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TOBACCO MARKET OPENS JULY 9TH

Lumberton Market Easily Can Handle 5,000,000 Pounds This Year—Great Preparations for Opening.

Managers of Lumberton's four large tobacco warehouses are making great preparation for the opening of the market Tuesday of next week. Indications are that many pounds of the "weed" will be sold here on the opening day and throughout the selling season.

Lumberton has four warehouses—two of them large new brick structures—and the market can easily handle 5,000,000 pounds of tobacco.

The Star warehouse will be managed by Messrs E. O. (Billie) Bransford and T. J. Noblin, who have conducted this house in a most satisfactory manner for several seasons.

The Big Banner warehouse and also the old Banner warehouse will be conducted by the O. L. Joyner Co., which company conducted a small warehouse here last season. Mr. C. A. D. Eakes will have charge of these two warehouses.

The Farmers' warehouse will be managed by Messrs. Knott & Smith, which firm conducts a large sales warehouse at Henderson.

All the warehouses have had years of experience in the warehouse business and nothing will be left undone in making the Lumberton market second to none.

All the leading tobacco companies will have buyers on the market here and there will also be a number of independent buyers on the floors.

AMERICANS STAND FIRM.

They Have Smashed Repeated and Determined Counter-Attacks by Germans and Have Not Yielded a Foot of Ground.

This morning's press summary has the following: American troops standing at Vaux, northwest of Chateau Thierry, have completely smashed repeated and determined counter-attacks by the Germans who sought to oust the Americans from their new positions. That the Germans have tried desperately to reverse the decision in the battle is an indication that the evacuation of Vaux is viewed as important by the enemy commanders.

Over the lines held by Gen. Pershing's men there has been bursting a storm of steel from the German cannon, high explosive and gas shells being intermingled in the projection hurled by the enemy guns. The Americans, however, have not yielded a foot of ground and when the enemy has attacked he has been permitted to approach close to the American lines before a storm of bullets has cut through his ranks and broken his attack.

As the result of these assaults the Germans have lost very heavily, the ground being covered with their dead and wounded. They have, in addition, lost many prisoners. The battle is still being fiercely waged.

CALL FOR MORE MEN.

80 Registrants of Robeson District 1 Will Be Sent to Camp Between July 22nd and 27th.

The exemption board in Robeson district No. 1 has received a call from the War Department for 80 white and Indian registrants to go to camp between July 22 and 27. The exact date will be determined later.

Mr. W. E. Ayers Elected Superintendent of County-Farm Life School.

At a called meeting held here Monday the board of trustees of the county farm life school, located at Philadelphus, elected Mr. W. E. Ayers of Fayetteville, Ark., superintendent at a salary of \$2,000 the year. Mr. Ayers is connected with the Arkansas State college of agriculture.

A 10-year contract lease made by Miss A. E. Buie of 19 acres of land to the school was accepted. This land is under cultivation by the school this year. In addition, the board will purchase 10 acres of land for the school.

Health Work in Robeson Attracting Attention.

The work being done by the Robeson county board of health is attracting outside attention. Hearing of the work being done in Robeson, Dr. E. F. Long, health officer of Davidson county, has advised Dr. W. A. McPhaul, county health officer, that he will spend Monday and Tuesday here for the purpose of getting on to how the work is done in Robeson. Davidson is planning to take up health work on the same scale as it is conducted in Robeson.

Superior Court Next Week.

A week's term of Robeson Superior court for the trial of criminal cases will convene Monday. Judge C. C. Lyon of Elizabethton will preside.

FEDERAL MONEY FOR ROADS

County Road Board Accepts Offer of Federal Aid—County Gets \$29,800 From Government by Appropriating Like Amount—L. T. Townsend Succeeds F. A. Wishart as Road Superintendent.

At a called meeting held here yesterday the county road commissioners decided to accept the offer of \$29,800 of Federal Aid road money to be spent in the county during the next five years. In order to secure this amount of outside aid the county appropriates a like amount. This makes available \$59,600 to be spent in the county during the next five years under the direction of the State Highway commission. It will be spent in building a model highway under Government supervision. Ten per cent of the money, or \$2,980, must be appropriated by the county this year to provide for a survey.

A number of other counties in the State have complied with the conditions for obtaining this Federal road money. The decision as to Robeson had to be made before the 5th inst. or the county could not have shared in this appropriation until 1920.

At their regular monthly meeting Monday the road commissioners asked for the resignation of Mr. F. A. Wishart, who had served some months as road superintendent, and as Mr. Wishart is refused to resign the board elected the office vacant and elected to fill the position Mr. L. T. Townsend of St. Pauls, former rural policeman. It is claimed by Mr. Wishart that this action of the board was due to his action some weeks ago in indicting the chairman of the board, Mr. I. T. Brown, on the charge of violating the law in plowing into the roads. Mr. Wishart says he was told by a member of the board that he was dismissed for that reason. It is understood that it is also claimed by members of the board that other considerations not connected with the road indictment had their weight. The Robesonian has received from Mr. Wishart a communication in regard to this that it must hold over for the next issue on account of the crowded condition of the paper today.

INCREASE IN ASSETS OF 50 PER CENT.

LaFayette Mutual Had Good Year—About 25 Per Cent Increase in Amount of Business Written—Officers Elected.

Reported for The Robesonian. The stockholders of the LaFayette Mutual Life Insurance Co. met at the home office of the company in Lumberton Monday and held their annual meeting. Mr. E. A. Pope of Fayetteville presided as chairman and Dr. Seavy Highsmith of Fayetteville acted secretary. The company had the greatest attendance of stockholders of any previous meeting, this being the 9th annual meeting. The annual reports by W. J. Beattie, president, E. E. Page, treasurer, of the condition of the company, were read and approved. These reports show an increase in assets during the past 12 months of 50 per cent and about 25 per cent increase in the amount of business written. A. J. McKinnon of Maxton; O. L. Clark of Clarkton; K. M. Barnes, L. E. Whaley, Dr. Thos. F. Costner, and E. E. Page, all of Lumberton; E. A. Poe, Q. K. Nimocks and Dr. Seavy Highsmith, all of Fayetteville; and W. J. Beattie, Jr., of New York city were elected directors for the ensuing year.

The board of directors met in the afternoon and elected the following officers: W. J. Beattie, Jr., president; K. M. Barnes, active vice-president; O. L. Clark, A. J. McKinnon and E. A. Poe vice-presidents; Dr. Seavy Highsmith and Dr. Thos. F. Costner, medical directors; E. E. Page, secretary and treasurer. From all the reports, this has been the most successful year during the existence of the company and the outlook for next year is even greater. The company has strong agencies all over the State of North Carolina and is making great strides in a permanent way.

HOSPITAL SHIP SUNK.

Torpedoed By German U-Boat—324 Persons Missing.

A German submarine sank the British hospital ship Llandoverly Castle 116 miles southwest of Fastnet, on June 27, the British Admiralty announced Monday. The ship was homeward bound from Canada. She carried 258 persons, including 80 Canadian army medical corps men and 14 female nurses. Only one boat containing 24 survivors has reached port. This adds another to the list of Germany's awful crimes against civilization.

Robeson Soldier Drowned in Foreign Waters.

Mr. Kelly Johnson of the Barnesville section was advised Tuesday by the War Department that his son Mr. Elbert Pope Johnson, who belonged to the radio branch of the U. S. navy was accidentally drowned June 25. Mr. Johnson was drowned in foreign waters and the body had not been recovered Tuesday.

DEATH AND FUNERAL OF MRS. W. P. BARKER

End Came Tuesday After Long Illness—Funeral Yesterday.

