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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING.

Come to the Court House Tomorrow Evening at 8 O'clock to Important Meeting of the Chamber of Commerce—A Matter That Concerns The Entire County.

President J. P. Russell asks The Robesonian to state that a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held tomorrow evening at the court house, in the commissioners' room, at 8 o'clock. Every citizen of the town, whether a member of the Chamber of Commerce or not is invited to be present. The Southern Settlement and Development Organization, which has been working for a number of weeks upon a practical plan for providing desirable agricultural settlers from the Belgian refugees now in Holland and England, wants to know if the Chamber of Commerce of Lumberton will join in the movement. Here is a chance to secure for Robeson county the most desirable kind of immigrants. Show your interest by coming to the meeting.

40,612 BALES GINNED.

11,789 Bales Ahead of Last Year in Robeson.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Barnesville, Nov. 14—There were 40,612 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, ginned in Robeson county from the crop of 1914 prior to November 1st, as compared with 28,823 bales ginned prior to Nov. 1st, 1913. J. W. BARNES, Special Agent.

Federal Reserve Banks Open For Business Today.

Washington dispatch, 15th. After months of preparation by the Federal Reserve Board and by the country Bankers, the 12 Reserve Banks will open tomorrow for business, marking the first great change in the banking system of this country in the last 50 years.

The 12 banks, designed to take care of the commercial needs of the entire Nation are located in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Richmond, Atlanta, Cleveland, Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Louis, Kansas City, Dallas and San Francisco.

For the present their duties will be limited largely to rediscounting of notes, drafts and bills of exchange, but as experience is gained, steps to have them air their other functions under the currency act, will be taken. The directors of all the banks have been selected, the board has named its representative for each and suitable quarters have been secured in the 12 cities.

Officials here will watch the progress of the system with utmost interest. It starts with 7,571 member banks, with authorized capital of 106,795,600, of which one-sixth is in their vaults. The exact figures for the cash reserve in all 12 banks has not been accurately computed, but it is estimated at close to \$250,000,000 drawn under the law from the present reserve agents or member banks.

To Evacuate Vera Cruz Nov. 23d.

Washington Dispatch, 15th. Monday, November 23 was fixed tonight as the date for the evacuation of Vera Cruz by American troops.

Secretary Bryan issued this announcement: "Both General Carranza and the convention at Aguas Calientes having given assurances and guarantees we requested, it is the purpose of the Administration to withdraw the troops of the United States from Vera Cruz on Monday, the 23d of November."

"All the persons there for whose personal safety this government has made itself responsible have left the city. The priests and nuns who had taken refuge there and for whose safety fears were entertained, are now on their way to this country."

Interested in Community Service Week.

Interest seems to be growing all over Robeson county in the "Community Service Week" December 3, 4 and 5. Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of public instruction, who is chairman of the county committee, says quite a number of the teachers are writing to learn more about the meaning of the service. All who wish to do so can be applying to The Robesonian office or Prof. Poole get a booklet that will explain it all and makes interesting and helpful reading. Better come along and get one.

Behold a Sign.

The farmers generally must intend to reduce cotton acreage next year judging from the fact that they are selling their grass cutters—geese. Large numbers of the "cutters" are being sold on the local market for eating purposes.

A LULL IN THE BATTLE.

There's Little Relief For the Men in the Trenches, However—Severe Weather Replaces Artillery and Rifle Fire—Little Fighting of Consequence—Germans Preparing to Winter in Belgium.

London Dispatch, 15th. After four weeks of most desperate fighting, there is a lull in the battle in Flanders.

Little relief, however, has come for the men in the trenches, as the artillery and rifle fire has been replaced by a severe November storm.

In some parts of England the storm has become a blizzard. On the sea a heavy gale rages, and the battleships are getting their full share of wind and rain.

For the most part the opposing armies have been content to shell each other at long ranges, but the Germans have made several attacks around Ypres, which according to the French general staff, have been repulsed with heavy losses.

It is not believed that the Germans have any intention of giving up their attempt to reach the French coast, and the Allies are making elaborate preparations to block any further advance in force. Extensive defense works have been erected along the Yser Canal, and the French armies are holding that line from the border south to the river Oise, and passing forward approach works which place them in a better position for either defense or offense.

The Germans report that they have taken a few hundred British and French prisoners, but that the unfavorable weather has impeded progress. Concerning Dixmude the public must rely on official reports.

