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INFLUENZA LID ON AGAIN.

Churches, Schools, Picture Shows, Barber Shops and all Public Gatherings Prohibited in Lumberton—Does Not Apply to Other Places in County—Health Officer McPhaul Says There is No Occasion for Panic.

At a joint meeting of the board of town commissioners, the physicians of the town and the emergency hospital committee last evening it was decided to close all schools, picture shows and other public meetings, including churches and Sunday schools and barber shops in town, at once. This ordinance will be in effect until lifted by the board of town commissioners.

None of these regulations apply to any portion of the county outside Lumberton. Dr. McPhaul, county health officer, says that he was not informed against closing churches. At a meeting of the meeting last night and that if he had been he would have protested a day it was decided to leave each community to govern itself in regard to closing schools, etc.

Dr. McPhaul says the influenza now is very mild, not half as bad as it was last September and October, and there is no occasion whatever for panic. He spent yesterday in Wilmington and found many cases there. In fact, it is all over the country, but above all things panic is to be avoided.

COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT ORGANIZED.

Composed of 3 Members From Each Township—Farmers of County Will be Organized.

At a public meeting of the Robeson division of the Farmers' Union held here Tuesday a county agricultural department was organized. The department is composed of three members from each township in the county. The names of those appointed on the board will be published in Monday's Robesonian. The department will be called together as soon as the influenza epidemic subsides, when by-laws, etc., will be adopted.

The county department of agricultural will undertake to organize the farmers of the county.

The meeting Tuesday was well attended, considering the amount of sickness in the county, and no doubt something worth-while will grow out of the meeting.

Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator, addressed the meeting and short talks were made by others in attendance.

Dr. W. A. McPhaul, county health officer, made a short talk on the importance of rural sanitation and told of some methods which will be undertaken by the county board of health to improve sanitary conditions in the rural districts.

9,000 BALES COTTON GRADED.

More Than Twice as Many Bales of Robeson County Cotton Graded This Season as Were Graded Last—Government Grading Office Will Close February 1.

The local government cotton grading office will close for the season February 1. Mr. T. W. Trodgen, who been in charge of the office here since it was opened two years ago, has graded to date this season samples from 9,000 bales of Robeson cotton. He expects to grade at least 10,000 bales by February 1. He only graded 4,000 bales for Robeson farmers all last season. The farmers are becoming more interested in the government grading each year.

Farmers who have cotton which they want graded after the office here is closed should communicate with the Bureau of Markets, Raleigh. All who have cotton they wish graded should, however, send samples in at once if possible.

Two Assistant Health Officers Appointed for County.

Mr. John McLeod of Red Springs and Mr. J. L. Thaggard of Parkton have been appointed assistant health officers the county by Dr. W. A. McPhaul, county health officer. They will do sanitary work in the small towns and rural sections.

Mr. McLeod, who is a son of Mr. A. C. McLeod, a former member of the Legislature, recently returned from France, where he did sanitary work.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE CALLED OFF.

The farmers' institutes which were to have been held at Ten Mile January 20 and Orrum January 23, have been called off on account of the "flu."

Rev. R. Chas. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church of Lumberton, is attending the Baptist State convention at Greensboro.

EMERGENCY HOSPITAL

High School Building Will be Used to Take Care of Influenza Patients—Those Not Able to Pay Will be Looked After—Soup Kitchen.

An emergency hospital was opened in the high school building today for the purpose of taking care of influenza patients. A soup kitchen will be operated in connection with the hospital and soup will be sent to homes where it is needed.

It was decided to open the hospital at a meeting at the court house attended by a number of citizens yesterday afternoon. The meeting was called by the physicians of the town. Dr. N. A. Thompson was elected chairman of the meeting and F. Grover Britt was elected secretary.

Messrs Ira B. Townsend, R. C. Lawrence, John T. Biggs, R. H. Crichton and D. D. French were appointed a committee to equip and manage the hospital. Mr. Townsend was elected chairman of the committee.

Enough single beds and cots were tendered by those present to care for more than a dozen patients and a collection amounting to \$515 was taken at the meeting to defray the expenses of the institution. Several contributions of \$50 were made and a number of other donations were made.

While the hospital committee will make whatever charge they see fit for services rendered at the institution, those who are not able to pay will be looked after just as well as those who are able to pay.

