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**HOLD COTTON FOR 12 CENTS;
SELL NO SEED TILL DEC. 1**

Advice of Robeson Division of Farmers Union—Dr. Poe's Article on Holding Cotton and Robesonian's Comment Thereon Commended—Pleased With Public Weigher and Grader.

Hold your cotton for 12 cents the pound and don't sell any cotton seed before December 1 is the advice of the Robeson county division of the Farmers' Union, which was in session here yesterday. There was quite a number of interested members present, all of whom seemed to think that this year's crop should bring at least twelve cents per pound. All farmers who are not members of the Union are urged to co-operate with the members of the Union in holding seed off the market.

The Union commended Dr. Clarence Poe's article on holding cotton for 12 cents, which appeared in Monday's Robesonian, also the editorial commenting thereon which also appeared in Monday's Robesonian.

Members of the Union are well pleased with the law passed by the last Legislature requiring all cotton sold on the markets at Lumberton and Maxton to be graded and weighed by a public man, and the secretary-treasurer, Mr. F. Grover Britt, was instructed to have the law as passed published in the Robesonian, adding such comment as he sees fit as it seems that some buyers don't want to comply with this plan, which seems to be fair to both seller and purchaser. The Union also went on record as favoring the establishing of public weighers and graders at all the cotton markets in the county.

Messrs. F. Grover Britt and J. G. Prevatt were appointed delegates to the State meeting, which will be held at Durham November 16, 17, 18. Messrs. Okey Stephens and Edgar Bass were appointed alternates.

REPORT OF COTTON GINNED

27 Bales Ginned in Robeson Prior to Sep. 1 This Year as Compared With 172 Bales to Same Date Last Year.

Twenty-seven bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, were ginned in Robeson county from the crop of 1915 prior to September 1, as compared with 172 bales ginned prior to the same date last year. This is according to a report made to the Robesonian by Mr. D. McP. McArthur, who lives near Red Springs, and Mr. J. W. Barnes of Barnesville, both of whom are special census agents for Robeson.

Plans Received for Remodeling Graded School Building.

Plans have been received for cutting the auditorium of the graded school building into additional recitation rooms. These plans are in the hands of local contractors and the contract will be awarded in a few days. Advertisements are being prepared for bids for the new building, these bids to be opened early in October. At the same time contracts will be awarded for other improvements in the old building—remodeling heating plant, repainting wood work, putting in fire escapes, etc.

The enrollment at the graded school has gone beyond the 400 mark and Supt. Sentelle expects that the enrollment will go as high as 550.

Farmers Interested in Cover Crop Problem.

"I have sold more than twice as much seed rye this fall as I did last," was the remark of a Lumberton merchant recently. This goes to prove that the farmers are becoming interested in the cover crop problem. Men who know declare that to follow rye with tobacco means that a much better grade of tobacco will be the result. It will not mean any loss to you, Mr. Farmer, to try it out.

Mrs. H. G. Stubbs to Johns Hopkins for Serious Operation.

The Robesonian was advised in a phone message from Fairmont last evening that Dr. J. P. Brown would leave Fairmont last night with Mrs. H. G. Stubbs for Baltimore, where Mrs. Stubbs would undergo a serious operation today, if possible, at Johns Hopkins hospital.

County Commissioners and Road Trustees Will Meet Monday.

All the road trustees of the county are expected to meet Monday at the court house with the county commissioners, who will hold an adjourned session on that day.

Miss Lillian Nance returned yesterday from Waynesville, where she spent some time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Wells of Shelby have been guests since yesterday of Rev. and Mrs. W. B. North at the Chestnut Street Methodist parsonage. Mr. Wells is an uncle of Dr. North. They will go tonight to Laurinburg to visit relatives.

Americans Again Advised to Get Out of Mexico.

Washington Dispatch, 15th. American Consuls in northern Mexico, which now has become the chief battleground between the contending factions, have been advised by the State Department not only to notify American citizens to withdraw from the danger zones, but to leave Mexico themselves if conditions become intolerable.

TEUTONIC ADVANCE NOT SO FAST

Interesting Facts Presented to Parliament About Finances and Military Operations—No Peace Proposals Likely Now.

Press Summary. The British Parliament has passed a new vote of credit of \$1,250,000,000 bringing the total since the outbreak of the war to \$6,100,000,000. Great Britain's daily war expenditure now is fixed at more than \$17,500,000.

