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## MARKET OPENS WELL

206,000 Pounds Tobacco Sold in Lumberton Market at Opening Sales at Average of 16 Cents.

### BETTER GRADES

#### SOLD HIGHER

All Leading Companies Represented—Warehousemen Well Pleased With Amount of Tobacco Being Offered Here.

Two hundred and six thousand pounds of leaf tobacco was sold on the Lumberton market at the opening sales Tuesday at an average of 13 cents the pound. The highest price paid was 44 cents the pound and this was for second curings.

The better grades of tobacco sold fully as high as, if not higher than, the same grades sold at the opening of the selling season last year, while the common grades sold much lower. The farmers had not expected the common grades to sell so high as last year, and they were seemingly well pleased with the opening sale. Many farmers sold their first curings for above 30 cents the pound.

Judging from the first sales, there is no demand for tobacco taken off the stalk green, while the tobacco people are anxious for bright tobacco.

All the leading tobacco companies, as well as many smaller ones, are represented on the local market, and many independent buyers are also on the scene.

Another good sale was conducted yesterday, when more than 100,000 pounds of tobacco were sold at prices about the same as on the opening day, the highest prices paid being 46 cents the pound.

Local warehousemen are well pleased with the amount of tobacco being offered here and indications are that the Lumberton market will sell at least 5,000,000 pounds of tobacco this season.

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### NEW BANK OPENS.

Farmers Savings Bank Opened For Business in McLeod Building Yesterday.

The Farmers' Savings Bank, which was chartered May 27th, last, opened for business in the McLeod building, Elm and Fourth streets, yesterday. The bank was chartered with an authorized capital of \$15,000, practically all of which has been subscribed.

At a recent meeting of the stockholders the following directors were elected: C. B. Townsend, J. H. Iwerson, A. H. Mercer, J. W. Barker, A. W. Harrington, J. W. McPhail, W. F. Prevatt, E. M. Britt, D. H. Britt, Sr., J. J. Goodwin, J. L. Townsend, C. M. Townsend, W. H. Humphrey. The following officers have been elected by the directors: President, C. B. Townsend; vice-president, J. H. Powers; cashier, R. E. Covington.

### CLOSING AGREEMENT.

Names of Merchants Who Agree to Close at 10 O'clock Saturday Nights.

We, the undersigned merchants of Lumberton hereby agree to close our stores on Saturday nights at 10 o'clock until Oct. 28, 1919. Then at 9 o'clock until the time is changed 1 hour fast again.

L. H. Caldwell, K. M. Biggs, R. D. Caldwell & Son, By S. F. Caldwell, The King Grocery Co., By T. W. Bullock, Mgr., Lumberton Furniture Store, John T. Biggs, Lumberton Bargain House, A. J. Holmes, Robbins & Squires, M. B. Robbins, Mgr., Spearman Bros., Amelia Linkhauer, McLellan Stores Co., J. A. Branch, Oden & Powell, J. H. Wishart, W. F. Edwards, Stephens & Barnes, W. M. Freeman & Son, L. C. Townsend, H. Dunie, White & Gough.

—Mr. Oliver A. Meares and 2 daughters, Misses Lella and Vennie, and small son, Master Braxton, of R. 5, Lumberton, went yesterday to Fayetteville to see Mrs. Meares, who is a patient in a Fayetteville hospital, and will return today. Mrs. Meares is very much improved.

—Mrs. W. F. Fuller returned to her home at Wilmington this morning after spending a few days here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Higley. She came up to see her brother, Mr. Leslie Higley, who has just returned from overseas.

## RED SPRINGS NEWS ITEMS.

Water Famine These Hot Days—Regular August Picnic Will Be Celebration for Soldier Boys—Church Notes—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Red Springs, July 16.—Miss Nellie Callahan of Greensboro is spending her vacation with home folks.

Mrs. J. T. Bostick and daughter, Miss Gertrude, are in town on a visit to friends.

Mrs. J. C. McPhail spent a part of the week at Ardulussa with her sister, Mrs. Vaughn.

Mr. Frank McMillan of Lumberton was in town Sunday.

Rev. J. K. Roberts and family of Carthage are visitors at the home of Mrs. Archie Buie.

Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Parcell of Chester, S. C., are visiting home folks this week.

Sunday morning in the absence of the pastor, Prof. Aldrich of Trinity college, conducted services at the Methodist church, preaching a strong sermon to a fair-sized audience.

Sunday night at the Presbyterian church Rev. Mr. Buchanan, a missionary from Japan, made a very interesting talk on the subject of his work in the foreign field.

The meeting in the Baptist church closed Sunday night after a very successful and fruitful session.

