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IMPORTANT MEETING TONIGHT

Chamber of Commerce Will Meet at Eight O'clock at Court House to Take Some Action in Regard to Cotton Warehouse

A meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held tonight at eight o'clock at the court house to discuss the cotton warehouse situation. It is thought that it will be best to furnish more facilities for warehousing cotton.

All who are interested in holding cotton for higher prices, whether members of the Chamber of Commerce or not, are invited to attend this meeting.

Will Attend Meeting at Raleigh Tomorrow

Several business men of Lumberton no doubt will attend the meeting Governor Craig has called to be held at Raleigh tomorrow to consider plans to prevent the sacrifice of the cotton crop. It is probable that the meeting tomorrow will take the place of the meeting Governor Craig called to be held in Atlanta, Ga., September 3d. The Robeson county committee as a result of whose visit Governor Craig called the Atlanta meeting, were asked Thursday to come to Raleigh Friday for another conference, as stated in Thursday's Robesonian, but later the Governor decided to call a meeting of representative business men all over the State to be held in Raleigh tomorrow and the conference with the men composing the Robeson county committee was called off or postponed till tomorrow. Each member of the committee—Messrs. K. M. Barnes, R. D. Caldwell, G. B. McLeod, A. J. McKinnon, D. H. Britt, A. N. McEachern, and A. L. Bullock—received a personal letter from the Governor asking him to attend the conference tomorrow, and Mr. A. W. Metcalf who was not a member of the committee but who has been active in plans to help the farmers, also is in receipt of a personal letter from the Governor asking him to attend.

Corner Stone Laying at Antioch September 5

The corner stone of the Antioch school building, Hoke county, will be laid Saturday of this week, September 5. Dr. Joyner, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will deliver the address, and there will be public dinner. It was intended to have this on the 12th, but Dr. Joyner could not be present on that date and it was necessary to change. Supt. J. A. McGowan writes The Robesonian that they are planning to have a big crowd and will be glad to have their Robeson friends with them.

Extending Railroad Spur to Big Timber Tract

The Kingsdale Lumber Company has a force of hands at work extending the spur of the V. & C. S. Railroad from the Lumberton cotton mill to their plant, and as soon as completed they will begin to cut the Rozier timber, an eleven million feet tract brought by the company near St. Pauls some two years ago. The logs will be hauled by the company's road engines over the V. & C. S. road.

Hoch der Farmer Who Raises Home Supplier

"I don't know what I will do with my cotton, but I am going to turn my seed into meal and turn by meal into corn, and turn part of my corn into meat," was the remark of a Robeson farmer recently. This farmer has the right idea and if many others would resolve to do the same at times might change for the better. The man who raises something to eat is going to be on top in the future.

Indian Teachers' Institute Begins at Pembroke Today

An institute for Indian teachers begins at Pembroke today at the Normal school building and will last two weeks. It will be conducted by Prof. O. V. Hamrick, principal of the Normal school, and Miss Mildred Moses of Chapel Hill.

Picnic at Antioch Saturday

There will be a Farmers' Union-Woodmen of The World Sunday School picnic at Antioch, near Allenton, Saturday of this week. Mr. H. F. Bissell of Mt. Elam will make a Farmers' Union address, and both Sunday school and Woodmen addresses will be made by other speakers. The picnic is invited.

HELP FIGHT THE BATTLE

Now is the Time For All Interests to Co-operate for Relief of Farmers—It is Necessary to Hold Cotton Crop To the Editor of The Robesonian:

Members of the Farmers' Union have often resolved to hold their cotton for higher prices, but never has there been a time when it was more essential to hold a cotton crop and I wish to appeal to all members of the Union to co-operate with the move that has been, and is being, made to warehouse, insure and hold the present crop off the market till there is a demand for it.

The business men of Lumberton have arranged for the storing of at least 12,000 bales, and Mr. A. W. McLean, who is doing all possible to better the situation, says he is willing for the farmers to use his lot near the Seaboard station or a lot near the V. & C. S. station for a temporary warehouse, and he will not charge a penny for the use of the lots. Some may say, and no doubt have already said, that the business men are working for their interest. Here I would like to say that they are working for their interest and for the interest of the farmer as well. When it is well with the farmer it is well with all classes, and the crisis that is now on is not only going to effect the farmer, but men of all other classes as well, so it is up to the people to co-operate and try to best manage the situation.

Co-operation, and only co-operation, can bring relief to the cotton growers. The farmers alone cannot do anything, neither can the bankers or the merchant; but all together can better the situation. Read the papers and keep up with the steps that are being taken for your interest and for the interest of the South and country generally, and resolve to help fight the battle for living prices for your produce.

Last, but not least, resolve to raise more foodstuffs in the future and not so much cotton and other things that you cannot use yourself. If you have not been living at home and on home supplies, decide to better play that part of farm life in the future.

F. GROVER BRITT,
Sec.-Treas. Robeson Union.

A ROUGH YOUTH

Desperado in Knee Pants Sentenced to Roads—Shot Up Cotton Mill at St. Pauls

Fred Butler of St. Pauls, a 17-year-old white boy wearing knee pants was before Recorder R. A. McLean this morning under five warrants—two for carrying concealed weapons, one for resisting officers, for drunkenness and one for assault. In the case for assault judgment was suspended on payment of costs, also in the case of resisting officers; the case for drunkenness was dismissed and in the two cases for carrying concealed weapons he was sentenced to four months on the roads. The sentence was that Butler raised a rough house in the St. Pauls cotton mill recently, shooting through window in the building, and afterwards firing two hundred pound bombs, while in arresting him. He has been four or five times before. He, through his attorneys, Britt & Britt, gave notice of appeal and was bound under a \$200 appeal bond.

Board of Elections of Robeson in Session

The board of elections of Robeson county, composed of Frank Cannon of Lumberton, McKay McKinnon of Maxton and E. G. Johnson of St. Pauls, met in the court house today at 12 o'clock for the purpose of organizing appointing registrars, poll leaders, changing vote precincts, creating new ones and any other business that may call the attention of the board. A full report of the proceedings will be published in Thursday's Robesonian.

Using Cane Syrup Instead of Sugar

Mr. W. J. Wilkerson of route 3 from Lumberton was in town Saturday. Mr. Wilkerson says he will not be in market for much sugar at the present prices, as he has plenty of home-made syrup and plenty of cane to make more. It pays to raise "cane" sometimes.

President Wilson left Washington Thursday for the summer White House at Cornish, N. H., to remain until tomorrow or probably Wednesday.

GERMANS NEARING PARIS

French Lines Falling Back Before German Advance—German Airplanes Drop Bombs in Paris—Aeroplane Advises Paris That German Armies at Her Gates and Surrender is Inevitable—England Tells of Loss of 6,000—Brief Notes of War Press Dispatch, 30th

That the French lines are still falling back before the German advance is indicated in an official statement issued by the French War Office, which says the progress of the German right wing has obliged the French left to yield ground.

Earl Kitchener, British Secretary for War, gives in detail the part played by British troops in the operations extended from August 23 to August 26 and the British losses number about 6,000.

The condition and spirits of the British troops at the front are described as excellent and reinforcements have been sent up to more than fill the gaps created by the casualties. A German aviator has appeared over Paris and was engaged Sunday in dropping bombs in a populous section of the city. Several bombs failed to explode, according to the accountants, and the only two persons injured were women.

Paris is preparing for a siege should the lines opposing the Germans be broken. Enormous stocks of food have been placed in the State warehouses and sheep and cattle in vast numbers have been herded in the Bois de Boulogne.

A British official statement says that of the 1,200 men comprising the crews of the five German submarines sunk off Heligoland only 100 were saved.

A Berlin dispatch says the German army is energetically pushing the Russians in the neighborhood of Allenstein, East Prussia.

The German aviator who dropped bombs into Paris Saturday and who signed himself Lieutenant Von Heissen, dropped leaflets on which was written: "The German army is at gates of Paris, you can do nothing but surrender."

WAR NOTES.

A Paris dispatch states that the little village of Etain, near Longwy, France, was subjected to two bombardments by the Germans last week and that the telephone service was left in the hands of a young girl, who stood by her post while bombs were bursting all around the telephone office, and falling even in the room where she was at work.

A London dispatch of the 30th states that desperate fighting continues along the Austrian frontier. Scattered encounters in eastern Galicia have developed into a great battle extending 100 miles from the southern districts of Lubin in Russian Poland to a point beyond Lemberg in Galicia. The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Mail says:

"In East Prussia the Germans have been driven farther back. Their losses were particularly heavy at Muhlen and it is only a question of a few days when the Germans will be driven beyond the Vistula.

"Panic reigns in Dannzig. The population is fleeing to Berlin. The result of the General battle now being fought is expected to influence largely the whole campaign against Austria. The scant reports received indicate that Russia is on the road to a decisive victory."

The British public was reassured yesterday by Field Marshal Sir John French's statement that the British army in the field is in good condition and spirits and has been reinforced by twice as many men as were lost during the four days battle and retreat, and is ready to meet the enemy again.

The probable entrance of Turkey into the European struggle as an ally of Germany and Austria and possible uprisings among Great Britain's Mohammedan subjects are forecast in a wireless message to the German Embassy at Washington received yesterday from its foreign office in Berlin.

