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CONTEST CLOSES JULY 16.

Only Three More Days in Which to Work For Shetland Pony.—The One Who Hustles Will Be the One to Win.

Excitement runs high toward the close of the Great Belle Meade Pony Contest, which has been on here for some time, and which will close Thursday of this week. Some boy or girl in Lumberton is going to be made to feel very proud indeed when the winner of the beautiful Shetland pony that will be given away to the child having the most votes hears his or her name read out as the lucky one. Only three more days and the fight is over. If you win this beautiful pony you must win it quickly. No time to lose. Nothing short of a continuous hustle can win, so get busy and keep it up until Thursday night.

See your friends and get them to give you their votes, and don't forget that the fastest way to win votes in this final close is to get Robesonian subscriptions. For every dollar turned in on either old or new subscriptions 500 votes will be given. See your friends and tell them how their subscriptions will help you to win a real live Shetland pony. If you would like to pay your subscription or if you would like to subscribe for your county paper, why not do it now and give some child friends the benefit of your votes? Your subscription might cause some child to win this pony, which is not only an ornamental, but a useful and valuable prize.

For every dollar spent or paid on account at the following places of business you get 100 votes: Stephens & Barnes, furniture dealers and em balzers; Pope Drug Co.; J. H. Wishart, grocer; Pastime theatre; R. R. Carlyle's ladies' store; Townsend Bros.' gents' furnishings; McAllister Hdw. Co.

OPENING SALE JULY 23.

At Lumberton's Well Lighted and Well Arranged Tobacco Warehouse—Manager Beasley Arrives Tomorrow.

One only has to visit the Farmers Tobacco Warehouse, which was recently completed here, First and Walnut streets, to see that Lumberton has one of the best-lighted and best arranged warehouses in Eastern Carolina. Mr. H. T. Beasley, an experienced tobacco man, is expected to arrive tomorrow and the opening sale will be held on Thursday, July 23. Watch for a large ad in Thursday's Robesonian announcing the opening sale.

Mr. Beasley formerly conducted a warehouse in Lumberton and is well and favorably known to the farmers of Robeson county.

Negress Lynched in South Carolina Mob.

Orangeburg, S. C., Dispatch, 12th. Resa Carson, a negress, today was taken from the jail at Ellmore, near here, and lynched by a mob. She is said to have confessed to killing the 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Bell, yesterday. The child was beaten to death with a stick of wood.

The negress was taken to the scene of the crime by the mob and hanged to a tree. Afterwards the body was riddled with bullets. The alleged confession was made just previous to the hanging.

Searching parties found the body of the child early today after an all-night hunt, partly hidden beneath a log and covered with wounds. The child disappeared late Saturday while she was going to a field to drive home a cow.

Suspicion was directed toward the negress on account of recent trouble with the child's family. With her sister she was arrested today. As soon as the arrests became generally known a mob was formed and marched to the jail, battered in the door and took possession of the two women. The sister of the accused woman was later released when she is said to have admitted that her sister killed the child.

About 30 negroes watched the lynching but offered no resistance.

Residence Burned This Morning.

Mr. A. L. Broadwell, who lived near the National cotton mill, lost his residence and most all its contents by fire this morning between 12 and 1 o'clock. The loss was about \$1500, which was partly covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown.

SUPERIOR COURT CASES.

Two Weeks' Term Lasted Only Three Days—Shortest Session of Criminal Court in Many Years—Recorders' Courts Reduce Work.

The term of criminal court which convened Tuesday, and was supposed to be a two-weeks term, closed Thursday afternoon, after a three-days' session. There were but few cases to come up, and besides the few reported in Thursday's Robesonian, the following cases were disposed of:

Lula Hooper, violating the insurance laws; guilty; prayer for judgment continued on payment of cost. Lula was implicated in the case of Rev. A. Stroud, colored, who as was mentioned in Thursday's Robesonian, had been organizing lodges of "The Wise Men of the East" and "The Daughters of Queen Sheba," contrary to the insurance laws of North Carolina; but as she knew nothing of the foundation of the order she was let off very light.