The funeral of Mrs. W. P. Barker, whose death occurred at the Barker home, North Elm street, Tuesday at 12:30 p. m., was conducted from the First Baptist church yesterday afternoon at 3:15. Rev. Dr. Chas. L. Greaves, pastor of the church, conducted the services. A large crowd of sorrowing friends and relatives gathered to pay the last token of respect to the deceased. Interment was made in Meadowbrook cemetery. Beautiful floral offerings completely covered the grave. The pallbearers were Messrs. H. L. Pope, Jno. D. McMillan, L. R. Varner, D. W. Biggs, T. L. Johnson and Frank A. McLeod. Deceased was in her 66th year and had been in ill health for several months. She is survived by her husband and four children—two daughters, Misses Bertha and Lillie, both of Lumberton—and two sons, Mr. A. N. Barker of Denmark, Texas, and Mr. J. Abner Barker of Roseboro. All were with their mother when she died. Three sisters, Mrs. J. A. Barker and Miss Florence Warwick of Lumberton and Miss Kate Warwick of Thomasville, also survive.

Mrs. Barker was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Warwick of this county and was well-known. She had been a member of the Baptist church for many years and was possessed of a beautiful Christian disposition, which won for her many warm friends. She was a good woman and will be sorely missed.

OVER MILLION AMERICAN SOLDIERS OVERSEAS

Army Has Grown From Handful to 1,019,115 by July 1.

American troops sent overseas numbered 1,019,115 on July 1. This was made known Tuesday night by President Wilson, who gave to the public a letter from Secretary Baker discussing a record of achievement which the President said "must cause universal satisfaction" and which will give additional zest to our campaign for the fourth of July. The first units—non-combatant—left American shores May 8, 1917. General Pershing followed 12 days later and at the end of the month 1,718 men had started for the battlefields of France. June saw this number increased by 12,261, and thereafter khaki-clad "crusaders" from the western republic flowed overseas in a steady stream until upwards of 300,000 had departed when the great German thrust began last March.

President Wilson's determination to meet Germany's supreme efforts with the utmost of America's available manpower to assist the desperately resisting French and British armies is sharply reflected in the movement of troops during the last three months. The March sailings of 83,811 were increased in April to 117,215. May saw another 244,345 men embark and last month 276,372 were sent away, making a total for the three months of 637,929. This, Secretary Baker said, put the troop movement six months ahead of the original program.

SENATOR TILLMAN PASSES.

Veteran and Unique South Carolina Senator Died Yesterday at National Capital—Had Served Continuously 24 Years.

Senator Benjamin R. Tillman, who had served 24 years continuously in the United States Senate, died yesterday in Washington as a result of a cerebral hemorrhage suffered last Thursday. Both Houses of Congress adjourned yesterday in honor of the deceased and the funeral party, consisting of committees from both houses, left Washington last night for Trenton, S. C., where the funeral will be held this afternoon. Senator Tillman was born in Edgefield county, S. C., in 1847. He was elected Governor of South Carolina in 1890 and again in 1892. During the latter part of his service in the U. S. Senate he was chairman of the important naval affairs committee, in which position he rendered great service. He was one of the most prominent figures in the Congress. His death promises an upheaval in South Carolina politics, in which he had been a leader for more than a generation. He died in the heat of the senatorial primary campaign, and with Mr. Tillman eliminated the man who is considered to be the most likely of the three candidates to win the nomination is the unspeakable Cole L. Blease.

Several Cases of Smallpox Reported.

Several cases of smallpox have been reported to Dr. W. A. McPhaul, county health officer, this week. W. H. Stewart, who lives near Chipewa and First streets, Lumberton, has a case; 4 children of Hilbert Jacobs of Pembroke township, and Julius Hunt and James Lewis, both of Back Swamp township, also have smallpox.

Persons who live in these communities and wish to be vaccinated against smallpox can get vaccinated free by seeing the county health officer.

COUNTY CLAIMS PAID.

County Commissioners Appropriated \$1,000 to Farm-Life School—Business Transacted at Monthly Meeting.