It is said the Germans are finding the destroyed village a death trap. They have been unable to debouch from it in the day time, as all the approaches are commanded by the Allies' guns, and night attacks have met with disaster.

The fact is apparent that neither side has made any significant advance, both being so well entrenched that neither artillery nor infantry can move them.

The Germans are turning Belgium into a fortress, which means that if they do not succeed in advancing they intend to be prepared to winter there.

One of England's Largest Battleships Sunk.

The British superdreadnought Audacious, third in tonnage and armament of Great Britain's warships lies at the bottom of the ocean off the north coast of Ireland. Rumors to this effect have just been confirmed, according to a New York dispatch of the 15th. She was hit by a torpedo or disabled by a mine Oct. 27. With the possible exception of one or two men, the crew of 800 officers and men was rescued. The destruction of the Audacious is regarded as the most serious single loss sustained by the British Navy since the opening of hostilities. Only a few British warships outranked her in size and fighting equipment.

Lord Roberts, Noted British Soldier Dies in France.

Field Marshal Earl Roberts, England's most noted soldier, died of pneumonia Friday in France, where he had gone to greet the Indian troops, of which he was Colonel-in-chief. He was 82 years old. He was one of the most popular military figures in Great Britain and a National hero without rival in the affections of the people.

Superior Court—Two Weeks' Term Lasts 4 Days.

The term of criminal court which convened last Monday morning adjourned Friday morning, though it was a regular two-weeks term. Only one criminal case was heard after the report of the proceedings published in Thursday's Robesonian was written, that of Junius Hooper, the negro who shot Mr. Crayton Prevatt near his home at Back Swamp some two weeks ago, mention of which was made in The Robesonian at the time. Hooper was given 12 months on the roads. Judgments were entered in the following civil cases: Maggie Locklear, vs. A. C. L. Ry. Co.; W. I. Linkhaw, vs. Prince Currie; E. D. McNeill vs. A. D. McDonald; J. T. Lewis vs. Parkton Mercantile Co.; Isaac Spivey, Jr., vs. Martha Edmund; Beasley Shoe Co. vs. W. A. Hedgpeth; W. T. Rawleigh Med. Co. vs. W. A. Guy, et al; E. C. Lancaster vs. Neill McNeill; State vs. Walter Wilson; J. T. Biggs Co. vs. Archie Ward et al.

Last week's Laurinburg Exchange states that Mr. Neill McNair, who was nearly 79 years old died at his home in Laurel Hill township, Scotland county on the 7th, of Bright's disease, from which he had suffered for a long time.

UNION MEETING ROBESON ASSN

Programme of Meeting to be Held at Baltimore Church Nov. 27, 28 and 29.

Friday morning: 11:00 Sermon by J. F. Davis (J. M. Fleming alternate).

Friday afternoon: 1:30 What is the first step a backward church ought to take to make itself grow?—I. P. Hedgpeth, C. L. Greaves.

2:15. Are the churches fulfilling their mission to the world proportionate to their opportunity? W. R. Davis, L. R. Varser.

Saturday morning: 10:00 Is restricted communion justified by the Word of God?—A. A. Butler.

11:00. Sermon by A. C. Sherwood. (R. N. Cashwell, alternate).

Saturday afternoon: 1:30. Is Evangelism emphasized as it ought to be in our Sunday schools? R. T. Allen, J. L. Jenkins.

2:15. Should the pastor of two or more churches organize his churches into a pastorate with stated union meetings to discuss matters pertaining to the pastorate as a whole, thus securing union and solidarity for his charge?—D. P. Bridges, R. L. Byrd.

Sunday morning: 11:00. Sermon by R. A. Hedgpeth. It is expected that time will be allowed after each discussion for brethren to express their views.

COMMITTEE.

Among the Sick.

Mr. F. P. Humphrey of Saddle Tree was among the visitors in town Saturday. Mr. Humphrey said the condition of his son, Mr. Malcolm A., who last week was taken to a hospital in Richmond, Va. by Dr. S. J. Hawes for treatment for injuries received by jumping into a stream while bathing on August 22, mention of which was made in a recent issue of The Robesonian, was as favorable as could be expected.

Reports say that the condition of Prof. W. E. Flemming, principal of the Orrum high school, who has been sick with typhoid fever for several days is improving. Prof. M. Shepherd, founder of the school has charge of the school in Mr. Flemming's absence. The Scottish chief of the 13th, reports the condition of Mr. J. W. Carter of Maxton, whose illness was mentioned in The Robesonian a week ago, as improved.

Among the sick at the Thompson hospital the following news is of interest: Mrs. J. S. McNeill, who underwent a serious operation two weeks ago is getting along nicely and it is expected that she will soon be able to return home. Miss Lula Fisher, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, was able to return home Saturday. Mrs. Linnia Herring of Marietta underwent an operation Saturday and is getting along as well as could be expected. Miss Dora King, sister of Dr. D. D. King, underwent an operation Saturday for appendicitis and is getting along nicely. Dr. John Knox, who has been sick for several days, was taken yesterday to the hospital, where he is resting well today. Miss Cartell, who has been in the hospital for two weeks suffering with a broken hip, is getting along as well as could be expected.

The condition of Mrs. D. W. Biggs, who has been very ill at her home, North Elm street, since Wednesday of last week, is thought to be slightly improved today. Mrs. Biggs gave birth to a girl baby some two weeks ago.

Ain't It?

Mr. Frank Gough, the Sunday school man, relates the following amusing incident:

A Sunday school teacher (name not given) was asking his class their opinion of hell. One boy answered the bad place, another where the bad man stays, and after others had expressed their opinion a small boy over on the back seat held up his hand, and when the teacher asked him what his opinion was he said "Pap says it is six cent cotton."

Runaway Marriage.

Mr. C. B. Sessoms and Miss Cora Fisher, both of Lumberton, were married at the home of Justice John H. McNeill, near town, last evening about 7:30. It was a runaway affair.

Mr. Sessoms has for several years worked with the King Grocery Company. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Fisher. Both bride and groom have many friends who wish for them much happiness and success.

Recorder's Court.

Montgomery and John Henry Britt were before Recorder R. A. McLeaf Saturday charged with being drunk on the R. & C. train Friday afternoon. Montgomery was let off by paying the cost, which amounted to \$7.05, while John Henry drew a fine of \$2.50 and the cost, \$9.55.

THE FINAL SUMMONS.

Mr. John Willoughby of Globe Swamp Section.

Mr. John Willoughby, Sr., aged 86 years, died Saturday at 3 o'clock p. m. at his home in the Globe Swamp section. The funeral was conducted yesterday at 3 p. m. from the residence by Rev. R. N. Cashwell of Lumberton, and interment was made in the family burying ground, near the home.

Deceased was a member of the Ebenezer Baptist church and was well-known to many Robesonian readers. One Baptist preacher was heard recently to remark that he was the best Bible-read man he most ever saw. A good man and valuable citizen has gone.

Death of Mrs. Bettie Zurcher.

Mrs. Bettie Zurcher, aged 80 years, died last Thursday at her home at the National cotton mill. The funeral was conducted Friday at 11 a. m. by Rev. W. D. Combs, pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle and interment was made in the Gun cemetery, near town.

Mrs. Sarah Eliza Thompson.

Mrs. Sarah Eliza Thompson, relict of the late C. E. Thompson, who was in business here some 35 years ago, died at her home at Wampee, S. C. on the 9th inst. Mrs. Thompson was a native of this county and has many relatives in the county.

Funeral of Mr. F. J. Thomas.

The funeral of Mr. F. J. Thomas, whose death at Southern Pines Wednesday afternoon was mentioned in Thursday's Robesonian, was conducted Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the residence, north-western part of town, by Rev. C. L. Greaves, pastor of the First Baptist church, assisted by Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth. Interment was made in Meadowbrook cemetery. A large crowd attended the funeral and the floral offerings were numerous and beautiful. The pallbearers were Messrs. J. Q. Beckwith, Jno. D. McMillan, R. C. Birmingham, John French, M. Beverly, F. P. Gray.

All the out-of-town members of the family who were here to attend the funeral have returned home except Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thomas of Lilesville parents of the deceased, who are guests at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Boylin.

Mr. Thomas was the valued agent of the Southern Express Co. here for about ten years and it is understood that Mrs. Thomas, who is familiar with the work, will be continued as agent.

FARMERS' UNION MEETING.

State Meeting This Week at Greenville—Great Progress This Year—North Carolina Ranks First.

