Carolina, in the event Senator Overman's bill becomes a law, is approximately two millions of dollars.

## COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

Physicians of Robeson Held Meeting Here Yesterday—An Interesting Talk on Statistics Law.

A meeting of the county medical society held in the court house here yesterday. There were quite a number of the Robeson physicians present. Dr. P. W. Covington, special agent of the State Board of Health, was present and made a very interesting talk. His address was centered on the recent statistics law. He pointed out many valuable features about this law which says all births and deaths shall be registered, and showed the relation of the practicing physician to the law.

A meeting of the registers of the different townships was also held in the court house at 2 o'clock p. m., a number of them being present. Dr. Covington also addressed the registers.

## Among the Sick.

Mrs. R. S. Rogers of Dillon county, South Carolina, who underwent an operation at the Thompson hospital last week, is getting along nicely and will return home in a few days.

Mr. J. M. Hays, of Marietta, route 1, whose arm was chewed up in a cotton gin some weeks ago, mention of which was made in The Robesonian at the time, and who has been in the Thompson hospital ever since, continues to improve.

Mr. Earl Thompson is very sick at the home of his father, Mr. Jake Thompson, North Elm street.

The condition of Mrs. Easter J. Branch, who was thrown from a bug-some days ago and painfully hurt, mention of which was made in some recent issues of The Robesonian, continues to improve.

Miss Ruth Thompson daughter of Dr. and Mrs. N. A. Thompson, underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Thompson hospital Tuesday and is getting along nicely.

## 109 Years Old.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Rhodes of Bloomingdale were among the visitors in town Tuesday. Mr. Rhodes says his wife's mother, Mrs. Nancy Barnes, who lives with Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes, has passed her 109th mile post. Mrs. Barnes was 109 years old January 26, last. Mrs. Barnes is supposed to be the oldest white person in Robeson county.

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## PARKTON PARAGRAPHS.

Series of Meetings at Lumber Bridge—Excellent Male Quartets—Store Entered by Robbers—Trials of a Gardner—A Busy Time Planting Irish Potatoes.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Parkton, Feb. 4.—Rev. J. E. Berryhill filled his regular appointment at the Presbyterian church here Sunday morning, preaching an interesting sermon. He also made the announcement that Rev. Pat McGeachy of W. Virginia would conduct a series of meetings at Lumber Bridge commencing Tuesday night and insisted on everybody that could to attend these meetings. Last night a very large crowd of our people attended and were delighted with the preaching.

A good many of our people attended the Sunday School Institute at Lumber Bridge last week and were much interested and edified by the lectures. This scribe not only enjoyed the lectures, but when the male quartette of Lumberton reached there Sunday and gave us that good music words cannot express just how much we did enjoy hearing them. Also at the McGeachy meeting the Parkton male quartet is giving us some fine music and greatly appreciated—Porter, McCormick, Jenkins and Berryhill.

Mr. T. B. McNeill has moved to the M. F. Hodges house. Mr. McNeill lost one of his ponies a week ago. Some one stole the pony at night and rode it away and although search has been made and advertised also a good reward offered yet the pony is unheard from as yet.

The McMillan Supply Company's store was broken into on Monday night and the safe badly bruised and damaged, but they failed to get into the safe, but took some goods. Have not learned the particulars. However, there were some men from Laurinburg up here Tuesday evening with blood hounds, but the trace was too cold for the dogs to do successful work and turned out without accomplishing their aim.

Messrs. P. H. Fisher, J. F. Williamson, R. B. Hudson and Tracy Blue visited Pinehurst on last Sunday, made the trip in an automobile, and report a good time. Of course they enjoyed themselves, but how about the blow-outs? Well they just repair and blow up again and go right on their way.

Mr. P. H. Fisher, Miss Younger, Mr. and Mrs. Murphy McMillan attended the play in Fayetteville Tuesday night.

Well, Mr. Editor, if I were to relate my experience in the garden business you would say our patience was tested. Set out cabbage one day and the chickens make a break the next day and pull them all up; and the next day the same thing. How can we prevent expressing ourselves? You may think you have every place in the garden secure, and then some old cunning hen slips in. Well, I sometimes wonder what would "Aunt Becky" say or do if she was tried in just this way. But my last conclusion is, the very next chicken that enters our garden, dies immediately if not sooner.

The Irish potato seed arrived Monday and a busy time till the last acre is planted. The weather is and has been favorable so far. Every farmer, whether he plants for market or not, should plant early.

Mr. J. D. McArthur and family of Wakulla were welcome visitors in our town Sunday.

Farm Demonstrator Boone Ready to Assist Farmers.

Mr. J. A. Boone, Jr., farm demonstrator in Robeson, spent yesterday at the home of Mr. D. F. McNeill, near Barker's, where he gave Mr. McNeill instructions in regard to pruning and spraying fruit trees. Mr. Boone says he is ever ready and willing to give the farmers of Robeson any assistance or instruction possible. It might be a good idea for the farmers to remember this and when something turns up they don't exactly understand perhaps Mr. Boone, who is a graduate of the A. & M. College, Raleigh, might be able to help them out.

Mule by Parcel Post.

Mr. Stephen Davis of Raft Swamp was among the visitors in town yesterday. Mr. Davis says the last thing delivered by parcel post in his community was a mule.

## SAVED BY TEXAS PONY.

Veterinarian Edmund Given a Severe Kicking by a Mule—Texas Pony Stands Over the Doctor and Takes Part of the Punishment.

While inspecting a car load of mules at the Seaboard station Tuesday Dr. W. O. Edmund was kicked all around by a mule. The mule kicked him down and kept kicking him. He was struck five times. The worst kick he received was in the side, where a hole was made by a shoe which the mule was wearing. His nose was also skinned up. The doctor says he never had anything for Texas ponies to do in the past, but he is going to be their friend in the future, as one saved his life by standing over him and receiving the kicks intended for him by the mule. He says this was the first time he was ever kicked since he began doctoring mules and horses, which was 19 years ago.

Mr. DuBois Purchases Lumberton Bakery.

Mr. W. J. DuBois purchased yesterday from Mr. J. W. Morris the plant and stock of the Lumberton Bakery, on Fourth street. Mr. DuBois has had charge of the bakery for some time, but had it leased. He says that it is his intention to straighten things around and give even better service to his customers than heretofore.

The Robesonian, like Mr. DuBois, doesn't see any advantage in the citizens of Lumberton ordering their bread from other points when they can get it just as cheap and much fresher from a home industry.

Teachers Meeting February 21.

A meeting of the Robeson county teachers will be held in the graded school building here Saturday, February 21. Prof. Noble, professor of pedagogy at the State University, Chapel Hill, will be the principal speaker of the occasion. Prof. Poole is very anxious that all the teachers should attend.

Mr. W. F. French returned this morning from the Western markets, where he purchased a car load of mules and horses for his sales stables, Fourth street.

Miss Winifred Mason arrived Saturday night from the Post Graduate College, New York, and Monday entered on her duties as superintendent of the nurse's training school at the Thompson hospital.

Mr. Jesse S. Stone of Long Branch was in town yesterday. Mr. Stone says he came very near losing his life Friday of last week while sawing logs. While cutting a large tree a large limb fell and struck him, knocking him unconscious for some time.

The programme committee of the grammar grade teachers' association are requested to meet in Prof. J. R. Poole's office, in the court house Saturday afternoon for the purpose of arranging a programme for the county teachers' meeting to be held here Saturday, February 21.

Mr. J. S. McDonald received a letter this morning from Dr. W. L. Grantham, who left Sunday night for New York, where he is a student at the Post Graduate College, in which the doctor says he is getting on fine and dandy and likes New York all right, but not so well as he does Lumberton.

Mr. Julius F. Stephens of the Saddle Tree section was in town yesterday and informed The Robesonian that Tuesday he assisted his father, Rev. M. A. Stejhens, a well-known Baptist minister, in moving from Evergreen, Columbus county, to Orrum, this county, Orrum being more convenient to the churches Mr. Stephens serves.

Mr. H. M. McAllister, cashier of the First National Bank, asks The Robesonian to say that they still have plenty of good tobacco seed, which they will be glad to give to any farmer who would like to plant some tobacco this year; and The Robesonian will add that it is getting high time to sow your seed if you intend to plant any weed.

It was reported on the streets Tuesday morning that Mr. Alf. H. McLeod had fallen dead near his home on Elm street, but everybody was relieved to learn in a short while that the rumor was without foundation other than that Mr. McLeod had fallen in a faint, and he was on the streets yesterday apparently in his usual health.

## BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gilmore Monday morning, a girl; to Rev. and Mrs. J. Frank Gorrell Monday night, a boy.

—Mr. Q. T. Williams has recently had his residence on Caldwell street remodeled and repainted, which adds much to its appearance.

—Mr. H. G. Martin, who for some time has held a chair in the Lumberton barber shop, left this morning for Rowland, where he will open up a shop.

—Mr. Grover Britt, of The Robesonian's staff, was last week appointed a member of the advisory board of The Southern Agriculturist, a farm paper published at Nashville, Tenn.

—Rev. D. P. Bridges of Parkton will preach a special sermon to the Knights of Pythias at Raynham Baptist church Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

—Mr. L. R. Varsar, of the law firm of McLean, Varsar & McLean, will deliver an address before the literary societies of Antioch high school Hoke county, tomorrow evening.

—Charity and Children: The church and Sunday school at Lumberton give one fifth as much to the orphanage at Thomasville as the whole Masonic fraternity gives to the Oxford Orphan Asylum.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Moore, who had been living in Lumberton for some time left Tuesday for Jacksonville, Fla., where they will make their future home. They made many friends while here who were sorry to see them go.

—Mr. Lon Prevatt, while working the road near the county home Tuesday cut a long-straw pine, which was growing near the road, that was two feet thick, and this same pine was a sprout from the stump of a tree cut during the war.

—The Epworth League of Chestnut Street Methodist church will hold its regular devotional meeting in the league room Sunday evening at 6:30. Mrs. G. Y. Jones will have charge of the exercises. You are cordially invited to attend.

—A rehearing has been granted in the case of the V. & C. S. vs A. C. L., in regard to the matter of the former crossing the latter's road with a spur track near the Lumberton cotton mill. The hearing will be given before the Supreme Court March 23.

—Messrs. White & Gough are installing the seven-light stand received by them some time ago, in front of their store on Elm street. This is the first stand of the "white way" to be erected in town, and it is to be hoped that others will follow fast.

—Chief of Police H. H. Redfern spent yesterday at his old home in Anson county. He returned last night. Mr. S. D. Strain served as chief while he was away. Mr. Strain, who was formerly on the police force, is on the job for a few days looking after street cleaning.

—St. Paul's Messenger: Twice or thrice this year has The Robesonian reported thunder and lightning down there while we had nothing of the sort here. We are not doubting the veracity of our neighbor at all, we are just noting the difference in the climate of the two places.

—Mr. J. A. Boone, Jr., of Lumberton, county farm demonstrator, and A. T. McCallum of Red Springs are among the more than one hundred delegates whose appointments was announced the other day by Governor Craig to the sixth national corn exposition to be held in Dallas, Texas, February 10 to 24.

—Mr. H. C. Cox of Mullins, S. C., spent Tuesday in town. Mr. Cox is a Robesonian by birth, but has been away for twenty years. He notes many changes and advancements in the county since he left. He says when he went away the folks were working turpentine on land that is now making a bale of cotton to the acre.

—The Pastime theatre will offer an interesting program this evening consisting of three single reels, "Religion and Gun Practice," Selig; "A Child's Precaution," Essany, and "Amateur Lion Tamer," Vitagraph. The midget orchestra composed of six pieces, which was installed Monday is making a big hit with visitors to the Pastime, the music alone being worth several times the price of admission.