Ernest Wilson, larceny; guilty; ten months on roads.

Peter Harlee, failure to work roads; guilty, prayer for judgment continue till next term of court on payment of cost.

Judge C. M. Cook, who presided left Friday morning for his home at Louisville.

This was perhaps the shortest term of criminal court held in Robeson in many years, for which much credit goes to the recorders' courts.

Good Money From Grasshopper Crop.

Mr. Lacy McNair, who lives about three miles from town on the Fayetteville road, says he is expecting more clear money from his crop of grasshoppers this year than from any other part of his crop. He has an offer for one cent each for his grasshoppers. The purchasers want to use the "hoppers" for fish bait, and, as everybody who fishes knows, they are the finest bait imaginable. By using the right kind of net where there are plenty of "hoppers" one could gather quite a number in a day.

Church Services.

Children's day exercises will be held at Mt. Elijah Baptist church next Sunday at 4 o'clock p. m. The public is invited.

Rev. N. L. Seabolt returned Saturday from Smith's, where last week he assisted Rev. A. J. Groves in a series of meetings. He reports a good meeting.

Revival Meeting at Cedar Grove.

Evangelist J. H. Hildreth of Sanford will assist the pastor, Rev. J. M. Fleming, in a revival meeting at Cedar Grove, beginning next Saturday. The evangelist will be on hand the first day of the meeting, which will continue indefinitely. He is strong in the faith and a good preacher and all the people, irrespective of creeds or church affiliation, are cordially invited. The hours of preaching will be 11 a. m. and 5 p. m., after the first day, which service will be held at 11 a. m.

Last Call for Taxes.

Chief of Police Redfern asks The Robesonian to give solemn and positive warning to all who have not paid their taxes that their property will be advertised after today.

Geensboro, July 11—As soon as she recovers sufficiently from effects of a fire in her room in the Public Service Company building this morning, warrants, it is said, will be served on Mrs. Mabel Thompson, a well-known and attractive young woman of this city, charging her with arson. One warrant charges this capital felony in connection with the fire in her room at four o'clock this morning and the other in connection with a slight fire in the same building a week or so ago. The warrants were issued at the instance of Deputy Insurance Commissioner W. A. Scott, who says the evidence is satisfactory.

Severe Attack of Colic Cured.

E. E. Cross, who travels in Virginia and other Southern States, was taken suddenly and severely ill with colic. At the first store he came to the merchant recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Two doses of it cured him. No one should leave home on a journey without a bottle of this preparation. For sale by all dealers.

HUERTA INTENDS TO RESIGN.

To Save Mexico from Further Horrors of Civil War and Capital from Sack.

Vera Cruz, Dispatch, 12th.

To save his country from further horrors of civil war and his capital from capture, and perhaps, sack, General Huerta intends to resign the provisional presidency and leave Mexico.

This statement was made today by Robert Esteve-Ruiz, Mexican sub-secretary of foreign affairs, who reached Vera Cruz from Mexico City on his way to Europe. Huerta, he said, will surrender the government to Francisco Carbajal, new minister of foreign affairs, who in turn will step aside for a provisional president, acceptable to the Constitutionalists.

"The President did not make me his confidant," Esteve Ruiz declared, "nor did I have much time to talk with him after it was determined I should leave the cabinet."

The sub-secretary was convinced, he said, that Huerta would lay down his power this week and it would not surprise him if his resignation were announced tomorrow. Carbajal, he added, was suggested as provisional president by the American delegation at the Niagara Falls mediation conference and agreed to by Huerta's delegates and the South American mediators while the Constitutionalists indirectly had conveyed the idea that he would be acceptable to Carranza.

"That is," Esteve Ruiz explained, "Carbajal would be a more provisional president than the real provisional president to be named later."