The State meeting of the North Carolina Division of the Farmers' Union will be held at Greenville, Pitt county, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week. According to the Progressive Farmer, organ of the State Union, great Union progress has been made throughout the State this year, and North Carolina ranks first in the Union. No doubt large crowds of farmers from all over the State will attend the meeting. A rich programme has been arranged and many Robeson members could profit by attending this feast for farmers. Mr. Grover Britt, secretary-treasurer of the Robeson division, will leave tomorrow for Greenville. He goes as a delegate from Robeson. Mr. Britt, who is The Robesonian's reporter will give Robesonian readers an account of the "doings."

Corn Show at Wilmington a Great Success.

Wilmington had a corn show last week which was pronounced a great success. It is estimated that 30,000 people visited the fair during the four days it was in progress. The Star says, in a news item Saturday: "The whole affair was a splendid object lesson of what can be accomplished by co-operation and aside from the fine educational effect it had in showing what can be produced on the farm and what is manufactured in Wilmington, it would have been well worth while as a co-operative movement and in bringing people together in a common cause—that of elevating the entire community, county and southeastern section of the State."

The prize for the greatest yield of corn on an acre was won with a yield of 108.75 bushels, while the second prize was won with 101.5 bushels.

The Western North Carolina Conference, which has been in session in Central Methodist church at Shelby since Wednesday of last week, probably will close tonight. Friday the Conference endorsed the new University at Atlanta after hearing a message from Dr. Plato Durham, of the faculty of that institution, and pass a resolution asking the State to establish and maintain a home for wayward girls.

BELGIAN BENEFIT

Much Interest Being Manifested in Entertainment That Will Be Given by Local Talent Next Monday Evening.

Much interest is being manifested in the entertainment that will be given Monday evening of next week at the Lumbee theatre by local talent for the benefit of the starving Belgians. In addition to those mentioned in Thursday's Robesonian, others who will take part in the entertainment are Misses Bonnie Barker, Lucile Jones, Lillie Barker, Eva Mace, Irene McLeod, Mildred McIntyre, and Mr. S. F. Caldwell.

The entire program has not been completed, but The Robesonian is asked to announce the following as certain:

Song solos: Mrs. Rudolph Carlyle, Miss Mildred McIntyre, Miss Virgie Goodwin, Miss Irene McLeod, Mr. C. B. Skipper; male quartette composed of Messrs. T. S. Golden, W. W. Davis, Pope Stevens, Johnnie Walker; mixed quartette composed of Mrs. L. R. Varser, Mrs. J. Q. Beckwith, Mr. C. B. Skipper, Mr. Pope Stevens; Chorus composed of Mrs. L. R. Varser, Misses Mildred McIntyre, Lina O'Gugh, Lucille Jones, Bonnie Barker, Lillie Barker, Christine Gower, Eva Mace, Messrs. C. B. Skipper, T. S. Golden, Shep Nash, Simeon Caldwell, Wm. Barnwell; piano solos, Mrs. Hugh McAllister, Miss Bonnie Barker; piano duet: Mrs. L. R. Varser and Miss Christine Gower; readings, Miss Irene McLeod, Mr. Wm. J. Sullivan.

Opening and closing with a moving picture reel appropriate for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Pope Return—The Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Pope, whose marriage at Goldsboro was mentioned in Thursday's Robesonian, arrived here Friday night from Washington and are boarding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Caldwell, Caldwell street. Mrs. L. L. Pope and daughter, Miss Mary, mother and sister of the groom, who attended the wedding, returned home Tuesday evening. The following account of the wedding is taken from the Goldsboro Record: "A beautiful home wedding was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents on East Center street, North, Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, when Miss Ollie Bacon became the bride of Mr. Henry L. Pope, of Lumberton, N. C."

"Only a few relatives and friends were present. The bride was dressed in a dark blue traveling suit with accessories to match."

"They entered the parlor to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, played by Miss Ruth Bacon, sister of the bride."

Mr. and Mrs. Pope left on the noon train for Washington and other points. They will make their home in Lumberton after December 1st.

"The popularity of these young people was made known by the numerous and lovely presents received."

"The Record joins their many friends in wishing them a long and happy life."

Against Parental Objection.

Mr. "Ab" Bullard of Broad Ridge was among the visitors in town Wednesday of last week. He purchased marriage license for the marriage of Ellison Ivey and Bessie Lawson, who live on the "ridge." It is understood that Miss Lawson's father forbade license being issued for marriage to take place, so on Sunday night Mr. Ivey stole the girl of his heart's desire and Mr. Bullard says they disappeared, till Tuesday, when they "came up" to the home of the groom. It was Wednesday night before the wedding took place. The bride is only about 14, and the groom is far from old. Where there is a will there is a way, and where there is true love there is a will.

Valuable Horse Killed in Runaway.

A horse belonging to Messrs. M'White Brothers, which was hitched to a buggy and driven by Messrs. M'White, became frightened at some boys near the Lumberton cotton mill Friday night and proceeded to do about proper. He ran and kicked until he broke loose from the buggy, tearing it and the harness to smithereens, and then committed suicide by jumping into a railroad ditch and breaking his neck. The horse was eight years old and cost \$250.

Gen. Scott to be Chief of Staff.

Washington Dispatch, 13th. Brig. Gen. Hugh L. Scott was selected by President Wilson today to be chief of staff to the United States Army upon the retirement next Monday of Maj. Gen. Wotherspoon. The vacancy of Major General created by Major General Wotherspoon's retirement will be filled by the nomination of Brigadier Frederick Funston, now in command at Vera Cruz.

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

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Middling cotton today, 7 cents.

—Open season for birds and the hunter will be abroad in the land.

—Miss Kittie Jones of Buie has accepted a position as stenographer in the law office of Mr. T. A. McNeill, Jr.

—License has been issued for the marriage of J. M. McMillan and Fannie Lancaster; Theodore Edwards and Nancy Kaye.

—There will be a regular communication of St. Albans Lodge No. 114, A. F. and A. M., tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock. Work in third degree.

—The "distress" sale launched by Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son had a big opening Saturday. The store was thronged with shoppers all through the day.

—Mr. Glonnie Wishart left Thursday evening for Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, where it is expected that he will undergo an operation for appendicitis.

—Dr. W. W. Parker has bought a lot on the corner 14th and Chestnut from Senator G. B. McLeod and is having a modern cottage residence erected on the lot.

—Mr. O. T. ... clerk ... Pope Cruz store, is spending some time at Lumberton visiting relatives. Mr. Robert Prevatt is filling his place in the drug store while he is away.

—Messrs. White & Gough ran a page ad in Thursday's Robesonian, and judging from the crowds that thronged their Store Saturday, it must have brought results. Their ad will also be found in today's paper.

—Mr. McKay Byrd, who for some time has been living at the Jennings cotton mill, is moving today back to his farm on route 5 from Lumberton. Mr. Byrd says he is going back to the farm to stay, but not to raise cotton.

—Mr. A. Weinstein returned Saturday from New York where he went first of the week to purchase goods for his department store. This makes the third or fourth trip Mr. Weinstein has made to Northern markets this fall.

—Beginning this evening the "Carolina Duo" will open a three-nights engagement in vaudeville at the Lumbee theatre. They came from Atlanta highly recommended and should fill the house. Regular service of three reels of pictures will also be run.

—Mayor White says he wishes the next time a chicken thief makes a raid on his Rhode Island Reds he'd take the head with the body. A thief that made a visit to the mayor's hen yard one night last week wrung the head off a fine one and left it as a sign of his workmanship.

—County Superintendent J. R. Poole has sent bulletins about Community Service Days to every member of the committees appointed recently in every school district in the county and he is getting encouraging evidences of interest in the proposed work.

—Mr. Manlove, impersonator, from the Ridpath Lyceum Bureau, was down for a performance at the opera house Saturday evening, but the audience did not show up. A few who had complimentary tickets and employees of the house made up the audience; there was not a single paid admission. No performance was given.

—Rev. Dr. W. B. North, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, will leave tomorrow morning for Washington, N. C., where the annual Conference will convene Wednesday morning. Chestnut Street church will send up a good report, "paid in full." Dr. North is winding up his first year as pastor of this church and the entire membership of the church hope that he will be returned, as no doubt he will be. This charge feels that it is fortunate in securing Dr. North, who is one of the ablest preachers in the Conference.

Death of Mrs. Ann Ray.

Maxton Scottish Chief. Mr. J. F. Ray of Laurinburg, passed through Maxton Tuesday evening from Buie, where he had been to the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Ann Ray, relict of the late Rev. Neal Ray. Mrs. Ray who resided near Maxton several years ago and moved to her place near Buie, died Monday evening at the home of her son in Laurinburg, at the age of 74 years, from the effects of pneumonia. Deceased was a most excellent Christian lady. She is survived by five children among whom are Rev. C. W. Ray, of the Virginia Conference; Mr. J. F. Ray, express agent at Laurinburg and Mr. Pierce Ray, A. C. L. agent at Buie.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA