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## FARM DEMONSTRATION

### AGENT FOR ROBESON

**District Agent Freeman Announces That He Has Secured Services of Dr. A. H. Kerr, Formerly of Sampson—He Will Enter Upon New Duties About February 1st.**

Dr. A. H. Kerr, a native of Sampson county, but for some time engaged in dairy work in Norfolk, Va., has accepted the position of farm demonstration agent for Robeson county and it is understood that he will enter upon his new duties about February 1st.

District Agent R. W. Freeman of Wilson stated when in Lumberton last Wednesday that he hoped to be able to secure the services of Dr. Kerr, but the matter was not in definite enough shape to make an announcement in Thursday's Robesonian. Mr. Freeman went from Lumberton to Wilmington and in Saturday's Star appeared a news item to the effect that Dr. Kerr's services had been secured for this important position.

Dr. Kerr is a licensed veterinary surgeon and is specially trained in the livestock industry. In mentioning his appointment The Star says: "He is considered a splendid man for the position and will receive a cordial welcome in Robeson, which has made great progress in an agricultural way in the last few years."

Robeson has been without a farm demonstrator since Mr. L. E. Blanchard was drafted into military service last fall. There has been great concern all over the county about securing the proper man to succeed Mr. Blanchard and the announcement that Dr. Kerr's services have been secured will be received with pleasure. Miss Lulu M. Cassidy, county home demonstration agent, worked with Dr. Kerr in Sampson county and speaks highly of his ability and fitness for the duties of farm demonstrator.

## WILL BE PREPARED

### WEDNESDAY

**Members of Committee Will Be Supplied With Blanks to Take Orders for Nitrate of Soda.**

The committee appointed in Robeson to take orders from the farmers for the nitrate of soda to be sold by the government have used all the order blanks sent them and are finding it difficult to secure them. Mr. W. K. Bethune, chairman of the committee, says that unless he is able to secure the blanks today he will have to take orders by Wednesday, and will also have blanks in the hands of the other members of the committee by that time. All orders must be in the hands of the committee by Monday night of next week.

Other members of the committee besides Mr. Bethune are: A. J. McKinnon, Maxton; A. D. McKenzie, Rowland; A. J. Floyd, Fairmont; A. T. McCallum, Red Springs; W. M. Oliver, Marietta; J. M. Butler, St. Pauls.

## FOOD CONSERVATION.

**Meeting to Be Held in Lumberton February 4—Special Speakers Will Be Heard.**

A meeting in the interest of food conservation will be held in the court house here Monday night, February 4. Mr. T. B. Parker, of the State Department of Agriculture, Mr. R. W. Freeman, district demonstration agent, and Mrs. Mittie M. Henley, of the State home demonstration department, will discuss subjects of vast importance to both men and women. The meeting will be under the auspices of the county food administration and the food conservation committee. All town people and people living in the country as well are invited to attend the meeting.

**Indian in Jail Charged With Shooting Another Indian.**

Charley Hammonds, Indian, is in jail charged with shooting Will Locklear, another Indian. The shooting followed a row which took place at Mt. Olive Indian church, a few miles north of Lumberton, yesterday afternoon. Locklear was shot in the back of the head with a pistol and also had his left arm broken. It is not thought his wounds will prove fatal, however. Sheriff R. E. Lewis and Rural Policeman A. H. Prevatt were notified of the affair and went to the scene. They arrested Charley and Hub Hammonds. Hub made bond.

**House to House Canvass for Red Cross Members.**

The membership committee of the Red Cross society will make a house to house canvass of the town during this week. They hope to secure the membership of all adults not yet connected with the organization. Persons interested will please have the membership fee of one dollar in readiness for the committee when they call.

Sub-committees will do similar work at the several mills.

## FUNERAL MRS. J. T. BARKER.

**She Died in Wilmington Friday and Remains Were Interred Here Saturday—Third Member of Family to Die.**

The funeral of Mrs. J. T. Barker, whose death occurred at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Moore, in Wilmington, early Friday morning, was conducted from the Presbyterian church here Saturday at 10 a. m. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. G. E. Moorehouse, pastor of the Presbyterian church, of which deceased was a member. Interment was made in Meadowbrook cemetery. The floral offerings were numerous and attractive. The pallbearers were: Messrs. C. B. Skipper, Jno. S. McNeill, James Williamson, Jno. D. McNeill, A. H. McLeod, and T. A. McNeill, Jr. The remains were brought over the Seaboard from Wilmington Saturday morning.

