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## CORN CLUB BOYS MEET.

**More Than Half a Hundred Members of Robeson Corn Club Attended Meeting Saturday—Exhibits Made Great Display—Prizes—Boys Who Made over 100 Bushels to Acre—Good Results and Chance for Great.**

A well attended and highly instructive meeting of the Robeson corn club boys was held in connection with the teachers' meeting here Saturday. The boys, more than 50 in number, gathered at the court house at 10:30 and marched to the school building, led by Mr. A. K. Robertson, a Robeson boy, who is assistant in the Corn Club work in North Carolina, with headquarters at Raleigh. The boys were in good spirits and seemed to have been tuned up for the occasion.

Dr. D. H. Hill, president of the A. and M. College, Raleigh, was present and made an address that should have been heard by all the farm boys in Robeson, an account of which will be found in a report of the teachers meeting published elsewhere in today's paper. Besides the address by Dr. Hill, which alone would have been well worth coming to hear, Mr. Robertson, County Farm Demonstrator J. A. B. and Messrs. Frank Gough, H. P. Lewis and Prof. R. E. Sentelle talked to the boys, urging them to stay on the farm, study their business and make life what can be made—the most desirable life man can live.

One member of the boys had a 100 bushel exhibit. The ears were from their acres of corn and made a grand display, which was spread on tables in the school building. It was a young fair, within itself. A \$1 prize offered by Prof. R. E. Sentelle, superintendent of the Lumberton graded school, for the best exhibit was won by Master D. L. Smith of St. Pauls; a 75 cent prize for the next best was won by Master Richard C. Lamb, of route 4 from Lumberton and a 50 cent prize for the third best was won by Master LeRoy Townsend of St. Pauls. The last two prizes were offered by Messrs. White & Gough of Lumberton.

The following Robeson boys made over 100 bushels to the acre this year: Fentrice Hardin, Fairmont route 2; Bernice Lewis, Barnesville; Wilbur Britt, Fairmont; D. L. Smith, St. Pauls.

No doubt dozens of the boys would have made more than 100 to the acre had it not been for the severe drought of last summer. However the boys are still determined, and it is expected that at least 500 boys will be enrolled in the Robeson county corn club next year.

The teachers of the various schools will be asked to aid in enrolling the boys in their schools as members of the club.

The following prizes have been offered for the best yields this year: Maxton Drug Co., Maxton, \$3 fountain pen; Barnes Bros. Drug Co., Maxton, a \$5 gold medal. The Robesonian, 1 year's subscription to the Robesonian and Progressive Farmer; F. Grover Britt, secretary-treasurer Robeson County Farmers' Union, a bronze medal. It is expected that other prizes will be subscribed within a few days. The winners of these prizes are not known yet. However, a list of them will be published in The Robesonian just as soon as they can be obtained.

The firm of White & Gough has started the prize list for the year 1915 with a nice gold watch, monogram of winner and how he won it, to be engraved on same.

Great good has already been done through this club in Robeson, but there is a chance for still greater results. When the boys of the rural districts who will be the farmers of tomorrow, learn the best methods of farming, and the necessity of raising foodstuffs, it means that this will be a better country when they are the men who till the soil.

Every citizen should take interest in this work and see to it that the boys join the club to win.

**Play at Philadelphus Friday Night, December 18.**

"The Colonel's Maid," a comedy in three acts, will be presented at Philadelphus Friday evening of this week, the 18th. This is a play with a good love story, exciting scenes and stormy consummation. Prof. M. C. McLeod is principal of the school.

## ROBESON HAS NO TREASURER

**Treasurer-Elect McKenzie Failed to Make Bond and Commissioners Declare Office Vacant—Legislature Most Probably Will Change Bond Requirements and Reinstall McKenzie—Office to Be Abolished at Expiration of Term for Which McKenzie Was Elected.**

Robeson county now has no treasurer. Treasurer-elect M. G. McKenzie failed to make the guaranteed bond in the sum of \$100,000 required by law and at a special session Friday the county commissioners, as they were bound to do by law, declared the office vacant and placed the duties of the office, also as the law directs, upon Sheriff R. E. Lewis until such time as the office is filled either by the commissioners or the Legislature. The commissioners are allowed a reasonable length of time to fill the office, so they deferred action until January 15 next in order to give the General Assembly, which will convene in the meantime, time to take action. It is most probable indeed it is practically certain—that the Legislature will change the bond requirements so as to allow the treasurer to make a personal bond and will appoint Mr. McKenzie to fill out the unexpired term for which he was elected.

When the officers of Robeson county were placed on a salary basis by the Legislature of 1911 the requirement was made that each officer should give bond in a surety company, the county to pay the premium. It is thought that Mr. McKenzie will be able to make a personal bond and there is little doubt but that the necessary change in the law will be made and that he will be reinstated in the office as soon as the Legislature meets. Senator Geo. B. McLeod says that he will most certainly be in favor of that course and it is thought that Representatives Sellers and Shepherd will take the same view of the matter, although The Robesonian has not been able to interview them. Mr. McKenzie, who has held the office for several terms, was re-nominated last August in the primary over three strong opponents, and was re-elected in November, so this solution of the matter will no doubt meet with the approval of a majority of the voters of the county.

It is understood that the office of treasurer will be abolished at the expiration of the two-year term for which Mr. McKenzie was elected. Mr. McKenzie stated during his canvass that he would not ask for the office again, and all three of the men elected to the Legislature stated on the stump that if elected they would abolish the office at the expiration of the term of whoever was elected this fall.

Of course if the Legislature should fail to take any action the duty would devolve upon the county commissioners to appoint some one who could make a bond as required by the present law; but there is no probability that the Legislature will not take the action outlined above; so Mr. McKenzie will not be out of office much longer than a month.

In the meantime, Sheriff Lewis will perform the duties pertaining to the office.

## Community Service Day at Graded School.

Friday was observed at the graded school as "Community Service Day" in such a way as to bring the community in closer touch with the school and to impress upon the pupils a service they can render the community by keeping the school grounds and building clean and attractive. In the morning a public meeting was held in the auditorium, after which many citizens of the town inspected exhibits of the work being done in each grade, the boys put the school grounds in first first class condition and the girls cleaned up the inside of the building. In the afternoon there was a basketball match game, and in the evening there was a box supper. The day was one of pleasure and profit and was well worth while.

Owing to print shop troubles which it was impossible to foresee and prevent it is impossible to handle in this issue a full account which has been written of the events of this day of so much importance to the community. If nothing happens to prevent a full report will be given in the next issue of the paper.

## RAFT SWAMP NOTES.

**Killing Hogs — Numerous Tramps Cause All the Fice to Bark Themselves to Death.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Lumberton, R. F. D. 6, Dec. 11—All the folks in this section are killing hogs and getting ready for Christmas. We hope to have better weather during Christmas than we have had in the past few days.

Mr. G. L. Townsend of this section went today up to Raleigh to see Mr. J. T. Townsen, who has been in the State hospital for some time, and if his condition is suitable he will bring Mr. Townsend back with him, but if he is not in shape he will let him stay for a while longer.

Mrs. J. M. Stogner from the Jennings cotton mill is pending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Townsend of this section.

The Jacks Branch and Bear Swamp Ry is improving to some extent. The overseer of that line said that times were gay enough for he could get more hands than he could employ and if nothing happened he would have a line running through the old pond by Christmas. He said that hands were not hard to get for the tramps were so thick that all the fie dogs in Raft Swamp had barked themselves to death—all but one, and that he was so weak he could not bark and would die before two days; and when they all die the folks can rest a little.

The Raft Swamp graded school did do it last week.

## Moving Into Elegant New Bank Building.

Messrs. McLean, Varner and McLean moved their law offices Saturday from the McLeod building, Fourth and Elm to the three front rooms of the new home of the National Bank of Lumberton, Third and Elm. Mr. A. T. McLean, manager of the Fidelity Insurance Company, will also at an early date move his office from the McLeod building to the new bank building. It is expected that the law firm of Britt and Britt, which has offices in the Carlyle building, Fifth street, will occupy the two front rooms formerly occupied by McLean, Varner and McLean, and either Mr. E. J. Britt or Mr. T. A. McNeill, Jr., will occupy the other.

The National Bank of Lumberton, which has been located downstairs in the McLeod building, will move into its new home either tomorrow night or Wednesday.

## Unfavorable Report on So-called "Tuberculosis Cure."

The United States Public Health Service, which investigated, in response to a resolution of the United States Senate adopted in May, 1913, the so-called "tuberculosis cure" of Dr. Karl von Ruck of Aachen, reported last week that the claims of Dr. von Ruck that he had discovered an agent that would prevent and cure tuberculosis were unfounded. Dr. von Ruck attacks the Government investigators as incompetent and prejudiced, says that a telegram received from a London laboratory on the 2nd inst. confirms the claim for his vaccine, and that he will ask the Senate to name a new and impartial commission.

## Will Face Bride's Angry Father and Brothers.

Mr. U. S. Page, the man who stole his bride from a very angry father, and who was married here last week, mention of which was made in Thursday's Robesonian, left this morning for Kinston despite the fact that his father and brothers-in-law threatened to take his life on sight. He left his bride at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Page, who live here.

## Fire Near Proctorville.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed two stalls two stacks of fodder, a wagon and quite a lot of hay belonging to Mr. Willie Branch, who lives near Proctorville Saturday night just after dark.

## Tried to Pay Taxes With One-Eyed 'Pessum.'

The fact that a certain citizen of Robeson tried to pay his taxes with a one-eyed 'pessum' is proof enough that the folks are finding it hard to raise money to "come across."

## ROBESON TEACHERS' MEETING

**Well-Attended Meeting Held Saturday—Address by President Hill of A. & M. College—Other Addresses Delivered and Interesting Papers Read.**

Not in the history of the Robeson Teachers Association has a better attended and more instructive meeting been held than the one held in the graded school building here Saturday. The meeting was opened at 11 a. m. with prayer led by Rev. Dr. W. B. North, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, Lumberton. "In the time of Roses," a vocal selection rendered by Mrs. B. W. Page of Lumberton was greatly enjoyed.

Dr. D. D. Hill, president of the A. and M. College, Raleigh, was present to address the Boys' Corn Club, Supt. J. R. Poole asked the boys to go into the auditorium with the teachers in order that the teachers might hear Dr. Hill's address. Dr. Hill is a forceful speaker, who knows just what farm life is like as it has been lived in the past, and has a true knowledge of what it could be made. "The boys are leading their parents," declared Dr. Hill, "when it comes to raising corn." He urged the boys to apply their will to to constructive and not destructive things. "The boys who make the best of life must leave off bad habits, such as smoking cigarettes and drinking liquor. He should learn early in life that the body is a most sacred thing." Dr. Hill also called attention to Robeson's wise move in having an all-time health officer. "The boys and girls have great chances to learn how to make a living than did the boys and girls of my age," he said. They should fix their eyes on a goal for the future and work to that end." He urged the boys to "join the corn clubs, pig clubs and other clubs that would teach them more about farming right. Teach agriculture and domestic science in the public schools, and in so doing make life a thousand times more beautiful to the boys and girls in the rural districts. Make the schools power stations, and let the boys and girls sent out be the current furnished the world. It will take this to change the world." Dr. Hill urged the teachers to join with Mr. Robertson in getting the boys interested in the corn club, his address was a treat and lucky indeed were all who heard him.

Prof. S. J. Kirby, principal of the farm-life school at Philadelphus, was next on the programme. His subject was "Agricultural and Industrial Education." Mr. Kirby outlined the work that is being done at the school of which he is principal, and urged the importance of each child being trained for his or her choice vocation. He declared that the only safeguard to the county is an educated citizenship. Educate the farmers and the country will develop. Prepare the boys and girls to make the best of country life. Few farmers realize the importance of proper care in selecting seeds, which is one of the most important steps about farming successfully. The plant is dependent on the farmer and the world is dependent on the plant; so the boy who prepares himself for farming not only makes more of life for himself, but makes a more useful citizen to the country at large. Mr. Kirby's address was highly enjoyed, and no doubt will cause the teachers to take more interest in the teaching of agriculture in their schools.

Very interesting papers were read by Miss Effie Newton a teacher in the Lumberton graded school, Miss Belle Johnson, teacher at North Lumberton and Miss Maude Brown, a teacher in the farm life school at Philadelphus. The papers were well prepared and helpful.

A very greatly enjoyed address was made by Prof. S. E. Leonard, principal of the graded school at Red Springs, on "How to Create a School Spirit in a Community."

The next and last address was that of Mr. H. E. Stacy of the Lumberton bar. Mr. Stacy's subject was "Illiteracy in Robeson County and How to Get Rid of It." Mr. Stacy gave out some statistics which showed that while Robeson county was known as one of the first in the State, agriculturally an educationally, it stood 62nd in illiteracy. He said that this was confined mostly to the men who were of school age when educational advantages were not so good and before Robeson got her move on.

## RECORDER'S COURT

**Man Wanted for Homicide Voluntarily Surrenders—Cutting Scrape Costs Murphy Parnell \$105.**

The following cases have been disposed of by Recorder E. M. Britt since Thursday: Shep Huggins, colored, cursing a white man in the presence of his wife and daughter, eight months on roads; Murphy Parnell, cutting Charley Britt, fine and cost amounting to \$105. Britt was carried up considerable by Parnell 10 days ago, an account of which was published in a recent issue of The Robesonian; Lewis Cook, colored, retelling, 10 months on roads.

A preliminary hearing was given Cornelius Wadkins, colored, before the recorder this morning. About a month ago Wadkins shot and killed Pete McNair, also colored, near St. Pauls. It was considered at the time as being accidental, but after McNair's death, which resulted in a few days after the shooting, Wadkins left for South Carolina. After he arrived at Tatum, S. C., he wrote Sheriff R. E. Lewis that if any papers had been issued against him he would return and surrender. The papers having been issued the sheriff wired him to come along, so last Thursday he came into the sheriff's office and told Deputy A. H. Prevatt, who was in the office, that he was the man wanted. He was bound over to Superior Court without bail.

## Box and Oyster Suppers Friday Night, December 18.

There will be a box supper at the Mendow school house, district No. 1, Lumberton, Friday night of this week, December 18th. A speaker has been engaged for the occasion. The proceeds will go for the benefit of the school, of which Miss Margaret Britt is teacher.

On the same night, Friday, December 18, there will be an oyster supper at Smyrna school house, near old Kingsdale. The proceeds will be used for the school.

Everybody is invited to come and help the good cause at both places.

## No Court Till Tomorrow.

Judge C. M. Cook, who will preside at the one week term of civil court, which was to have convened this morning, wired Clerk of the Court C. B. Skipper Friday that he would not be here in time to open court before Tuesday morning, which means court will convene tomorrow morning about 10 o'clock.

Representative Sreno E. Payne of New York died suddenly of heart failure at his apartment in Washington Thursday night.

According to his report, there are only 177 children of school age out of 7000 in the county that cannot read and write. "Illiteracy is fast passing out of Robeson," he declared, "but the only way to rid the county of it entirely, is to have night schools. The night schools, or moonlight schools, a they are called in some places, should be taught at night by the teachers of the day schools from 7 to 11 from one to three nights out of the week. And all the older people, who cannot read and write must be urged to attend these schools." Mr. Stacy's idea is that this would take well, especially in the rural districts. He mentioned the fact that a successful night school is being taught at the Jennings cotton mill three nights out of each week by the day teacher, Miss Belle Johnson.

At this point the meeting was split up and the teachers of the different grades met to discuss subjects pertaining to their line of work.

Quite a number of the schools sent specimens of drawing and other work done by the pupils. The work sent in by the St. Pauls school deserves special mention. It was fine. The work was displayed on the walls of the building and caused many to stop and look.

## The Liver Regulates the Body A Sluggish Liver Needs Care.

Someone has said that people with chronic liver complaint should be shut up away from humanity, for they are pessimists and see through a "glass darkly." Why? Because mental states depend upon physical states. Biliousness, headaches, dizziness and constipation disappear after using Dr. King's New Life Pills. 25c at your druggist.

## BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Good cotton today, 65-8 cents.  
—"The Man on the Box," exhibited at the Pastime Friday, is one of the very best motion pictures ever shown here.

—Mr. W. H. Stone, who lives in North Lumberton, killed a hog Saturday that tipped the scales at 545 after he was dressed. He was a grown pig.

—The graded school will close for the holidays Friday of this week. It has not been definitely decided, but it is expected that the spring term will open Tuesday, December 29.

—Mr. W. E. Garrett of Red Springs was among the visitors in town Friday. Mr. Garrett placed his name on The Robesonian's mailing list, as many others are doing each week.

—Mr. E. W. Bass who lives on route 6 from Lumberton, was in town this morning. He was exhibiting a very ancient coin, with part of the date too dim to decipher, which he found some time ago.

—Mr. Strong Floyd, who lives on route 2 from Fairmont, and Mr. J. R. Walters, of the Orrum section, were Lumberton visitors Saturday. Mr. Walters says he killed a pig Friday which weighed 454.

—At the special meeting of the county commissioners Friday it was ordered that the poll holders and registrars of the various townships for the last election be paid, also that the Fairmont Hardware Company be paid \$9 for supplies for county.

—McMillan's Pharmacy advertised that it would give quite a number of gold fish away with 25 cent purchases of certain articles Saturday. They had a large number of them, but they went, and went in a hurry. Gone almost before breakfast time.

—Mr. M. T. Bobbitt, who for several months has been associated with Mr. P. E. Lee practicing law here, has moved his office to Rowland. Mr. Bobbitt made many friends while in Lumberton who are sorry that he decided to make the change.

—Mr. Andrew Smith, who lives on route 2 from Fairmont, was among the visitors in town Saturday. Mr. Smith had his paper stopped a short time ago, but got back on the "God blessed" list by subscribing and paying his subscription a year in advance.

—Prof. L. W. Jacobs, who teaches the Indian school in district No. 1, Back Swamp, was among the teachers who were disappointed last week in not getting pay for last month on account of changing the treasurer's office over to the Sheriff. It is expected that payment will be forthcoming soon.

—Mr. Rowland Davis of Raft Swamp is responsible for the members of The Robesonian's staff getting tanked up on 'simmon beer. Mr. Davis brought a full gallon of the stuff, and it was awful good, to the office Saturday. Many have brought in things good to eat, but Mr. Davis is the first to remember his friends with something good to drink.

—"Neptune's Daughter," featuring Annette Kellerman, in seven reels of motion pictures, will be exhibited here Wednesday and Thursday night of this week. When the picture has been seen our people will say "the best yet." Miss Kellerman is said to be the finest lady swimmer in the world and is the only woman who ever swam the English channel. Price for this attraction will be 10 and 25 cents. Last show will begin at 8 o'clock as it requires 2 1/2 hours to run it through.

## Pension Warrants Have Arrived.

Clerk of the Court C. B. Skipper received the pension warrants this morning and they are now ready for distribution to the old soldiers and widows of soldiers.

The ability of the American Navy to successfully meet the war fleet of any Nation except Great Britain was asserted last week by Rear Admiral Fletcher, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet, before the House Naval Affairs Committee. The possibility of conflict with Great Britain was so remote the Admiral said, that he did not believe in a naval policy designed to control the oceans against that country.