A London dispatch dated 1:05 this morning, states that only bulletins of Napoleonic brevity have come in the

SUDDEN FINAL SUMMONS

Mr. J. B. Leggett Died Suddenly at Home at Center Saturday Night

Mr. J. B. Leggett, aged 44, died suddenly at his home at Center Saturday night at 8 o'clock, a stroke of paralysis being the cause. Mr. Leggett was in Lumberton Saturday morning appearing to be in good health. He is survived by his wife and several children. The funeral was conducted from his home by the pastor, Rev. W. R. Davis, at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and interment was made in the Lewis cemetery.

Reviving Defunct Farmers' Union Local

Mr. Hector Blackwell of Howellsville township was in town Saturday. Mr. Blackwell is making arrangements to visit some of the defunct Locals of the Farmers' Union and to re-organize them. It is a time when the farmers need organization. Here's hoping he may succeed. It is timely work, and may be seen fit to strap it back into the fold.

last 24 hours. The far-spread battle lines of Italy is being made on three main fields of action—along 250 miles of French frontier, on 200 miles of Austro-Hungarian border and through a wide area of East Prussia.

Field Marshal Lord Roberts in speech in London Saturday referred to the continuance of football and other games and said this is not the time to play games while the nation is engaged in a life and death struggle. He declared that the country was in great danger and defeat would mean "ruin, shame and slavery."

It was announced by the French War Office Saturday that the military governor of Paris had ordered all residents within the zone of action of the forts around Paris to evacuate and raze their houses within four days.

President Wilson Thursday issued a proclamation of neutrality recognizing "that a State of war unhappily exists between Japan and Austria-Hungary." It is similar to other proclamations previously issued.

France Thursday expressed to the United States disapproval of certain phases of the Administration's plan to build up a merchant marine through the purchase of foreign ships. The objection was raised that the purchase of German-owned ships now marooned in neutral ports would furnish Berlin money to carry on the war.

In a battle with British warships off the island of Heligoland, in the North Sea, Friday the Germans are reported to have lost 2 cruisers and many of their destroyers were badly battered.

The British claimed not to have suffered the loss of a vessel and declared there were few fatalities on board the vessels of their fleet. The German casualties were not stated.

The Island of Heligoland, which lies 45 miles off the mouths of the rivers Elbe and Weser, always has been regarded as a point of great strategic value for the protection of the Kaiser Wilhelm Canal and otherwise in the naval defence of Germany. Recent reports had it that a large part of the flower of the German Navy lay in the waters adjacent to the mouths of the Elbe and Weser and in the Kaiser Wilhelm Canal.

The important announcement was made Friday in the House of Lords that Great Britain would draw on the active forces in British India to reinforce her armies in Europe.

Louvain, a Belgian town of 50,000 inhabitants and with many historic buildings, is reported to have been burned by the Germans as an act of reprisal for alleged firing on German soldiers by Belgian citizens. The Belgians claim, however, that the people of Louvain did not commit the hostile act charged, but that it was the Germans themselves who fired on their fellow countrymen, mistaking them for Belgians.

Because of the non-payment of a war levy of \$40,000,000 the Germans, it is said, threaten to seize the famous pictures and objects of art in the Brussels museums.

A 96-pound watermelon, raised in Mecklenburg county, was sold in Charlotte Tuesday for \$5.00. A 91-pound melon was sold there the other day for \$5.00.

WITH COLORED TEACHERS.

Two Weeks' Institute Closed Friday—Most Creditable Exhibition of Handwork—Betterment Association Organized

A 2-weeks' institute for colored teachers of Robeson county closed Friday afternoon. It was held in Allen's hall, in the north-western part of town, and was well attended. Supt. R. E. Sentelle, of the Lumberton graded schools, conducted this institute, and he made the colored teachers make the white teachers sit up and take notice in one special feature.

This was an exhibit of specimens of work done by the teachers. It was a most creditable exhibit, well arranged. Supt. Sentelle said nothing about it until Wednesday, so that the teachers had one day to prepare the exhibit for Friday. All the teachers participated in with the suggestion, went to work with a will, and the result of the exhibit Friday was astonishing.

There were exhibitions of penmanship, drawing, paper cutting and folding, and industrial work. There were artistic and durable-looking baskets made of grasses and things, baskets that would sell well on any market; there were table mats and scarfs and things—that the women know what to do with about the house—done in all sorts of artistic styles; and there were other things. These specimens of the handwork of the teachers was well arranged for exhibition and they were so numerous as to suggest that every teacher attending the institute must have put up something.

Such exhibits are valuable not only as showing what the teachers can do but in teaching them how to arrange exhibitions in the school room. Supt. Sentelle conducted the Haywood county institute for white teachers some weeks ago and had the same sort of exhibit there.

Another thing done by the colored teachers that is worthy of special mention was the organization of a Robeson County Betterment Association. Loula Hooper was elected president. And the best thing about it was that eighty teachers pledged themselves to organize local betterment associations in their communities.