Premier Asquith and the War Secretary, Lord Kitchener, have presented interesting facts to Parliament concerning both finances and military operations. According to their statements, more than 3,000,000 men have been recruited since the war began and munition factories are springing up, and munition supplies being vastly increased.

In reply to a question in the House of Commons, Lord Robert Cecil, under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said Germany had offered no peace proposals, nor could he imagine any being made at the present time which would be acceptable to the Allies.

Arthur J. Balfour, First Lord of the Admiralty, spoke optimistically of the preparations for the defense of London against air raids.

The United States having accepted the evidence in connection with the sinking of the Arabic as conclusive proof that she was torpedoed with out warning, Ambassador Gerard will present to the German Foreign Office a summary of this evidence.

Latest Vienna dispatches indicate that no official information has reached there on the request of the American government for recall of Doctor Dumba, the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador at Washington. The official communications issued by the various general headquarters show that the Teutonic advance against the Russian armies is proceeding much more slowly than a few weeks ago.

Northeast of Dubno the Russians have made a heavy counter-attack in an attempt to win back the fortress, but Vienna says the attempt was unsuccessful, and that the Russians lost heavily.

The artillery still is bearing the brunt of the actions in the Western zone, and a Holland dispatch reports heavy firing in progress in a westerly direction, which might mean an action in the North Sea.

RECORDER'S COURT

Irvin and Bright Parnell Found Guilty of Retailing—They Must Stay Out of Howellsville and Wishart's Townships and Two Adjoining Townships in Bladen for Period of Two Years.

Irvin and Bright Parnell, both of Howellsville township, were before Recorder E. M. Britt yesterday on the charge of retailing. Bright Parnell was also given a hearing on the charge of carrying concealed weapons. The defendants demanded a jury trial in each case, which was granted. The trials lasted practically all day. The jury on the case as to retailing was out more than two hours after the case was turned over to them. Guilty was the decision of the juries in both cases, but they recommended that the recorder make his verdict as light as possible owing to the fact that the boys are young and the sons of Reuben Parnell, the notorious alleged Blockade King of Howellsville, who, as mentioned in Monday's Robesonian, was arrested and lodged in jail last week. The recorder did not render his decision till 11 o'clock this morning. Prayer for judgment was continued on the payment of the cost, both defendants placed under a \$200 justified bond to stay out of Howellsville and Wishart's townships, also the two townships in Bladen county bordering on Robeson, for a period of two years. If caught in either of these townships during this time they will be arrested and brought to trial and a heavy road sentence imposed. If the boys settle in any other section of the county than the two townships mentioned they are to appear before the recorder every month for two years and show they have not dealt in any way with spirituous liquors.

There was quite a bit of interest in the cases and both Howellsville and Wishart's townships were well represented at the trial.

Rev. Wm. S. Johnson of St. Paul's is among the visitors in town today.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT

A New Organization for This District—Many Delegates Attended Meeting at Maxton and Great Interest Taken in Work.

Maxton Special, Sept. 15, to Wilmington Star.

Today saw the closing exercises of a two-days' session of the Sunday school conference of the Rockingham district of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. This is a new organization for this district, having been organized at this meeting by Mr. M. W. Brabham, Durham, field secretary for this work, and Mr. J. M. Way, Spartanburg, S. C., divisional field secretary.

At the executive meeting the following were chosen as the officers to head the organization: President, E. H. Gibson, Laurinburg; vice president, Rev. H. M. Eure, Red Springs; secretary-treasurer, J. P. Gibbons, Hamlet.

Executive committee—Rev. J. H. Hall, presiding elder, Rockingham, chairman ex-officio; E. H. Gibson, Laurinburg; Rev. B. E. Stanfield, Fairmont; Rev. H. M. Eure, Red Springs; J. P. Gibbons, Hamlet; R. K. Craven, Abbottsburg; George R. Rose, Jackson Springs.

For the Wesley Bible class, Organizer R. K. Craven was chosen to head this work while Mrs. J. C. Davis was chosen to organize the elementary department.

A large number of delegates were in attendance at all the meetings and great interest was taken in the work. Of the 24 charges in this district not a one failed to have representatives. There were 18 ministers, 21 Sunday school superintendents and 43 teachers, besides 107 delegates outside of Maxton, present.

FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY

250th Session Being Held at Hamlet—Next at Sanford—Rev. I. N. Clegg Moderator.

Fayetteville Presbytery, in its 250th stated session here with 35 ministers and 59 elders in attendance, voted today to hold the next stated session at Sanford next April. Features of the session today included a sermon this morning by Rev. H. J. Mills, following the opening devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. D. A. Brown and the appointment of Rev. F. D. Viehe as agent for Flora McDonald College, he having been received into the Presbytery at this session.

Rev. I. N. Clegg of Laurel Hill, was elected moderator by acclamation at the opening session Tuesday morning, following the sermon by the retiring moderator, Rev. H. M. Dixon. Rev. W. M. Fairley was elected emporary clerk and Rev. R. A. McLeod grossing clerk. The latter preached the Presbyterial sermon Tuesday night. On Tuesday afternoon Prof. J. C. Kelly was heard in the interest of Elise high school. Dinner is served on the church grounds, picnic style, each day at noon.

A Strangely-Colored Squirrel

Mr. Charley Hickman, who lives on the Star route from Lumberton, was among the visitors in town Monday afternoon. Mr. Hickman told the Robesonian's local reporter about a certain squirrel he saw on his way to town. The squirrel was in the public road about 6 miles from town and instead of being the usual squirrel color he was wearing a very black head, had a white ring around his neck and his body was somewhat black, but not quite so black as his head. The tail of this particular squirrel Mr. Hickman says, was far from the usual color, except about two inches—of course he didn't measure it to be sure about the exact length—which was as white as snow.

Those folks who insist that birds and beasts of strange colors are abroad in the land in times of wars, or that such is a forerunner of wars, might get a point here for argument.

School Bonds Win in Raleigh by Big Majority.

News and Observer, 15h.

There was a sweeping majority for the \$100,000 issue of school bonds in the Raleigh township election yesterday. Each of the twelve precincts gave a heavy per cent of their registered vote in favor of the issue. The actual number of votes cast against bonds was 81, and with the number not voting, 207, made the total unfavorable to bonds 288. The number of votes for bonds was 1,280. The registered vote was 1,631. The majority for bonds, 929.

Rev. Dr. W. B. North, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, returned last night from Maxton, where he attended the Sunday school conference of the Rockingham district Tuesday and yesterday.

BUIE NEWS BATCH

Philadelphus High School Doing Fine—A Road That Should be Put in Good Condition—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Buie, Sept. 15.—Prof. and Mrs. Samuel J. Kirby left last week for Gastonia, where Mr. Kirby goes to accept a position in the farm-life school there. Mr. and Mrs. Kirby made many friends during their stay in the Philadelphus community, and his many friends were sorry to lose him. Mr. L. E. Blanchard comes in Mr. Kirby's place.

Mr. and Mrs. Peyton McMillan and Miss Laura Jones spent a few days the past week visiting friends at Broadway.—Mr. Walter McMillan was a Fayetteville visitor Thursday.—Messrs. J. B. Humphrey, Paisley McMillan and W. A. Smith were Lumberton visitors Monday.—Mr. Hector McMillan and son Henry of Laurinburg spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Paisley McMillan.—Mr. Q. G. Hall was a Fayetteville visitor Friday.—Messrs. L. H. Holt and W. H. Adams were Lumberton visitors Tuesday.—Miss Janie McMillan of St. Pauls is spending a few days with Misses Maria and Sadie McMillan.—Messrs. A. Britt, A. C. McLeod and J. L. McNeill spent Monday at Lumberton.

The Philadelphus high school is progressing nicely, new scholars are being enrolled, and prospects are growing better each day for even a better school than in the past.

Messrs. Albert Prior, W. R. McNeill, J. A. Stanton and Paul McNeill spent Monday in Lumberton.

The road leading from Philadelphus via Buie, to St. Pauls is the direct route to Fayetteville. If there was a good road from Buie to St. Pauls, this road would open up a good piece of country, and would be of great good to the people up in this community, and also to all living along this route. We hope the different townships that this much-needed road would go through will take steps to put this piece of road in good condition.

Messrs. Paul McNeill and Wallace Prior left today for Virginia to take up school work.—Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Brown and Miss Amanda Brown spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McGoogan, near Rennett.

BELLAMY BRIEFS

Death of Mr. Mack Speight—Protracted Meeting Next Month—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Bellamy, Sept. 15.—Picking cotton seems to be the order of the day in this section.

Mr. Dayton Wilkins of Howellsville spent Sunday with his brother Mr. Frank Wilkins.—Mr. J. B. McLean spent a short while at the capital Saturday on business.—Mr. and Mrs. William Davis visited relatives at Lumberton Saturday.—Miss Ruth Pitman of Laurinburg spent the week-end visiting friends and relatives here.—Mr. B. H. Todd spent a short while at the capital Saturday.—Misses Jerusha and Podie Todd spent Friday at Bladenboro.—Mr. Joe Freeman and little daughter, Miss Pearl, spent last Wednesday at the capital.—Mr. Stephen Mercer of Lumberton spent Sunday in these parts.—Mrs. Kitty Taylor of Hope Mills is visiting relatives in this vicinity.—Mr. Gary Todd of Wilmington is spending several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Todd.—Mrs. Cora Hendren and little son, Master Earl, are visiting relatives at East Lumberton.

The protracted meeting will begin at Antioch the second Sunday in October. The pastor, Rev. W. R. Davis, will be assisted by Rev. E. L. Weston.

This community was shocked to hear of the sad death of Mr. Mack Speight, which occurred Monday about 1 o'clock. He was about 30 years old and leaves to mourn their loss a wife and one child. Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved ones. Sorry to report Mrs. I. J. Wilkins on the sick list.

Superior Court Adjourns—Judge Whedbee Sick.

Superior Court adjourned Tuesday afternoon on account of the fact that Judge H. W. Whedbee was taken sick, and he left Tuesday night for his home at Greenville. However, he was not thought to have been seriously ill.

The following jury trials were completed after the report of the proceedings published in Monday's paper were written: W. R. McNeill vs. board of road trustees, non-suited; J. A. Singleton vs. C. D. Ferrell, judgment for plaintiff; R. M. Norment vs. F. W. Walters, judgment for plaintiff; N. C. Long vs. W. D. Prevatt, judgment for plaintiff; Ellis Carriage Works vs. D. H. McCall, judgment for plaintiff.

A number of judgments was signed without jury trial.

MARIETTA NEWS NOTES

Revival at Bear Swamp—Social and Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Marietta, September 15.—Miss Rachel Oliver delightfully entertained her Sunday school class, together with the G. W. Club, Friday afternoon from four to six at her home.

The guests were met at the gate by the hostess, assisted by her sister Miss Helen Oliver, and shown seats on the beautiful lawn, which was very inviting. Seats and tables were tastefully arranged about which were clustered ferns and fragrant roses. After a brief business session of the club and reading of current events, the guests found places at the tables and engaged in a very interesting game of the old favorite progressive up-jinks Mrs. W. M. Oliver and Miss Ruby Adams tied, being the most progressive players and cut for the prize, which was gracefully presented by the hostess to Mrs. W. M. Oliver, the lucky one. Dainty refreshments were served and the party reluctantly departed.

Miss Attie McArthur and little J. O. spent Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Oliver.—Mrs. W. H. Oliver, who spent some time with her mother-in-law, Mrs. Janie Oliver, has returned to her home in Raleigh.—Mr. Dan Page returned from Montreal last week.—Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Wells who had been visiting their son Dr. Wells, left this morning to visit relatives in Lumberton.

Among those who have gone away to school during the past week are: Mr. Bernard Oliver to Trinity College; Miss Anne Page accompanied by her brother Mr. Oliver Page to Dayton, Va., where she will enter a music college; Miss Alice Page to Meredith, and Mr. Joseph Page to Wake Forest. Miss Helen Oliver will leave Thursday for State Normal, Greensboro, where she will enter her junior year.

Mrs. M. F. McArthur of Rowland and Miss Nona Oliver of Marietta returned from Montreal last week.

We are sorry indeed to report Miss Carrie Page's condition very serious and no improvement, she is in Dr. Thompson's hospital at Lumberton for treatment. We hope for her speedy recovery, as she has many friends here and is loved by all who know her.

The meeting is being conducted at Bear Swamp this week by the pastor, Rev. J. T. Allen, assisted by Rev. Mr. Willis of Dillon, S. C., who is very forcibly and impressively preaching the gospel and it is hoped that there will be much and lasting good done.

ELROD ECHOES

Death of Mr. Bill Williamson—New Cotton Gin—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Elrod, Sept. 14.—Bruce, the small child of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Miller, who has been sick with diphtheria, is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Haddon McLean visited Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Pool Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Paul of Florence visited Mr. Paul's sister Mrs. J. M. McCall Tuesday.

Messrs. J. E. Bridgers and W. L. McCall are visiting friends in Bladen county.

Mrs. George Lamm and children, formerly of this place, but now of Wauchula, Fla., are visiting at the home of her uncle Mr. D. A. McCall.

Mr. Sam Bridgers of Rocky Mount is paying a visit to his home near here.

McCall Bros. have installed a new cotton-gin and are now ginning cotton. The "coons" are busy in the fields.

Mr. J. H. Jones returned Sunday from his home at Micro much improved in health.

Mr. Bob Gattley, who lives near Rowland, was in Elrod Friday.

Mr. Adrian McRae is keeping post-office in the absence of our postmaster Mr. J. E. Bridgers.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Bill Williamson, which occurred Monday at the home of his son Mr. Orrin Williamson, near here. He was buried this afternoon.

Robeson Delegation in Raleigh Today.

Mr. E. J. Britt, county attorney; Mr. C. B. Townsend, a member of the board of county commissioners; Mr. Geo. L. Thompson, county tax assessor; Mr. J. M. McCallum, county auditor; and Mr. Frank Gough composed the party that left Lumberton last evening for Raleigh for the purpose of going before the Corporation Commission today to protest against the tax rate increase imposed upon Robeson. Delegations from Rowland, Maxton, Red Springs, Orrum, Fairmont and perhaps other sections of the county also went to Raleigh yesterday for the same purpose.

WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

Issued by the U. S. Weather Bureau, Washington, D. C., for the Week Beginning Wednesday, September 15, 1915.

For South Atlantic and East Gulf States: The week will be one of generally fair weather and relatively high temperature although thundershowers are probable in coast districts.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. and Mrs. Odell Edens are the happy parents of a fine girl, born Sunday night.

—Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son will have their millinery opening Thursday and Friday of next week.

—A force of hands is at work weeding off the old cemetery near the Seaboard station, which adds much to its appearance.

—The hour for Sunday school at the Episcopal church has been changed from 3:30 p. m. to 9:30 a. m. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

—Middling cotton is selling on the local market today for 10 1-8 cents per pound, strict middling 10 37 1-2 cents. The price of cotton has been moving up for the last several days and May futures yesterday went as high as 11.93.

—Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son have added much to the appearance of the grocery department of their large department store by putting in large plate glass windows. They have also installed an elevator in the hardware department of their store.

—Mr. W. W. Pitman, who lives near Bellamy, was a Lumberton visitor yesterday. Since the postoffice at Bellamy was discontinued the folks in that section have had very poor mail facilities but it is expected that this situation will be relieved within the next sixty days.

—Miss Lizzie Caldwell returned Monday evening from Wilmington, where she spent three weeks undergoing treatment for stomach trouble. Miss Caldwell went to Richmond last week to consult a stomach specialist, returning to Wilmington Saturday. She thinks her condition has improved.

—Mrs. C. V. Brown received a phone message last night from her sister Mrs. Wallace of Wilmington to the effect that their brother Mr. Frank M. Fitts died last evening in a hospital in Buffalo, N. Y., following an operation. Mr. Fitts was in a hospital corps of the army and was located in Buffalo. No particulars have been learned.

—Mr. M. G. McKenzie is attending sessions of Fayetteville Presbytery at Hamlet as delegate from the Lumberton Presbyterian church. He went to Hamlet Tuesday morning and is expected home tonight. Others who attended part or all of the sessions from this church are: Rev. J. Frank Gorrell, pastor; Messrs. A. W. McLean, J. P. Russell, and H. M. McAllister.

—Mr. J. B. Bowen has tendered his resignation, effective October 1, as assistant in the office of County Supt. of Public Instruction J. R. Poole and has accepted a position in the law offices of Messrs. McLean, Varner & McLean. Mr. Bowen has been Supt. Poole's assistant for about five years and has filled the position with ability and efficiency. His successor has not been announced. He succeeds in the offices of Messrs. McLean, Varner & McLean Miss Leah Nachman, who has returned to her home at Lake City, S. C.

Among the Sick.

The condition of Mr. R. A. McLean, solicitor of the recorder's court, Lumberton district, who was taken violently ill while in court yesterday morning, is greatly improved today. Mr. McLean was taken to the Thompson hospital, but it is thought that he will be able to leave this afternoon.

Webb, 2-year-old son of Mrs. Nannie Crump, who lives on East Fifth street, has been suffering for the past week with diphtheria. His condition seems to have become worse during the past two or three days and he was reported as being very sick this morning.

Durham Cor., Raleigh News and Observer: Samuel H. Reams, since 1909 agent of the Seaboard Air Line at Savannah, Georgia, and for 19 years a railroad man in Durham, is to be the successor of the late James Edw. Staggs as vice president and general manager of the Durham and Southern Railway. His official duties as supervising director of the railway that operates from Dunn to Durham will begin about October 1.

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