Washington Dispatch, 12th. Events in Mexico are shaping themselves for a termination of the civil strife that has kept the country in turmoil and threatened at one time to provoke war with the United States. General Huerta against whom the Constitutionalists have waged incessant warfare, since he betrayed President Madero 18 months ago, has given up the struggle at last.

Weakened by the failure of the United States to recognize his government and cut off from financial support in Europe, he realizes the big Constitutional army augmented daily as it presses southward, is at the threshold of the Mexican capital.

Fearing that an invading army may commit excesses which would endanger the lives of an innocent population and destroy property, persons influential with the man who has dictated affairs in Mexico City at his own whim have persuaded him to abandon his hopeless position.

Comprehensive messages to Washington diplomats from legations and consulates in Mexico City thus describe the situation.

Will Resign.

Within a few days, perhaps tomorrow, General Huerta is expected to resign in favor of his newly appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs, Francisco Carbajal, until recently chief justice of the Supreme Court of Mexico. Difficulties between the United States and the Huerta Government were composed at Niagara Falls. Huerta would leave the internal problem to be settled by his successor.

Carbajal, it is expected, would bring the gap from the Huerta regime to a new provisional administration controlled by the Constitutionalists. He has not been active in politics and is anxious for peace.

While Carbajal's reputation as a man of fairness and integrity is not questioned by the Constitutionalists, they claim he is friendly with reactionary interests in Mexico City and deny his right to exercise executive power. Rafael Zubaran, spokesman here for General Carranza, tonight said that as the Constitutionalists could not recognize Huerta they obviously could not recognize his creation.

Rebels Not Content.

General Carranza intends to insist on a military conquest of Mexico City, and the establishment of himself as president ad interim while elections are called.

Although Carranza has announced his unwillingness to treat with Carbajal it is authoritatively known that if such an attitude is insisted upon strong intimations of disapproval will proceed from influential countries, will refuse to recognize Carranza, unless he manifests a disposition to give quarter to his weakened enemy. An effort will be made by diplomats as soon as Carbajal is elevated to the

UNNECESSARY TROUBLE.

Bridge at Kingsdale Crossing Remains Impassable and People Have to Drive Miles Out of Their Way to Cross Lumber River—Needs Immediate Attention.

People, who live south of Lumberton are having quite a bit of trouble, which they think is unnecessary, about getting into town, having to drive quite a distance out of their way to cross Lumber river. The iron bridge, which was moved from the foot of Fifth street to the Creek road crossing, near the plant of the Kingsdale Lumber Company, has been put in for some time, but for the lack of a few loads of dirt being placed at the ends of the bridge it is impossible to cross the river at that point, and one man asks this question: Why is it that the proper authorities allow the bridge at the Kingsdale crossing to remain impassable? and comments further by saying that the bridge has been erected, but the fills remain open.

This needs the immediate attention of the proper officials, as it is putting people to the inconvenience of going several unnecessary miles, which is no pleasant pastime these hot days.

A GOOD PLACE TO LIVE.

Robeson Offers Great Inducements to the Home-seeker.

"I find the people of Robeson county to be the most hospitable, clever and kind, of any people I have ever been among," were the remarks of a man recently, who had traveled over a large portion of this and other States. He also took occasion to pay respect to the citizens of Lumberton, although he was in a much larger town when doing the talking. He said that in no section, nor in any town or city, would you find as nearly all people kind and accommodating as were the citizens and business men of Lumberton.

Taking into consideration the fact that Robeson is one of the best, if not the best, agricultural counties in the State, the protection it offers by having an all-time health officer, its school and church advantages, and then the cleverness of its people, it offers bright inducements to the home-seeker. To live within her bounds once gives one a desire to ever live there.

Office at Seaboard Station Entered.

Some unknown party, or parties, entered the office at the Seaboard station Saturday morning between 12:30 and day. They tore the iron screen, which was made of heavy iron and well fastened in, out at the ticket window and raised the window. Nothing at all was missed. It is thought that the marauders were looking for money, and as they found no money decided not to take anything at all.