More than 80 of the colored teachers subscribed for North Carolina Education.

When the institute for white teachers closed Friday afternoon many of the teachers went over to the colored institute, at the suggestion of Supt. Poole, to see the exhibition of work, and all were most agreeably surprised. Before the white teachers left the colored teachers entertained them by singing heartily and with spirit two songs—"My Country 'Tis of Thee" and "Columbia the Gem of the Ocean."

As the colored teachers appeared during the visit of the white teachers Friday they are a set that should have a most beneficial influence among their race in Robeson county. They were tidy in appearance, there was no slouching, they sat erect at their desks and appeared interested in their work.

Supt. Sentelle seems to have gotten the best of results and to have sent the colored teachers to their various communities inspired to do all that it is possible for them to do for the uplift of their people.

Full of Chicken and Hungry for More

Mr. J. F. Hickman who lives near Baker's chapel, was in town Thursday and told a Robesonian reporter a snake story which he said was the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. He said that one night recently his chickens kept making a noise like they needed help and on going to their rescue he found a large chicken snake near eight feet long in the coop with his chickens, having eaten eight frying size ones and being in the act of squeezing the life out of another, acting as if he didn't have anything like enough. Whether he had a "mess" or not, he had some.

Much Cotton Already Open.

Perhaps not in the history of cotton growing in Robeson has there been so much open cotton September 1. Some of the farmers are picking more than a half-bale to the acre now. However, this does not mean that the crop is going to be so large as quite a number of the top forms shedded off on account of the drought.

WATCH!—Watch the label on your paper. If renewals are not in by date on label will be stopped.

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—The graded school at Maxton begins the fall term tomorrow.

—A week's term of criminal court will convene next Monday, and this will be followed by a week's term of civil court. Judge C. M. Cook will preside.

—The Pastime theatre promises a good programme every night this week. "Trapped in the Hem," a Kalem in two reels, and "Reggie the Daredevil," Biograph will be presented this evening and tonight.

—A. J. Van Landingham has been awarded the contract for the interior finishing of Mr. R. D. Caldwell's new home. Mr. Van Landingham has heretofore done other work of this kind in Lumberton. His headquarters are in Wilmington.

—Miss Mayce Glasgow of Knoxville, Tenn., who will teach music at the graded school again this year, has returned from Philadelphia, where she studied during the summer vacation and will begin work at the graded school building tomorrow.

—Only two more Sundays to visit Wilmington and the beach at the summer rate of \$1.25. On the 13th of September it is expected that roasted oysters will be served in abundance at Wrightsville and that will be the last day of the cheap rates.

—Mr. Dennis W. Biggs, who has been suffering for several weeks with a chan which was poisoned by the scratch of a weed, will leave tonight for Johns Hopkins hospital at Baltimore, Md., where he will consult a specialist. He has not been able to obtain any relief so far. Mr. Biggs will take his family this afternoon to the home of Mrs. Biggs' father, ex-Sheriff E. C. McNeill, near Rowland, where they will remain during his stay in Baltimore.

War Risk Insurance Bill Passes.

Washington Dispatch, 29th. The Administration bill to create a Federal bureau of War Risk marine insurance, with a \$5,000,000 fund to meet possible losses to American shipping, was passed late today in the House by a vote of 230 to 58. Already passed by the Senate, it now goes to President Wilson.

The Other Frank.

Mr. Frank Parnell, who lives on route 2 from Lumberton, was in town last Saturday. Mr. Parnell says he wants it distinctly understood that there are two Frank Parnells, and it is the other Frank that was before the recorder recently for dealing out booze. Mr. Parnell says he is not the man by a large majority.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. E. L. Hamilton and two children returned Saturday night from Scotland Neck, where they spent a month visiting relatives.

Mr. A. L. Bullock of Rowland is a Lumberton visitor today.

Mrs. M. W. Floyd and two sons, Masters Yates and M. W. Jr., are spending this week at Fairmont with relatives. They went to Fairmont yesterday.

Mr. J. E. Thompson, general manager, and Mr. W. S. Bernard, secretary-treasurer, of the Morning Star, Wilmington, spent last night in town guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Townsend. They made the trip in an auto and went today to Mr. Thompson's farm near McDonald's. They will spend the night here to night and return to Wilmington tomorrow. Mr. Thompson is Mrs. Townsend's brother.

Last Meeting of Kindergarten

Written for The Robesonian. On Tuesday afternoon, September 1st, at 4:30, the kindergarten conducted by Miss Janie Carlyle will have its last meeting for this summer. All the children who have been attending the meeting are urged to be present to take part in the closing exercises. There will be an exhibition of the works that has been done this summer and the parents and friends of the children are cordially invited to be present. This meeting will be held in the Gospel tabernacle church, Tuesday afternoon at 4:30.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA