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CURRENT FOR COOKING PURPOSES AT FOUR CENTS

Low Rate Ordered by Town Board—Streets Must Not be Used for Auto Work Shop—Other Town Matters.

At a meeting of the mayor and board town commissioners Tuesday afternoon a rate of 4 cents per k. w. was adopted for current used for cooking purposes. This rate applies only to current consumed by cook stoves and ranges provided with electric cooking devices.

A new map of Meadowbrook, center the police force to enforce the law which prohibits using the streets as work shops for repairing automobiles.

A new map of Meadowbrook cemetery, prepared by Mr. F. F. Wetmore, was adopted by the board.

Mayor Proctor was advised to close contract with Mr. W. H. Kinlaw for extending a sewer line across his lot from the Whiteville road to Willow street.

COUNTY ROAD ENGINEER TO BE ELECTED JULY 14

Salaries of Township Road Supervisors Will be Fixed at Same Time—Joint Meeting Yesterday of Road Commissioners and Supervisors.

A joint meeting of the county road commissioners and the township supervisors was held in the court house here yesterday and State Senator H. E. Stacy explained the work to be done by the township supervisor.

County Auditor J. M. McCallum and Mr. V. E. Townsend, the latter being clerk to the road board, were asked to work out a system of books bill heads, etc., to keep township bond issue accounts upon.

The clerk to the road board was instructed to put an advertisement in the Raleigh News and Observer to the effect that a road engineer will be elected by the board July 14.

Salaries of township supervisors will be fixed at a special meeting of the road board July 14.

RED SPIDER HAS APPEARED IN ROBESON COUNTY

It Destroys Cotton—What to Do After the Spider Appears.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. The red spider has appeared in 2 cotton fields in the county. It starts from pokeweed, jimsonweed, Jerusalem weed, etc. These should be destroyed by burning.

Things to do after the spider appears:

Pull, pile on the spot, and burn all stalks which are already shedding leaves.

Check its spread lengthwise the rows by removing a few stalks to each side of the infection. They cannot easily cross the gap.

Ready-made lime sulphur solution, as used for winter spraying of fruit trees, can be used at the rate of one gallon to 50 gallons of water. Spray thoroughly, making effort to reach under side of leaves.

For further information see O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator, Lumberton.

Robeson Medical Society Met at Red Springs Yesterday.

A meeting of the Robeson Medical society was held at Red Springs yesterday. The Lumberton physicians who attended the meeting were: Drs. N. A. Thompson, R. S. Beam, W. A. McPhaul (county health officer), J. A. Martin, John Knox and T. C. Johnson. Visiting doctors were entertained at dinner at hotel Red Springs by the Red Springs physicians.

The next meeting of the society will be held at Maxton the first Wednesday in September.

HOME FROM THE WAR.

Mr. J. S. Scott and son, Sgt. Ernest F. Scott of the Raynham section were Lumberton visitors yesterday. Sgt. Scott arrived home from France Monday morning. He was attached to the 81st—Wild Cat—division. Mr. Jno. McCallum of the Raynham section accompanied them to town yesterday.

Mr. M. B. Smith of R. 3, Lumberton, arrived home Tuesday from France. Mr. Smith was attached to the 7th division.

Mr. J. Walter Meares arrived home yesterday from Camp Knox, Ky., having been given an honorable discharge from the army.

Mr. Fred Hester of St. Pauls arrived home yesterday from France.

Mr. F. F. Purvis of R. 1, Orrum, is among the visitors in town today.

2 WOMEN TO BE TRIED ON CHARGE OF MURDER

Superior Court Next Week—43 Cases on the Docket.

A week's term of Superior court for the trial of criminal cases will convene Monday. Judge Thomas H. Calvert of Raleigh will preside.

There are forty-three cases already on the docket. Two women—Cattie Rowland, colored, and Martha Jane Woods, Indian—will be tried on the charge of murder. Each of the defendants killed another woman of her race. It is probable that Levy Strickland, who is charged with killing Alex Floyd, also colored, at McDonald last Saturday will be tried at this term.

SUMMONS ISSUED FOR 540 FOLKS, CAMP BRAGG CASE

Federal Proceedings Started for Condemnation of Land for Camp Near Fayetteville.

Summons has been placed in the hands of United States Marshal Geo. H. Bellamy for service upon 540 property owners of Wake, Cumberland, Hoke Robeson, Harnett, Durham, Pitt, Wayne and Nash counties in Federal proceedings started recently for the condemnation of land for Camp Bragg, near Fayetteville.

The huge job of serving the papers will be started at once, but it is expected that the work will not be completed in some time as the addresses of 61 owners is not known. Two of the defendants are confined in the State hospital for the insane at Raleigh. More than a dozen officers are required to complete service.

The condemnation proceedings were instituted in the United States court at Raleigh recently by District Attorney Thos. D. Warren and Special Attorney Frank Robeson. The civil cases follow the usual procedure in acquiring property for army camp purposes as outlined in a special act of Congress approved July 2, 1917, as amended April 11, 1918. This act authorizes the Secretary of War to institute civil proceedings for the acquisition of land needed for location and construction of military camps.

While 452 of the property owners reside in Hoke and Cumberland counties, a large number of them reside in other counties.

The summons and petition to be delivered to each property owner are printed in pamphlet form and form quite a document.

Although the proceedings were instituted while the United States was at war, the cases are expected to develop a big fight in the courts before they are finally settled.

PRESIDENT SIGNS BILLS IN MID-OCEAN

Bills Dispatched for Signature Before July 1—Technically Prudent Was on American Soil.

President Wilson signed the railroad appropriation bill the Indian bill, some minor measures and other documents which needed signature to become law before July 1, in mid-ocean at 8 a. m., Greenwich time Monday.

It was the first time that a chief executive of the United States had affixed his signature to appropriation bills at sea or indeed away from continental United States.

A pouch containing the bills was dispatched on the eastbound transport Great Northern from New York on June 24. Monday morning the Great Northern met the George Washington bearing the President homeward. The important papers were set on the President's ship, signed, and a radio message was sent to the White House announcing that the bills had become law.

Technically the President was on American territory when he signed the measures.

First Tobacco Brought to Lumberton Market Today.

The first load of tobacco for the season was brought to the Lumberton market this morning by Messrs. Pittman & Corbett and Messrs. Waterman & Corbett, of the Orrum section. The tobacco was brought to the Farmers' warehouse, Messrs. Watkins & Smith, proprietors.

—Messrs. J. D. and Dan McArthur of Wakulla were Lumberton visitors yesterday. Mr. J. D. McArthur was elected road supervisor of Smith township in the recent road bond election.

—Miss Caroline Bracy of Rowland has accepted a position as stenographer in the office of Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son.

PARKTON ITEMS

Ready to Enjoy the Fourth—Boys Home From the War—Personal Mention.

BY C. D. WILLIAMSON. Parkton, June 30—People up our way surely are rushing things on the farm, getting ready for the Fourth. Some are going to St. Pauls and some are going to Camp Bragg. The people as a whole will enjoy the 4th better than ever since the war is over.

Private Arthur Cain arrived home this morning from France, also Angus and W. D. Jernigan arrived Friday night and Pvt. Harvey Stanley, who was discharged at Camp Jackson. All the above-mentioned boys are looking fine. Sgt. J. C. Vann of Fayetteville arrived Sunday and is shaking hands with his many friends in Parkton tonight.

The boys give a thrilling account of the war. Some never slept an hour in a whole week during the war, and had but little to eat, is their report.

Sgt. Norman Perry arrived home Sunday morning from France, to the delight of his parents and friends.

There are but few of our boys to arrive yet, glad to say.

Rev. W. L. Maness, pastor of the Methodist church, left Friday morning for Columbus, Ohio, to enjoy the great Centenary celebration. His church granted him a vacation, also paid his expenses.

Mr. W. E. Alley and wife and small daughter, Leah, of Pittsboro, were callers in our town from Saturday evening till Sunday evening. Mr. Alley formerly lived here and has many friends here. He is now cashier of a new bank at Pittsboro.

Sgt. Pemberton McCormick arrived home last Tuesday from overseas. He has been sick for some time but is fast improving, we are glad to say.

Rev. J. K. Hall and small daughter left Saturday for Belmont for a few days' visit to relatives and friends.

Mr. T. W. Thompson and family went down to Lumberton Friday evening after receiving a message that Mr. Thompson's brother's wife had died. They attended the funeral Saturday morning at 11 o'clock and returned home Saturday p. m. We greatly sympathize with Mr. Thompson in this sad hour.

Master Donovan Williamson, who spent a week with his sister Mrs. Justin McNeill, of Lumberton, returned home Saturday night.

Mr. J. B. Regan and family spent Sunday evening with Mr. A. B. Williamson and family.

The union prayer-meeting meets at the Methodist church during the month of July.

We regret to report Mrs. P. H. Fisher on the sick list.

Mr. Frank Jones of Rockfish visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Cobb Sunday.

Miss Sallie Farrell left last week for an extended visit to Alabama. We trust she may be fully restored to health ere returning.

Not a single fan sold this week in our town, this July 1st.

Mr. J. A. Cashwell is at the beach this week attending the Seaside assembly.

BIG NAVY BALLOON BURSTS; MANY PEOPLE INJURED.

The big navy dirigible C-8 commanded by Lieut. N. J. Learned with a crew of six men and two passengers bound from Cape May, N. J., to Washington, exploded with terrific force just after landing at Camp Holabird, near Baltimore, Tuesday to adjust rudder trouble. The big balloon instantly became a mass of flames and 75 persons, mostly women and children of the 200 spectators who had gathered on the field to see the monster flier, were burned or otherwise injured as a result of the flames and bits of blazing fragments which were scattered in all directions.

According to the commander the explosion was due to rapid expansion caused by heat. The bag contained more gas than was required after descending from a cold altitude temperature.

—Messrs. W. M. Worley and J. A. Galloway of the E. J. Chambers Co. well-known tobacco warehouse firm of Fairmont, were Lumberton visitors yesterday. They report fine tobacco prospects on the Fairmont market.

—Mr. N. A. Regan and son, Master Alex., and Mr. C. R. Davis, of Elizabethtown, were Lumberton visitors yesterday. Mr. Regan says they are expecting the largest crowd that ever visited Elizabethtown to gather there on July 9, when they will have a big celebration in honor of returned soldiers of Bladen.

FAIRMONT NEWS

New Live Stock Company—Up-to-Date Bath House—New Redrying Plant Almost Completed—Tobacco Already Coming In—Selling Cotton—Personal and Other Items

By WILLIAM V. BRANCH. Fairmont, July 2—E. A. Mitchell & Company will open a live stock business on Center street. The new company is composed of Messrs. E. A. Mitchell, E. Fisher and P. R. Floyd, three of Fairmont's most active and energetic business men.

They will be ready for business as soon as the large shipment of horses, mules, wagons, buggies and sundries arrives. John D. Purvis, proprietor of the Norfolk Tailoring Co., has opened a bath house equipped with modern facilities for hot and cold shower baths.

The chamber of commerce gave a banquet in the Jones building Friday night. A sumptuous supper was served and the chamber was addressed by Mr. Roger Moore, president of the Wilmington chamber of commerce. Also short addresses were made by Messrs. Blue and Fisher and Dr. West.

The greater part of Fairmont's soldiers are home and people are glad to welcome the Wild Cats home. The new redrying plant is almost complete. This is going to be one of the most up-to-date plants in the entire tobacco belt. Mr. Rose works about 15 or 16 laborers and expects to complete it in a couple of weeks.

Much tobacco is already coming in, despite the opening day being so late. The tobacco crop is somewhat early this year, but buyers could not be secured earlier than the 15th of July. The Fairmont market will have an able corps of buyers, representatives from every recognized tobacco concern.

Very much cotton has been sold on the local market the past week. The signing of the treaty put pep in the buying. Fairmont has a very live cotton market.

Sanitary conditions of the town have greatly improved during the last month. Everything is taking on improvement.

The Fairmont baseball team again defeated Chadbourn in a hotly-contested game of 9 to 0. The game was featured by the skillful playing of Ratley and Bullock for the locals, also the sensational pitching of Currie, who only allowed the visiting team one hit.

Fairmont will play St. Pauls at St. Pauls Friday p. m.

The Fairmont hogshead factory is working a large number of boys. Some of the little fellows find employment that is very suitable for them.

Very many vacationists are taking rest at the various resorts, including Lake Waccamaw, Jackson Springs and Wrightsville.

H. V. Stanley is chief of police now, succeeding Herman Lewis. Mr. Stanley has been on the Fairmont police force before.

Mahu Pearson is carrying his arm in a swing as a result of it being broken by a 4rd kick.

Foster Ashley, a farmer, had the first load of watermelons here Saturday. He readily sold them at 75 cents per melon.

C. P. McGirt and Robeson Hdw. are moving their heavy stock into their new warehouse.

Mr. W. A. Pittman of Fayetteville is at work in the People's Bank & Trust Co. Mr. Pittman will stay through the tobacco season.

NEWS NOTES AND PERSONALS FROM ALONG ROUTE FIVE.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Lumberton, R. 5, July 1—Crops are very good in this section, especially corn and tobacco. Most all the farmers are curing tobacco this week.

Mr. D. C. Bullock and family, of Fairmont, spent Sunday at Mr. Rowland Mercer's.

We are sorry to report Mrs. Rowland Mercer on the sick list, also Mesdames J. D. Duncan and O. A. Meares, who left Saturday for Fayetteville, where they will undergo operations at the Highsmith hospital this week.

Miss Bertie Mercer spent Sunday with Miss Nettie Pridden.

Miss Evelyn Singletary of Proctorville is spending some time with Mrs. Harvey Jackson.

Mr. E. W. West spent Saturday in Lumberton.

Mr. J. D. Duncan has gone to Fayetteville today.

Children's Day exercises will be held at Singletary's Cross Roads Sunday, July 6, beginning at 1:30 p. m. The public is invited.

RED SPRINGS NEWS.

Summer School Had Successful Term—Soldier Boys Home—Social and Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Red Springs, July 1—Miss Elma Marsh of Greensboro is on a visit to home folks.

Mrs. F. C. Vaughn of Ardlussa spent the week-end with Mrs. J. H. McKay.

Little Miss Louise Daniels of Greensboro is the guest of her friend little Miss Frances Gibson.

Maj. Geo. Hall and family have gone to Myrtle Beach for the rest of the summer.

Myrtle Beach is a favorite resort for Red Springs folks. The families of Messrs. H. S. Toon and B. W. Townsend are down there also, occupying their cottages.

Mrs. D. P. McEasbern has returned from a visit to relatives and friends in Thomasville, Elkin and Greensboro.

Mrs. Archibald Johnson and Misses Lois and Ella Johnson, of Thomasville, are visiting relatives in town.

The summer school closed last Friday after a very successful term of one month. Next year it is hoped the session will last for 6 weeks, and a larger attendance is expected.

The Misses Cox have for their guests this week Miss Kate Rogers and Messrs. Henry and Preston, of Bennettsville, S. C.

Miss Winnie Cox came home from Baltimore last Tuesday where she is in training. Accompanying her was her friend Miss Esther Stuart of Baltimore, who will remain for a visit.

Miss Daniels of the collg faculty, who was hostess for the summer school, left Saturday for her vacation.

Mrs. J. C. McPhail spent a few days recently with her mother, Mrs. W. H. McKinnon, who is staying at Ardlussa for the summer.

It is pleasant to meet our soldier boys on the streets once more. Within the past week following young men have arrived from overseas: Messrs. John Graham, Jim Love, Austin Roberts, Jesse and Angus Byrne.

Mrs. Croom of Wilmington is on a visit to her sister Mrs. Ernest Sikes.

His many friends regret to learn of the illness of Dr. B. F. McMillan and hope for him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Seavy Highsmith and children, of Fayetteville, are visiting Mrs. Highsmith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Johnson.

Miss Erlene, Roberta and Winnie Cox entertained most delightfully on last Friday morning with a porch party in honor of their house guest Miss Esther Stuart of Baltimore.

Many flower decked tables were set at intervals on the spacious veranda, at which the guests played progressive puzzles after this delicious sandwiches and refreshing tea were served.

CONGRESS ADJOURNS UNTIL TUESDAY OF NEXT WEEK

More than five Billion Dollars Has Been Appropriated for Federal Needs During New Year.

Congress adjourned at midnight Tuesday night until next Tuesday July 8, after enacting all appropriation bills needed by government agencies for the new fiscal year.

Success crowned the efforts of Republican leaders to complete the necessary appropriation measures, but only after hours of delay which at times almost threatened to block their plans.

The final bill, the army measure, carrying \$775,000,000; the sundry civil bill, carrying 15,000,000, and a deficiency measure of \$25,000,000 all were completed Tuesday night, and Wednesday were sent to the White House. President Wilson will be unable to approve the bills until he returns, but no embarrassment to government departments owing to delay in making funds available is anticipated.

With enactment of the final bills, including measures passed at the last session of Congress, more than \$5,000,000,000 has been appropriated for Federal needs during the new year which began July 1st. Congress also has canceled more than \$15,000,000 of war appropriations recently authorized.

The recess gives Congress a rest over July 4, holiday, and when it returns it is expected that President Wilson will submit the treaty negotiated with Germany. Legislation for more strict enforcement of wartime prohibition also is to be taken immediately on reconvening.

Mr. A. B. Paul of R. 1, Lumberton, is in town today.

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BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—License has been issued for the marriage of Walter Harris and Ed die Bellamy.

—Miss Carrie Mae Hedgpath arrived home Tuesday from New York, where she took a postgraduate course in music.

—Mr. Haynes Britt has accepted a position as salesman in Mr. John T. Bigg's department store. He began work Tuesday.

—Mr. R. C. Lawrence, of the local bar, delivered the annual address before the North Carolina Superior court clerks at Wrightsville Beach yesterday.

—Miss Emma Fleming of R. 5, Lumberton, has accepted a position in the music department of Messrs. Stephens & Barnes store. She began work Monday.

—Mr. M. D. McCormick of Rowland, R. 2, was among the callers at The Robesonian office Monday afternoon. He reports splendid crops down Rowland way.

—Mr. T. L. Bissell of R. 1, Orrum, was the first to bring home-grown cantaloupes to town for sale. He brought in a nice load of 'oupes Tuesday and sold the load for more than \$20.

—Fire which originated from a stove flue slightly damaged a residence occupied by John Hardin and family at the Lumberton cotton mill village about 12:30 yesterday afternoon.

—A mule owned by Nasby Hardin, Indian, and driven by Jarva Hardin, another Indian, was killed Tuesday night when he ran away and fell into a ditch just across the river from town.

—Mr. Q. T. Williams and two sons, Messrs. Furness and Erwin, and Mr. C. Guy Townsend left Monday for the Western part of the State, making the trip in Mr. Williams' auto. They are expected home Saturday.

—State Senator H. E. Stacy arrived home Tuesday morning from Hamlet, where on June 9th at the James hospital he underwent an operation for appendicitis. He has practically recovered from the operation.

—Mr. W. K. Bethune has had the misfortune of having two automobile wheels and tires complete stolen from the rear of his auto during the last few days; and he is not the only one who has been relieved of a tire recently.

—Mr. W. F. Davis and family moved Monday from Nichols, S. C., where they had been living for several months, back to R. 2 from Lumberton. Mr. Davis and son, Master Ralph, were callers at The Robesonian office Tuesday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tuton arrived home Monday night from Asheville, where they spent several days. Mr. and Mrs. Tuton were married in Charlotte June 26, as stated in last Thursday's Robesonian. They are boarding at the Lorraine hotel.

—Mr. C. B. Skipper, clerk of the Superior court, and Mrs. Skipper went Tuesday to Wrightsville Beach to attend a meeting of the North Carolina Superior court clerks. Mr. Skipper was on the program for an address before the meeting today.

—Mr. M. F. Cobb, cashier of the National Bank of Lumberton, went Tuesday to Rock Hill, S. C., to join Mrs. Cobb and small daughter, Mary, who had been at Rock Hill for some time visiting relatives and friends.

—Messrs. T. L. Johnson and H. L. Pope returned home Monday from New York, where they spent a few days. Mr. Pope went from Richmond to New York, joining Mr. Johnson in Richmond. As has been stated in The Robesonian, Mr. Pope recently underwent several operations for some head trouble at the Hygeia hospital, Richmond.

—St. Alban's lodge No. 114 A. F. & A. M., installed Tuesday night the following officers for the ensuing year: E. J. Britt, W. M.; W. G. Pittman, S. W.; J. C. Stansel, J. W.; E. W. Caldwell, treasurer; R. T. Allen, secretary; V. E. Townsend, S. D.; B. F. McMillan, Jr., J. D.; J. F. Flowers, S. S.; J. C. Bryant, J. S.; G. E. Rance, Sr., tiler.

—The fire alarm was turned in about 2:30 yesterday afternoon or account of a blaze on the roof at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Belch, corner Third and Pine streets. The flames were extinguished by the use of chemicals before much damage had been done. It is supposed the fire originated from a spark from a fire in a cook stove.