Mr. C. B. Skipper in the Race.

Mr. C. B. Skipper announces that he is a candidate for re-election to the office of clerk of the court of Robeson county. Mr. Skipper has the reputation of being one of the most efficient clerks of the court any county ever had. He has no opposition and his nomination and election are foregone conclusions.

John D. McMillan always takes the cake when he sets himself the task of decorating the large show window in his drug store on Elm street. He has for some time now had a most attractive display featuring Welch grape juice and a beautiful doll. One gets a chance at the doll with every purchase at the McMillan fountain.

presidency to obtain from the United States some manifestation of friendliness to strengthen the Carbajal Government.

President Wilson is in close communication with John R. Silliman American consul at Saltillo. The friendly attitude of Carranza toward the United States as expressed in his statement of last night was a source of gratification to Washington officials.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve for Cuts, Burns, Sores

Mr. E. S. Loper, Marilla, N. Y., writes: "I have never had a Cut, Burn, Wound or Sore it would not heal." Get a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve today. Keep handy at all times for Burns, Sores, Cuts, Wounds. Prevents Lockjaw. 25c at your drug-gist.

CHARGED WITH KIDNAPING

I. N. Petty, 60 Years Old, Wanted in Harnett County on Charge of Kidnaping 12-Year-Old Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. W. Holder—Disappeared July 5—Father of Girl Here Saturday Hunting For Couple.

Mr. W. H. W. Holder of route 3 from Lillington, Harnett county, was in town Saturday trying to locate his 12-year-old daughter, Nettie, whom he had not seen or heard from in a week. Mr. Holder was wild with uneasiness about the fate of his child, which was taken from the Holder home on Sunday, July 5, and I. N. Petty, a widower about 60 years old, who had been making visits to the community in which Mr. Holder lives for the past three years, teaching music schools and giving music lessons, the little girl he carried away having been studying music under him for some time.

Petty spent the night at the home of Mr. Holder on Saturday night before he left with the child on Sunday, and took the little girl to preaching at Spring Hill Methodist church, about four miles from the Holder home, in the morning. Both Petty and the child went to the home of a neighbor and took dinner and at 4 o'clock in the afternoon went back to the church, where Petty conducted a singing exercise, the little Holder girl presiding at the organ, and after leaving the church and going to the home of a man who lived near the church and getting some feed for his horse, Petty had not been heard from by any of the people in that neighborhood. Mr. Holder has searched in every direction and cannot find any trace of his child, or hear anything from the man who carried her away.

Petty was heard to remark at the church just before leaving that it was a pity for the little girl, in whom his life was wrapped, to be raised up as she was being raised, when she should be in school, and he was going to see that she had an education.

Petty had been a frequent visitor to Robeson county, according to the statements of Mr. Holder, having spent several months teaching music about over the county during the winter and early spring, and Mr. Holder was hoping that Petty had brought his child to Robeson, but he has been unable to locate either Petty or the child.

All the officers of Harnett and adjoining counties are on the watch for Petty, and if he is ever caught he will suffer to the fullest extent of the law.

Petty's home is said to be in Chatham county.

Among the Sick.

The condition of Billie, infant son of Dr. and Mrs. W. A. McPhaul, who had been sick for some time before going to Wrightsville Beach some two weeks ago, was thought to be very much improved, but since Mrs. McPhaul returned home with the child last week its condition had been growing gradually worse, and she returned with the child to Wrightsville yesterday.

The condition of Mrs. L. T. Townsend, who has been very sick at her home, Second and Walnut streets, for several days, is thought to be somewhat improved today.

The condition of Mrs. Lina McLean, who has been sick at the home of her son, Mr. A. W. McLean, Chestnut street, for several months is not thought to be as favorable today as it had been for some time.

Capt. Amos King, conductor on the R. & C. passenger train, who had been confined to his room with sickness since Wednesday of last week, was able to make his run today.