The physicians of the town will minister to the needs of the patients and an effort will be made to get a graduate nurse to head the institution, assisted by others who can be secured.

If it becomes necessary a like hospital will be opened for colored people in one of the colored school buildings in town.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETINGS

First National Bank Had Most Prosperous Year of its 15 Years Existence—Quarterly Dividend of 5 Per Cent by Bank and National Cotton Mills.

The stockholders of the First National Bank met in annual session Tuesday. The old board of directors was re-elected as follows: Messrs. Jno. W. Ward, C. T. Pate, T. L. Johnson, R. E. Lewis, H. M. McAllister, R. McA. Nixon, Mr. D. C. Regan was elected a member of the board, succeeding the late J. A. McAllister. The report of the president showed that the year 1918 was the most prosperous in the 15 years' history of the institution. The earnings were larger and the deposits were increased more than 50 per cent during the year.

In a quarterly meeting Tuesday the board of directors declared a quarterly dividend of 5 per cent and the surplus fund was increased \$2,000. All the old officers were re-elected. These are: H. M. McAllister, president; C. T. Pate, 1st vice president; T. L. Johnson, 2d vice president; R. McA. Nixon, cashier; V. B. McMillan, assistant cashier; Miss F. Gladys Barnes, secretary to the president.

National Cotton Mills
A quarterly meeting of the directors of the National Cotton Mills Co. was held on January 9. The regular quarterly dividend of 5 per cent was declared.

INVITATION RECALLED

Daughters of Confederacy Will Not be Able to Serve Dinner to Veterans Saturday on Account of Influenza Epidemic.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.
Robeson chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, exceedingly regrets that the epidemic of influenza raging in Lumberton necessitates the recall of the invitation to Confederate veterans for dinner on January 18th.

Miss Mary G. McNeill, Pres., Robeson Chapter, U. D. C.

COTTON GINNED IN ROBESON

58,452 Bales Ginned to January 1st as Compared With 46,055. Ginned to Same Date Last Year.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.
Barnesville, Jan. 15.—There were 58,452 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, ginned in Robeson county from the crop of 1918, prior to January 1st, as compared with 46,055 bales ginned to January 1st, 1918.

J. W. Barnes, Special Agent.

As will be seen from a half-page ad elsewhere in this issue, Mr. Hal V. Brown has purchased the wholesale grocery business of E. G. Floyd & Co. of Fairmont.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Prohibition Amendment Passed—Senate Closes Lobbies to Outsiders on Account of the "Flu"—Committee Appointments for Robeson Members.

The General Assembly remains on the job in spite of the "flu," but the Senate yesterday on account of the epidemic adopted a rule excluding from the lobbies all persons except legislators and State officials.

The House of the Legislature voted to ratify the Federal prohibition amendment to the constitution 93 to 10. It was the Senate resolution voted upon.

Senator Long of Halifax introduced Tuesday an important bill to increase the salaries of judges. Passage of the bill would mean Supreme Court judges would receive \$5,000 instead of \$4,000 and the Superior Court judges \$4,000 instead of \$3,250, and would make the expense fund of each \$1,500 instead of \$750.

Gov. Bickett Monday asked both houses for an immediate appropriation of \$75,000 for rebuilding the burned dormitory at Cashwell Training school.

The Senate Monday passed the House resolution memorializing the peace conference at Paris to make war forever impossible in the peace terms.

Robeson members of the Legislature have received the following committee appointments: Oliver—chairman of claims, member of privileges and elections, agriculture; Sellers—chairman of enrolled bills, member of banks and currency, judiciary No. 2, agriculture, public roads and turnpikes; Stacy—chairman of military affairs, member of judiciary No. 1, rules propositions and grievances, education, finance, banking and currency, commerce, judicial districts, counties, cities and towns, salaries and fees, pt. institutions and health.

JUNIOR RED CROSS

All Schools Are Urged to Organize Between Lincoln's and Washington's Birthdays.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.
Rowland, Jan. 7.—All schools are urged to organize Junior Red Cross chapters between Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays. It is hoped that every school in Robeson county will respond to this call.

The engraved certificate given each school will be a credit in the coming years. If the teachers would become interested in this it would be only a short time till every school would be enrolled. Raising 25c per pupil can be raised, by each child paying 25c or by entertainment.

Let every school, large and small, in the county, organize!

Kate McKenzie.

McCormick May Succeed Sharpe as Ambassador to France.

Vance C. McCormick has resigned as chairman of the Democratic national committee and it is understood that he is under consideration for appointment as American Ambassador to France to succeed William Graves Sharp. Mr. Sharp's resignation, it is said, is now in the hands of the President, but no announcement of the fact has yet been made.

Mr. McCormick went to France in his capacity as chairman of the War Trade board. Mr. Sharp is understood to have desired for some time to return to this country for a rest after his arduous duties as the American representative at the French capital during the long years of war.

Thirtieth Division Will Disembark at Charleston

The War Department definitely informed Senator Pollock of South Carolina Tuesday that the 30th division would be disembarked at Charleston and would be demobilized either at Camp Jackson or Camp Sevier. The date of the troops arrival has not been fixed, but indications are that they will arrive at Charleston between February 1 and 15.

Senator Simmons and Overman used their influence to have the North Carolina troops disembark at Wilmington and demobilized at Camp Greene but the latest advices from the War Department upset their ambitions.

Baptist State Convention in Session in Greensboro.

The 88th annual session of the Baptist State convention convened in the First Baptist church of Greensboro Tuesday, the meeting having been postponed last month on account of the "flu." Rev. B. W. Spilman of Winston was elected president, succeeding John A. Oates of Fayetteville.

License has been issued for the marriage of J. Strong Floyd and Edna Atkinson; Peter Evans Monroe and Carrie Falk.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CLOSES.

5-Weeks' Evangelistic Campaign Closed Monday Evening With Crowd of 5,000 at Warehouse—Over 200 Persons Professed Faith and Will be Added to Different Churches Throughout This Section.

The 5-weeks' evangelistic campaign which had been in progress here for 5 weeks under the leadership of Evangelist B. F. McLendon and under the auspices of Chestnut Street Methodist church, closed Monday evening with a great service which was attended by a crowd that some place as high as 5,500 hundred but which Mr. McLendon estimates at 5,000.

In spite of great difficulties, one of which was a lack of united support of the campaign by all the churches, the campaign was a great success. Large crowds attended the services, which were held at the Banner warehouse, the evening crowds rarely falling below 3,000.

Over 200 people will join different churches as the result of the campaign, some of these uniting with churches more than 100 miles away. All the towns and country churches throughout this section will get church members from the campaign. In addition, hundreds of church members were claimed.

Personal contributions to Mr. McLendon for his work amounted to \$2,117.33 and \$1,284 was the amount collected for incidental expenses.

Evangelist McLendon and his party of co-workers won warm friends and admirers here. Many who went to scoff at first went again and again until they became among the most enthusiastic admirers of the evangelist. The campaign was a great blessing to Lumberton and many people here and throughout this section will follow the work of Mr. McLendon with great interest.

Mr. McLendon intended when he left here yesterday for his home at Bennettsville to preach Sunday in the Methodist church at Red Springs in which town he held a great meeting last summer.

WITH ROBESON SOLDIERS.

Out of the Big Fight Unhurt—Oliver Nance and Rosie Britt Together.

Mrs. I. V. Britt of R. 1, Lumberton, recently received a letter from her son, Corporal Rosie B. Britt, who with the 8th division in France. Below are some extracts from the letter: "Will drop you a line. Am getting on o. k. I am not with my company now. I was sent to a training school. Hope to be back with my company soon. I have been all over this country. I was on the front near two months. Was at the front the last day of the fight. Some glad boy, I was, to get out. It looked at times like it was out, but I came out without getting a scratch, and I am thankful. The Lord was with me. I was never scared while in the front. I knew that I had a mother back home praying for her boy, and I felt sure that her prayers were being answered. Hope to be home soon and I will tell you all about it."

In a letter dated December 15 Corporal Britt writes as follows: "I am back with my company now. Was away almost a month. I am stationed near Chatillon at this time. (Chatillon is in Southern France). Have been in a good many large towns. Among them—St. Die, Dijon, St. Mihiel and Verdun. I was on the Al-Sace-Lorraine sector, or the Muse-Argonne Forest front. I have also been through England. Oliver Nance and I have been together today."

800 Killed in Strike Disorders in Buenos Aires.

Approximately 800 persons have been killed and 5,000 injured in the strike disorders in Buenos Aires, according to dispatches received Tuesday at the State Department at Washington. Of the wounded 1,500 received treatment in hospitals.

In making this announcement, Assistant Secretary of State Phillips said the socialists refused to be further identified with the strike disorders. The anarchistic nature of the uprising Mr. Phillips said, was shown by attacks on churches and convents. Sacred images were thrown into the streets and one priest was killed.

Two Thousand Persons Killed by The Ukrainians.

Two thousand persons have been killed at Przemyśl, Galicia, by the Ukrainians, according to a dispatch to the Neue Freie Presse of Vienna, states a Geneva dispatch of the 14th.

The Ukrainians have been bombing Przemyśl for several days past by land and air, and conditions in the town are described as terrible.

The gas and electric plants have been destroyed and there is no light in the towns. Water and food also are lacking.

M'LENDON MEETING

THE EVANGELIST AND HIS PARTY.

(By Miss Janie Carlyle)
For five long weeks B. F. McLendon and his party conducted one of the greatest evangelistic campaigns that has ever been known in this part of the State.

The people of Lumberton were skeptical in regard to the success of the meeting at this season of the year, but Mr. McLendon came here the 8th of December and through rain and cold, Christmas holidays and an epidemic of influenza there was no let-up. Instead of the great crowds that attended the meetings diminishing, they increased all the time.

Some one has well said that Mr. McLendon is in a class by himself, a cross between Billy Sunday and Dr. Chapman. He can't be said to be eloquent. He very often butchers the King's English and his rhetoric is like a cross-cut saw. His mannerisms in the pulpit are altogether different from any other preacher or evangelist that has ever been sailing the country. Yet when it comes to his sermons, they are well studied out. He never opens his mouth without saying something. He is the master of condensed expression without the sacrifice of lucidity. It is very seldom that he preaches over forty minutes, and yet he says more during that time than the average speaker will in twice the time.

Every sermon that he preaches, whether on faith, love or sin, is a masterpiece, and he preaches them in such a way that people never forget them.

He is a judge of human nature, knows how to read people. He has very often said in his sermons that they all looked alike to him, whether they were "high-brow" or "low-brow," aristocracy or mediocrity. He said that he was not putting any of them on the back, rubbing their heads or tickling their chins and congratulating when he ought to be epistolating; and that certainly is true about this evangelist. You don't see him down the streets shaking hands and palavering and complimenting people and trying to get into their good graces.

You can notice him at the tabernacle; the poorest and humblest man that attends there gets as much of his attention as the wealthiest and most prominent.

His preaching is plain, clear and Biblical. He said that Christ's preaching was plain and that he wanted to do the same kind. He does not preach in such a way that people have to bring along a dictionary or encyclopedia to understand what he means, neither do they have to climb up a step-ladder or run up a fire-escape to see what he is driving at. In other words, he does not preach as if he were "trying to tickle the roof of a giraffe's mouth."

He is certainly independent from a financial standpoint. He is not groveling and crawling and begging people for their money. He is not telling people that he is financially embarrassed and has a lot of urgent obligations to meet and begging them to assist him. About the only thing that he has said along to Lumberton to pay him what he ought to have for his services and if they didn't pay him he would live just the same and would not go around dejected and down in the mouth.

Every member of Mr. McLendon's party is an expert in his or her line. There is not a drone among the crowd.

MR. CARROLL
Mr. Carroll, the choir director, has been with the leading evangelists of America. He was Sam Jones' choir director during his balmy days. He has travelled with Milford Lyon, Beiderwolf and Ostrom. He organized several of the states for the anti-saloon league. Any one that hears Mr. Carroll as a choir director will know that he is all that can be expected along that line.

He is also an effective solo singer.

MRS. CARROLL

Mrs. Carroll is the secretary and pianist for the party and looks after the children's meetings. The children's meetings have been an attractive feature of the campaign here. The booster chorus excited much interest. Mrs. Carroll is a very attractive person with a winning disposition.

MRS. STEIDLEY

Mrs. Steidley is a great soloist and Bible teacher and has charge of the women's work. She is a very effective personal worker and a great asset to the party.