Mrs. Barker's death was due to a stroke paralysis, which she suffered Tuesday morning. She is survived by four children—two daughters, Mesdames J. J. Moore and A. J. Tinkham, of Wilmington—and two sons, Mr. Marvin Barker, of Hopewell, Va., who was with her when she died, and Mr. James Barker, who is in the army and perhaps now on his way to France. He could not be located at the time of his mother's death.

Deceased lived here until last summer, when she moved to Wilmington to live with her daughters. She was the third member of the family to die within a year's time. Her husband died last March and about a month later a son, Johnnie, died. Mrs. Barker was a sister of Messrs. A. L. and D. W. Bullock, of Rowland, was well-known, and had numerous friends.

Mrs. J. J. Moore and Messrs. J. J. Moore and A. J. Tinkham, of Wilmington, daughter and sons-in-law of deceased, attended the funeral and returned home Saturday night. Mrs. R. W. Shelby and Miss Mary Redmond, of Lumberton, went to Wilmington Thursday and were with deceased when she died.

Mr. Marvin Barker was taken sick just after his mother's death and was not able to attend the funeral. This morning's Wilmington Star states that he is still very ill.

## Death of Mr. C. M. Martin.

Mr. C. M. Martin, aged about 50 years, died at the Thompson hospital late Saturday afternoon. Deceased underwent an operation for appendicitis several days ago. He is survived by his wife and several children. Interment was made this morning in the family burying ground near Center church.

## FAT "VICTORY BREAD."

**American People Go On War Bread Diet Today—Reduced Rations Necessary to Create Surplus to Export to Allies.**

The American people go on a war bread diet today as a part of a war rationing system prescribed Saturday night by President Wilson and the food administration.

"Victory bread," the food administration calls it. The reduced rations are asked for the purpose of creating larger export surplus of food for the European allies. Curtailment of production will be accomplished largely by voluntary effort, but force will be employed wherever permitted under the food control act.

The rationing system, as presented by the president in a proclamation, and by Food Administrator Hoover in a list of regulations, forms the food administration's 1918 food conservation program, of which the chief features are:

A baker's bread of mixed flours, beginning today with a five per cent substitution of other cereals for wheat until a 20 per cent substitution is reached February 24.

Sale by retailers to householders of an equal amount of substitute flour for every pound of wheat purchased at the time the wheat flour is bought.

Sale by millers to wholesalers and wholesalers to retailers of only 70 per cent of the amount of wheat flour sold last year.

Two wheatless days a week—Mondays and Tuesdays—and one wheatless meal a day.

One meatless day a week—Tuesdays—and one meatless meal a day.

Two porkless days a week—Tuesdays and Saturdays.

## Income Tax Man Here.

Mr. N. A. Watson, deputy revenue collector for this district, arrived here this morning and will be here all this week for the purpose of advising the people in connection with the income tax and what constitutes an income. He will be in the commissioners' room at the court house each day from 9 a. m. till 4 p. m.

Those desiring information along this line should see Mr. Watson.

## Business Houses Closed Today.

Practically all the business houses in town are closed again today in compliance with the closing orders of the fuel administration. Grocery stores remained open up to noon, while the drygoods stores have been closed all day. This is the second of ten "heatless" Mondays ordered by Fuel Administrator Garfield.

## "SOLDIERS OF THE SOIL."

**Not Merely Farmers Now, Says County Food Administrator—Must Grow More Foodstuffs—Will Organize Community Club.**

Quite a number of men, women and children heard County Food Administrator H. E. Stacy, deliver a most eloquent address on the war and food conservation at Ten Mile Saturday afternoon. Mr. Stacy was invited to Ten Mile by the local of the Farmers' Union at that place.

For more than an hour he held his hearers spell-bound as he told of the great importance of growing foodstuffs and food conservation. He told the farmers that they should no longer consider themselves farmers, but soldiers of the soil.

Must Fight at Home or in Field. The speaker said in part: "Every man and woman must be a soldier either on the battlefield, in the home or in the field. This war will not be won or lost at the front, but in the fields of America. Food will win or lose the war. The lack of food is the big problem of America and her allies and not a lack of manpower. If the war is to be won—and it must be—we have got to suffer sacrifices and deny ourselves as did our forefathers during the Civil War. It has always been a sin to waste and now it is a crime. Our allies are calling for food and this food must come from strict economy and savings in the homes of the American people. We Americans have been the most extravagant people on the globe, but the time has come when we must save. Our people will wake up to the seriousness of the situation when the casualty lists begin to show that home boys have perished at the front. Some farmers will say that they will plant their land in cotton and tobacco and sell it for a high price and buy the things they should grow at home. The question is, where are they going to buy it? My advice is to grow something that you and your neighbor can eat. The man who is not willing to work to help feed the men who are fighting his battles is a traitor."

The speaker took occasion to explain war savings stamps and urged the people to buy them.

To Organize Community Club. Miss Lulu M. Cassidy, county home demonstration agent, was present and made a most pleasing talk to the ladies, after which they decided to meet Friday afternoon of this week at 3 o'clock for the purpose of organizing a community club. Miss Cassidy will meet with the ladies and assist them in organizing the club.

Mr. W. P. Barker, vice-president of the Robeson division of the Farmers' Union, made a short but interesting talk and urged the importance of growing foodstuffs.

Next Meeting March 20. The next regular meeting of the Robeson division of the Farmers' Union will be held at Ten Mile on Wednesday, March 20, and on that date a farmers institute will be held in connection with the meeting. Noted lecturers, both men and women, will be present, and the public will be invited. Messrs. H. H. Stanley, J. I. Townsend, G. F. Humphrey and F. Grover Britter were appointed as a committee on arrangements for the occasion.

Community Spirit. It would be difficult to find a rural community anywhere that shows more signs of the right sort of community spirit and co-operation than the Ten Mile community. The farmers stick to their organization and to each other and profit by so doing. They pull together and get results.

Dr. Ellington Gets Commission in Medical Reserve Corps. Dr. A. J. Ellington, who had been assisting Dr. W. A. McPhaul, county health officer, in the "keep well" campaign in Robeson, has been commissioned as first lieutenant in the Medical Reserve Corps of the U. S. Army. Dr. Ellington was notified yesterday of his commission and left last evening for Raleigh. Dr. McPhaul will arrange to fill or have filled by himself and Dr. Ellington. After these have been filled he will be in his office in court house in Lumberton on the evening of February 7. Dr. Small is free medical examination to those desiring to be examined. He will spend the other three days visiting the schools and doing other work along health lines.

Superior Court—Date For Dixon Trial Will Be Set This Afternoon. A week's term of Superior court for the trial of criminal cases convened this morning at 10:30. Judge Geo. W. Connor of Wilson, is presiding. Mr. J. H. Pittman, of Fairmont, is foreman of the grand jury and Mr. W. H. Powell is officer. Solicitor S. B. McLean is here to represent the State.

Today for the trial of W. D. Dixon, who is charged with killing Alfred Thomas, Indian, at Pembroke some two months ago, will be tried this afternoon. Dixon will be tried for first degree murder.

Wilmington Star, Jan. 28.—Mr. Marvin Barker, called here from Hope well, where he has a position with the DuPont people, on the sad mission of attending the funeral of his mother, Mrs. J. T. Barker, who was buried at Lumberton Saturday, is himself very ill at the home of his brother-in-law, Mr. J. J. Moore, No. 420 Campbell street, and was unable to attend the funeral after reaching the city.

## RED SPRINGS NEWS ITEMS.

### Concert at College This Evening

—Band Concert Saturday Evening—Social and Pedsonal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Red Springs, Jan. 26.—Miss Berta Davis of Dunn is visiting Miss Genevieve McMillan.

Miss Marie Bell of Monroe is visiting friends at the college. Miss Bell is very pleasantly remembered here, having graduated in the class of 1914.

On Monday evening January 28, the attraction at the college will be a concert by Leonid Samoloff, a Russian tenor and the following assistants: Miss Berta Farmer, soprano; Miss Lillian Scheinkman, violinist; Mr. Brown, pianist.

Samoloff appeared as a co-star with many of the leading singers of American and has a tenor voice of unusual richness and color. Miss Scheinkman, cellist, has studied at the Institute of Musical Art under the great cellist William Willehe of the Kneisel Quartette. Miss Farmer was singing in Europe when the war broke out. She volunteered for service and for months gave devoted service to the wounded in the French hospitals. Her health gave way and she was compelled to come home.

The admission to this concert will be 50c.

The band concert which was given in the graded school auditorium was quite a success, but owing to the bad weather only a few were able to go, so the boys have kindly consented to repeat it in the college auditorium on Saturday evening at 8:30. Part of the proceeds will go to the Red Cross. The admission will be 10 and 20 cents.

Miss Elizabeth Vardell entertained a number of her friends on Thursday afternoon in honor of Miss Catherine Dixon.

Messrs. Lathrop Buie and John Graham, of Camp Jackson, S. C., spent a few days home on furlough last week.

Miss Eunice Pearsall, who teaches in Raeford, spent the week-end at home. Miss Eliza McEacher, of Raeford, came with her.

Among the guests here for the deVane-Dixon wedding are Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Huske of Fayetteville, Mr. and Mrs. John deVane of Fayetteville and Mrs. Hugh McAllister, of Lumberton. The Misses deVane gave a beautiful luncheon on Saturday at one o'clock, to the deVane-Dixon wedding party and a few friends. The house was beautifully decorated with pink carnations.

Big Land Sale at Raemon Wednesday. A big auction sale of land will take place at Raemon Wednesday of this week. Four hundred acres of valuable lands lying along the Maxton, Alma and Southbound railroad between Maxton and Rowland have been divided into small tracts, each tract fronting a public highway, and will be sold to the highest bidder. At this sale also will be sold several head of good stock—mules, cows, hogs—one or two automobiles, some farming implements, etc. It will be a big day at Raemon. A big barbecue will be served by the Red Cross, a brass band will furnish music, and there will be other attractions.

The sale will be conducted by the Greensboro Realty & Auction Co., which has conducted a number of successful sales in this section recently and of which company Mr. G. B. McCallum, well known throughout this section, is president.

Recorder's Court—Boys Tried to Whip Teacher. Oscar and William Smith, aged around twelve years, were before Recorder E. M. Britt Saturday on the charge of attempting to whip their school teacher. The evidence was that the two negro boys made an effort to cut the teacher with pocket knives. Prayer for judgment was continued with the understanding that the parents of the boys and their teacher give them a good whipping and that they remain in school.

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## PHILADELPHUS

### SCHOOL NOTES

#### Play Given for Red Cross—A Red Cross School—War Program and Other Special Chapel Exercises—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Philadelphia (Red Springs, R. 2), Jan. 26.—A play was given in the school auditorium last Friday evening, entitled, "The Dust of the Earth", the following taking part: Misses Margie Humphrey, Mary Tiddy, Peyton Markham, Mrs. J. J. Ashley; Messrs. Lucy McLean, Coit Whitlock, Bundy McNeill, Willie Humphrey, John McLeod and Frank Humphrey. About 330 were taken in at the door. This money will be used for the benefit of the school. After the play the Red Cross served sandwiches, coffee and chocolate, the proceeds of which amounted to \$35. At a future date the play will be repeated in Red Springs.

Because of farming interests, Lacy McLean of Laurinburg, who has been one of the boarding students, has been obliged to stop school. Both teachers and pupils regret his leaving.

Mr. Lacy Buie recently was so unfortunate as to have his arm broken while starting a car. He seems, however, to be rapidly improving.

The Philadelphia high school has contributed enough money to make this a Red Cross school. Part of the money given by the school was secured by a shipment of waste paper which was sent to a paper mill, where it was sold for 75 cents per cwt.

Mr. Jim Collins leaves next week for New York, whence he will sail for England to join the army. He came to America about four years ago.

Wednesday morning an interesting chapel exercise was given upon the topic "The Family and Mother". Miss Reeves read fitting Bible selections, then "The Family" was recited by Hattie McMillan. "Nobody knows but Mother" was given by Janie Jackson; and Kipling's "Mother O' Mine" was cited by Margaret Brown.

Messrs. Coit Whitlock, Bundy McNeill and Angus Stewart spent the week-end at their respective homes.

The fifth, sixth, and seventh grades, assisted by their teacher, Mrs. J. P. Ashley, rendered a war programme in chapel Friday morning. Especially impressive was the prayer for recited by Margaret Brown.

At the expiration of Miss Hannah McNeill's term as school correspondent, Angus Stewart was elected to that office.

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## BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. W. F. French left last evening for the West to buy bules for his sales stables.

—Mr. Jas. Warwick left Friday for Spartanburg, S. C., where he has accepted a position with a grocery concern.

—Box supper at the Centenary school, near Rowland Friday night at 7:30. Miss Lula Cooper is the teacher.

—Members of the local army exemption board have been furnished badges. The badges bear the following inscription: "Selective Service U. S."

—In a list of Red Cross members published in a recent issue of The Robesonian the name of Mr. R. W. Williams was published as R. N. Williams.

—Wool to complete work which the National Special Aid Society had on hand before it disbanded recently has arrived and is at the home of Mrs. W. L. Dougherty.

—The following was recently received by one of the exemption boards from a registrant: "Dear Sir, please if the looker board has a call for me, please let me no at once."

—Mrs. L. P. Stack of Norfolk, Va., underwent an operation at the Thompson hospital Tuesday of last week and is getting along nicely. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. McIntyre, of Lumberton.

—Mrs. Mollie Norment and Mrs. F. A. McLeod went Friday to Fayetteville to visit Mrs. Norment's brother, Dr. R. G. Rozier, who underwent an operation at the Highsmith hospital some days ago.

—Complying with the closing order of the fuel administration, the Pastime theatre will be closed tomorrow. The 18th episode of the "Fatal Ring," which has been running on Tuesdays, will be run Wednesday.

—A two-months-old Duroc Jersey pig which Messrs. White & Gough donated to the local Red Cross chapter was sold at auction at the court house Saturday afternoon for \$15. Mr. E. J. Pope bought the pig.

—Maj. A. J. McKimmon, a member of the Robeson committee to take orders for the government soda, has asked The Robesonian to state that he will have some of the order blanks at Raemon Wednesday of this week—the date of the land sale at that place.

—Mr. E. Bullock of Rowland, a Lumberton visitor Saturday, called at The Robesonian office and subscribed for the paper to be sent to his son Mr. Jno. W. Bullock, who is with the American expeditionary force in France. The Robesonian is going to quite a number of Robeson county boys in France.

—Miss Helen Sentelle, daughter of Supt. E. E. Sentelle of the Lumberton graded and high school, and Mrs. Sentelle, returned last night from Greensboro, where she has just completed her first half-year of school at the State Normal, making a splendid record. Her parents were advised to take her out of school for the spring term on account of her health.

—Mr. and Mrs. Shirley J. Starnes arrived last night from Rocky Mount and little daughter, Mary Elizabeth, and will make their home here. Mr. Starnes succeeds Mr. H. T. Hux as linotype operator in The Robesonian's composing room. He comes highly recommended. Mr. Hux left Saturday night for Washington, this State, where it is understood he has accepted a position.

—Rev. Sam W. Small, famous Southern evangelist, editor and lecturer, will deliver his great address "Uncle Sam's Water Wagon" at the court house in Lumberton on the evening of February 7. Dr. Small is one of the leaders in the great campaign for national prohibition and is one of the most entertaining speakers in America. Further announcements will be made in Thursday's and next Monday's Robesonian.

—"Oh, Johnny, Oh," a merry musical farce, delighted a capacity audience at the opera house Friday evening. The house was packed, standing room being at a premium, and some were turned away, being unable to get in hearing and seeing distance of the stage. The chorus girls were good to look upon, the numerous songs were catchy, and some of the situations were screams. Everybody seemed to have a good time.

—Messrs. C. V. Brown and O. C. Connelly will open an office tomorrow on the second floor of the L