Mrs. John Jones underwent a serious operation for appendicitis and other complications at the Thompson hospital Saturday, but the operation was successful and Mrs. Jones is getting along fine.

Prof. W. T. Jenrett of Marietta entered the Thompson hospital this morning, and will undergo an operation tomorrow.

Little Cordon Sellers, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sellers of Mt. Elijah, who recently underwent an operation at the Thompson hospital, is getting along as well as could be expected.

Reports from the hospital say that all other patients—and the hospital is full up to the brim—are getting along nicely.

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—Mr. Stephen McIntyre made a Sunday school address at Marietta yesterday.

—The county commissioners are in session today for the purpose of settling with the tax listers.

—Mr. Frank Nash left this morning for Wrightsville Beach, where he has accepted a position as clerk at the New Hanover Inn.

—Large numbers of nice water-melons and cantaloupes are being brought in for sale, and have been for several days.

—Mr. Percy Meares is having a metal fruit stand erected on the McLean lot, near the Seaboard station, and will open up a fruit and cool drink stand at an early date.

—Messrs. W. T. Hammonds and J. J. Warwick of Munson, Fla., spent Friday in town. They are well pleased with Lumberton and Robeson county. They came here on a pleasure trip.

—Mr. J. F. Raybon returned yesterday from a trip down in South Carolina. Mr. Raybon visited many of the best farming sections in South Carolina and reports crops good down in "Blaseland."

—Thursday night of this week at the Pastime theatre James O'Neill will be seen in famous version of Dumas' masterpiece, "The Count of Monte Christo," another "Famous Players" feature in live reels.

—Business has gone bad so far as selling marriage license goes with Register of Deeds M. N. Folger. The folks have just quit marrying for the time being, but it is expected that business will pick up in a short time.

—Ninety tickets were sold from here to Wilmington yesterday morning, 88 of them being return tickets. Large crowds take advantage of the \$1.25 round trip rate to Wilmington every Sunday but yesterday was a record breaker for the number of tickets sold.

—As was mentioned in Thursday's Robesonian, forty stood the examination for white public school teachers before Supt. J. R. Poole Thursday. Forty also stood the examination for colored teachers Friday and 34 Indians stood the examination Saturday.

—Mr. D. W. Baggett left yesterday for Timmonsville, S. C., where he has accepted a position with the C. B. Anderson Hdw. Co. Mr. Baggett is an experienced hardware man, having worked in the hardware department of Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son's store here for several years.

—At a meeting of the town fathers held Thursday evening it was ordered that the paving bill be paid R. G. Lassiter of Oxford, who has the contract for the paving which has been done recently, and is now being done in Lumberton. This was the only thing passed on by the board.

—Quite a number indicate their intention of taking advantage of the Norfolk, Va., excursion which will pass here tomorrow afternoon at 5:40. The excursion will start from Clarkton. The round-trip fare is \$4.50, and those who will go will spend two whole days and one night in Norfolk.

—Messrs. J. C. Cope and Fred Brown of Antioch, Hoke county, are among the visitors in town today. Mr. Cope was one of the Robesonians, who was cut off in Hoke against his will, but he keeps on raising cotton in the Robeson county way. He has 135 acres of the finest cotton—the finest, Mr. Brown says—in Robeson and Hoke counties.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. D. McPhaul of Brewton, Ala., spent several days here last week visiting at the home of Mr. McPhaul's brother, Dr. W. A. McPhaul, North Elm street. Mr. McPhaul is a former Robesonian, but this was his first visit here in 9 years. He noticed great changes and improvements along all lines, both in the towns and in the country, since his last visit to his native county.

—Mr. W. J. Wilkerson, who lives near Center, and who is one of Robeson's most successful farmers, one who believes in raising everything needed at home and some to spare, was among the visitors in town Friday and reminded each member of The Robesonian's staff that he was his friend by bringing each a lot of nice juicy peaches, the kind that look good to the eye and taste good to the mouth.