"FRED"
Fred is the Apostle of Smiles and a peddler of sunshine, and keeps everybody that is around him in a good humor. He looks after the tabernacle and all the details of the same. In other words, he is a general utility man. He can sing some, pray a lot, repeat Scripture by the chapter and lead more people to the front to accept Jesus Christ than any 50 ordinary church members. Since his conversion about 19 years ago he has led nearly 16,000 people to Christ by personal work. Before Fred's conversion he was a horse man out in Waverly, Iowa, handling Western broncos. They say that the only way a horse can get Fred off of him is to throw his hide off.

He won the championship in Cheyenne, Montana. He was the only man that rode "Slippery Jim." He rode the famous broncho called "Wild Pete" in the world's fair "Buffalo Bills" show.

Fred is quite a boxer and is minus several teeth and his face looks like

COTTON MARKET.

Middling cotton is selling on the local market today for 24.75 cents the pound.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Miss Elizabeth Whitfield returned home yesterday from Penniman, Va., where she spent ten weeks working for the government.

—Mr. J. B. Ward of the Saddletree section was a Lumberton visitor yesterday. Mr. Ward is just recovering from an attack of "flu."

—Mrs. Mattie Hinson of Wilmington is relieving Mr. C. C. Rogers, manager of the local Southern Bell Telephone exchange, who is sick with the "flu."

—Mrs. W. T. Hutchinson and daughter, Miss Lillie, left yesterday for Charlotte, where they will make their home. Mr. Hutchinson went to Charlotte the first of the year.

—Mr. J. D. McRaney and son, Mr. A. T. McRaney, of R. 1, Parkton, were among the visitors in town Tuesday. Mr. A. T. McRaney was recently released from the U. S. army.

—A small residence near the tanks of the Standard Oil Co. and the Gulf Refining Co., in the southern part of town, was burned today.

The building was occupied by a colored family, who lost all their belongings. —Mr. C. P. McGowan of Lumber Bridge, who was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday, expects to leave today for Cordele, Ga., near which place he owns a farm and where he and his family will make their home. Mrs. McGowan and four of their children went to Cordele some time ago. Another daughter, Miss Ruby, is bookkeeper for the Farmers' Trading Co. of Lumber Bridge and will join the family at Cordele next summer. Mr. McGowan has been postmaster at Lumber Bridge for the past 4 years.

THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

Mrs. J. C. Bryant, Died at Hospital This Morning of Influenza.

Mrs. J. C. Bryant, age about 23 years, died at 2:30 o'clock this morning at the Thompson hospital of influenza-pneumonia. Deceased is survived by her husband and two children—one a baby 4 days old. The funeral was conducted at the grave at 3:30 this afternoon and interment was made in Meadowbrook cemetery.

Mrs. Bryant was a loyal member of the First Baptist church and had many friends.

Former Lumberton Citizen Killed by Fall in Wilmington.

Mr. J. W. Eilers, formerly of Lumberton, died Monday at the James Walker Memorial hospital, Wilmington, from injuries received Saturday when he fell through a skylight in the roof of the Tidewater Power Co., at Wilmington.

Mr. Eilers, who was a carpenter by trade, was working on the roof of the building when he fell. He moved from Lumberton to Wilmington a few weeks ago.

Susie McMillan, Colored.

Susie McMillan, colored, died yesterday at her home at Sandy Grove, near Lumberton, of influenza.

Pheba Jane Manor, Colored.

Pheba Jane Manor, colored, died Tuesday of influenza. Deceased was from Montrose and was attending school here.

John West Smith, Colored.

John West Smith, colored, died Monday at his home at Sandy Grove of influenza.

35 States Have Approved Federal Prohibition Amendment and Only 1 More Needed to Ratify.

Legislatures of 35 States—one less than the required three-fourths—have ratified the prohibition constitutional amendment. Several State assemblies now are in session and are expected to take action today, with a probable race between Nebraska, Missouri and Minnesota as to which will be the 36th on the list.

a bull dog has "chawed" it, because of his boxing career.

Since his conversion in Waverly, Iowa, he has been with the leading evangelists of America. He worked with M. B. Williams, Charlie Alexander, French Oliver and with "Billy Sunday for 10 years. He is now with B. F. McLendon and probably he and McLendon will be together the remainder of their lives.

DR. WILLIAM W. PARKER,
Optometrist
Expert Knowledge of Eye Diseases and Fitting Glasses.