The county commissioners were in regular monthly session Monday. The following claims were ordered paid: Court House and Court—E. M. Britt, recorder Lumberton district, salary, \$75; Jno. S. Butler, recorder St. Pauls district, salary, \$40; J. N. Buie, recorder Red Springs district, salary \$50; R. M. Williams, recorder Maxton district, salary, \$65; D. W. Bullock, recorder Rowland district, salary, \$50; A. E. Floyd, recorder Fairmont district, salary, \$50; J. M. McCallum, county auditor, salary, \$127.50, stamps, phone calls, etc., \$5.70; J. B. Bruton, repairing flag at court house, \$1; C. B. Skipper, clerk of Superior court, salary, \$308.34; stamps \$3.75; M. W. Floyd, register of deeds, salary, \$316.66; stamps \$12; R. E. Lewis, sheriff, salary, \$316.66; stamps, \$22, capturing two whiskey stills, \$40; Geo. D. Barnard Stationery Co., books for court house, \$22.37; Edwards & Broughton, supplies for court, \$93; Freeman Printing Co., printing for county, \$49; Ben Blount, janitor, salary \$35, Total \$1,752.98.

Jail and Prisoners—Six rural policemen, \$75 each—\$450; C. L. Beard, conveying prisoner, \$3; town of St. Pauls, feeding prisoners, \$2.80; W. C. Britt, conveying prisoners, \$3; A. H. Pevatt, jailer, salary \$50; feeding prisoners, \$73.50, turnkeys, (salary fund) \$11.70, Total \$597.50.

Miscellaneous—Seaboard Air Line Ry. Co., freight on filing cabinet, \$1.04; Ibing Brothers-Everard Co., part payment on uniforms for home guards, \$92.63; McCormick Co., burial expenses of Dan Ransom, pauper, \$15; A. M. Kinlaw, burial expenses of Anderson Kinlaw, pensioner, \$15; R. K. Davenport, dues State County Commissioner association, \$5; Alex. Alfred, registrar for Alfordville township, \$14.09; W. F. Bullock and R. W. Fowler, poll-holders, \$2 each—\$4; D. W. Bullock, burial expenses of pauper, \$7.75; W. M. Bridges, burial expenses of pauper, \$15; Grantham Bros., drugs for county, \$18.25; K. M. Biggs, supplies for county, \$10; Dr. A. H. Kerr, county farm demonstration agent, salary, \$85; Miss Lulu M. Cassidey, county home demonstration agent, salary, \$66.65; Lucy J. Brisson, burial of Reuben Brisson, pensioner, \$15; McAllister Hdw. Co., supplies for county, \$18.50; Mrs. J. B. Brown, county stenographer, salary, \$50; J. Sam Branch, repair work at county home, \$4; I. J. Flowers, keeping county home, \$167; The Worrell Co., sprayers for jail and court house, \$9; Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary-treasurer county health work, \$290.42. Total \$903.63. Grand total \$3,254.11.

The board appropriated \$1,000 to the county farm-life school at Philadelphus.

It was ordered that the list-takers for the various townships be paid \$2 per day for 5 days and 5 cents the mile for two trips traveling expense and 12 cents for each name entered on the tax lists.

C. B. Smith was rebated \$50 on poll-tax, being one-half of the county B. & C. tax. The Pastime theatre was rebated \$20, a part of the county's part of the B. & C. tax.

The monthly report of Dr. W. A. McPhaul, county health officer, was ordered filed.

It was ordered that \$5,000 be transferred from the salary fund to the general county fund.

It was ordered that each member of the board who possibly can do so attend the meeting of the State County Commissioners association at Gastonia August 14-16.

B. L. Sutton and wife, Ellen Sutton, were placed on the regular pauper list at \$3 the month each, Ann Eliza Maynor at \$4 the month, Rachel Leach at \$4, Lucy Ann Kinlaw at \$4 the month.

ROAD BOARD DECIDES TO REPAIR BIG SWAMP CROSSING

Impassable Place on Lumberton-Bladenboro Road to be Put in Good Repair at Once—Bladen Has Already Built Road to the County Line—Will Give Relief to a Large Section.

At a special meeting of the county road board yesterday it was decided to put the Big Swamp crossing on the Lumberton-Bladenboro road in good condition at once. The chain gang will be moved to that point and other help will be employed to begin work on this road at once. It is expected that work will be begun by Monday of next week.

This road has been in such condition that it could not be traveled without great difficulty for several months and a number of Lumberton citizens went before the board and asked that the road be repaired at once. Messrs. H. C. Bridger, Sr., H. C. Bridger, Jr., and S. M. Ferguson and Postmaster A. A. Hilburn of Bladenboro were also before the board yesterday. They told of how anxious Bladen people were to have the road repaired and said the Bladen road authorities had already built the road to the county line. They told of numerous tobacco growers who wanted to sell tobacco on the Lumberton market and declared that the present condition of this road made it almost an impossibility. The repairing of this road will mean much to Lumberton and the people of Bladen county.

FAIRMONT MARKET OPENS JULY 9TH

Miss Lillian Baker Becomes Bride of Mr. Wiley R. Taylor—Personals.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Fairmont, July 2.—Many friends and relatives witnessed one of the prettiest home weddings ever seen in Fairmont when Miss Lillian Baker became the bride of Mr. Wiley R. Taylor last Thursday evening at 6:30. Miss Mary Belle Ricks sang "Dearly Beloved" and "At Dawn" with Mrs. Rowland McMiller at the piano. The house was beautifully decorated and the candle effect was very attractive. Misses Maudie Lassiter and Katharine Cole were ring bearers; Master Linwood Ricks, ring bearer; Miss Bettie Baker, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Mr. James O'Berry Ashley, cousin of the groom, was best man. The ceremony was performed by Rev. B. E. Stanfield of Chatham, former pastor of Fairmont Methodist church. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Taylor left for Norfolk and Ocean View, Va., where they are spending their honeymoon. Both the bride and groom are very popular and have many wishes for a long and happy married life. Many useful and pretty gifts were received.

It has been officially announced at the meeting of the Pee Dee Tobacco association that the Fairmont tobacco market will open July 9th at 10 a. m. Many buyers and housewives have already arrived and everything is in readiness for the "long green" to be turning.

Dr. W. F. Stephens spent today in Fayetteville, accompanying a patient, Miss Rades, to the Highsmith hospital of that city.

Miss Jeddie Mae Bristow, who had been visiting friends in Morganton and other points in Western North Carolina, has returned home and will spend her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Bristow.

Lieutenant Claude Bullock, U. S. medical corps, spent a few days here on furlough last week. Lieutenant Bullock is very popular here and his many friends wish for him every success in his undertakings. He is at present stationed at Charleston, S. C., acting as medical examiner for aviation corps.

Dr. and Mrs. F. H. Pittman and Mrs. A. G. Mitchell were among those attending the Baptist Seaside convention at Wrightsville last week.

Mrs. G. W. Thompson and daughter, Margaret, left yesterday for Chase City, Va., where they will spend the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Thompson spent a few days in Parkton this week visiting friends and relatives. They were accompanied home by Miss Francis Carter.

Miss Julia Passmore and mother of Cary are guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. I. Floyd.

Mr. A. B. Floyd, head of the A. C. L. freight depot here, has received his call and will report for duty Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Person spent Sunday in and near Fayetteville visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brown, Mrs. E. V. McDaniel and Mrs. A. F. Floyd returned Sunday from Jackson Springs. Mrs. A. J. Floyd and daughter, Miss Nancy, and Miss Janie Grantham went to Jaskson Springs Sunday, where they will spend a few days. They were accompanied by Messrs. James Floyd and W. A. Ratley.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Blue, Jr., and Miss Rose Jones motored to Laurinburg last Sunday.

Mr. J. V. Eubanks, who had been connected with the Fairmont Drug Co. for some time, left today for Washington, D. C.

Americans and French Win Important Ground.

Americans and French won important ground near Chateau-Thierry Monday. A counter attack made by the Germans Tuesday was completely broken up. The Americans did not give up a foot of ground which they had captured. In their repeated assaults against the new lines held by the Allies the Germans have suffered very heavy losses, at least 500 prisoners have been virtually annihilated. A thrilling air battle between 9 American planes and an equal number of German machines is reported from the Chateau-Thierry sector. At least 3 German planes were destroyed while 2 American machines failed to return from the encounter.

FREE DENTAL WORK FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

The county health board has secured from the State Board of Health a dentist who will spend two months in Robeson, beginning July 15, for the purpose of doing free dental work for school children. Dates will be arranged for the dentist in the various sections of the county.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. J. Harvey Tyler of Dunn has accepted a position in the Lumberton barber shop.

—The lot around the overflow well near the union station has been cleaned up and put in good condition.

—County Superintendent J. R. Poole will hold teachers' examinations here Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

—Mr. Ertyle Carlyle has gone to the St. Helena naval training station, near Norfolk. He enlisted recently in the navy.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. Weinstein celebrated the confirmation of their son Israel Sunday. Rev. Mr. Neemtow of Wilmington officiated.

—Dr. E. K. McLean of the county board of health spent Tuesday and yesterday doing health work at Red Springs, Lumber Bridge and Parkton.

—Mr. W. J. Finch of Greensboro, who will be auctioneer for the Star warehouse this year, arrived yesterday. He expects Mrs. Finch to join him here tomorrow.

—Miss Jennie A. Raine, who is a Red Cross nurse located at Camp Taylor, Louisville, Ky., arrived this morning and will be a guest until the 10th at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Raine. Miss Raine was in school here in 1906-07.

—Mr. J. L. Williamson has resigned his position with the Pastime theatre and has volunteered as one of the 4 men called by the War Department from this district to go to Clemson College, S. C., to take a special mechanical course for army duty.

—Mr. L. P. Odum of the Raft Swamp section had one hand badly cut yesterday afternoon when he drove a Ford auto against an oak tree near Raft Swamp Church. The car belonged to Mr. M. A. Odum and was damaged around \$150. Mr. Odum was just learning to drive.

—Mr. Fred Brown, who divides his time between Lumberton and Red Springs, informs The Robesonian that the McClelland meetings now in progress at Red Springs are drawing large crowds. He says from 1,500 to 2,000 people attend each service. Services are held at 5 p. m. and 8:45 p. m. daily.

—A number of Lumberton business men are making an auto-tour of some sections of Robeson today boosting the Lumberton tobacco market. Other sections of the county will be visited tomorrow. These booster trips were determined upon a well-attended meeting of business men at the court house Monday evening.

COUNTY SCHOOL MATTERS.

Appropriation of \$1,000 Made to County Farm-Life School by County Board of Education—Other Business at Regular Monthly Meeting.

The county board of education met in regular monthly session Monday in the office of Supt. J. R. Poole. Petitions asking for a change in the lines of Cedar Grove, Baker's Chapel, and Gaddy districts were continued until the first Monday in August for consideration, and Supt. Poole was instructed to notify the committee of each district to be present at this meeting.

Appointment of school committees in district No. 3, Alfordville township, white, was referred to Mr. C. T. Tate.

A special appropriation of \$100 was made to the Lumberton graded school in part payment of salary for domestic science teacher.

An appropriation of \$1,250 was made for the Barker-Ten Mile district for building purposes, provided the trustees of this district construct a modern brick building complying with the State requirements. This amount is to be charged to the county building fund. An appropriation of \$100 was made to district No. 2, white, Smiths township, for building purposes.

It was ordered that bill of \$24 be paid Freeman Printing Co. for printing and stationery; that bill of \$65 be approved for teachers' institute; that \$25 be allowed for part payment for painting house in district No. 2, white, Lumberton township.

Messrs. Jno. W. Smith, Herod Allen and W. D. Arnett were appointed committees for district No. 5, white, Wisharts township.

The superintendent's annual statistical and financial reports were presented and ordered approved, and to be copied in the minutes. The county farm-life school was ordered re-established at Philadelphus and an appropriation of \$1,000 was made to the school.

School committees were for 3-year terms beginning July 1 were appointed for a number of districts. The names will be published in Monday's Robesonian.

American Howitzers Moving to France.

American-built 155-milimetre howitzers are now moving to France, supplementing the equipment of General Pershing's troops heretofore obtained from French ordnance factories.

Mrs. D. R. Shaw and daughter, Miss Elizabeth Shaw, went Tuesday to Wilmington, where they will spend several days visiting relatives and friends.

DR. WILLIAM W. PARKER

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