Dr. B. F. McMillan left this week for Baltimore, where he goes for treatment. He was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Annie Lou.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Vaughn of Spartanburg were visitors to our town this week.

Red Springs is in the throes of a water famine these hot days. Nothing doing after one o'clock until it's pretty nearly time for bed. It seems that the supply is inadequate for the needs of the town, which is a rather bad state of affairs, since the water tax has just recently been advanced.

Personally, we'd rather reverse the order of things and have our share in the afternoon.

A movement is on foot to revive the famous old August picnic, which should meet with the approval of us old timers, who can remember with satisfaction that 3rd Saturday with the long table near the spring loaded to the sagging point with the fat of the land, while underneath gleamed row on row of 50-pound melons interspersed with bushels of apples and peaches, not to mention the tubs of lemonade. Oh boy! This year it is proposed to merge the regular picnic into a celebration for all the soldier boys in the county, a regular genuine reunion with plenty of the old time fun and new time enthusiasm. Get your crops in line, folks, and save the fattest friers and be on hand with an overwhelming majority. We want to show our boys what we think of them and that what they want is what they'll get, if the sentiment of the people count for anything.

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## SALARIES FOR TOWNSHIP ROAD SUPERVISORS.

Supervisors' Salaries Will Begin When They Begin Work of Construction or Improvement of Roads. Reported for The Robesonian.

At a special meeting of Robeson county road commission held Monday July 14th, in the grand jury room at the court house, the following salaries per month for the several road supervisors of the several townships were set:

Lumberton—G. L. Thompson, supervisor, \$166.66 2-3; Fairmont—F. C. Jones, supervisor, \$150; Rowland—T. W. Carmichael, supervisor, \$150; Smiths—J. D. McArthur, supervisor, \$150; Howellsville—Robert Taylor, supervisor, \$137.50; Pembroke—W. G. Kirk, supervisor, \$137.50; St. Pauls—D. B. Lancaster, supervisor, \$137.50; Orrum—J. R. Lawson, supervisor, \$137.50; Parkton—T. M. Blue, supervisor, \$137.50; Gaddys—J. W. Burns, supervisor, \$125; Shannon—J. T. Powell, supervisor, \$125; Red Springs—W. E. McConaughy, supervisor, \$125.

The salaries of the said supervisors are fixed for one month, and are subject to change at the end of any month. Until otherwise fixed by this board the salaries are to remain the same from month to month.

Salaries to the supervisors are to begin when they actually begin the work of construction or improvement of the public roads in their respective townships, and are to be paid out of the funds derived from the sale of the road bonds of the respective townships.

The salary of Mr. L. L. McGirt, supervisor in Maxton township, will be fixed at a later meeting of the board.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Robeson Good, Bad and Indifferent—One S. C. County Votes Five Million Dollars for Roads—Fine Crops.

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On the return trip they came via Laurens, Newberry and Columbia, S. C., and found the roads excellent from 15 miles beyond Columbia to Lumberton. Other roads were fair, with the exception of occasional bad places, excepting about 25 miles of exceedingly rough road between Newberry and Columbia.

Excellent crops were in evidence all along both ways, especially from Cheraw, S. C., to Lumberton, but nowhere are better crops to be seen and in most sections not so good, as are found in Robeson. And it would be hard to find a pig-patch in Robeson that is not a better road than many stretches of the roads traversed in Mecklenburg and Gaston counties, and between Newberry and Columbia. But they are constructing roads all along.

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## GOOD SALES AT FAIRMONT.

Tobacco Market Opens Well—Good Tobacco is Expected to Sell as High as Ever—Dr. Pittman Ill.—Fire.

BY W. V. BRANCH.

Fairmont, July 16.—Yesterday marked the opening of the Fairmont tobacco market. It being such a busy day, the market was not crowded, as was expected. The prices were very good, ranging from \$5 to \$43 per hundred, and today they are much better, some tobacco selling as high as \$49 per hundred. The offerings are mostly primings of a very trashy grade and yet some of the first curing brought \$35 per hundred.

The warehousemen and planters are very optimistic over the prices and assure the farmers that good tobacco will sell as well as or better than ever. They also urge the farmer to handle it with utmost care and not pull it from the stalk until it is fully ripe.

The market here is the best ever before. Every tobacco company is represented and the warehousemen have plenty of help.

The condition of Dr. H. H. Pittman, who was taken suddenly sick, is unimproved. He was taken to a Charlotte hospital. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Fire came very near destroying the residence of Mr. Arthur Bray this morning in the eastern edge of town. The fire truck was rushed to the scene and extinguished the flames before any serious damage was done.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Bellamy Briefs.

Children's Day Exercises—Young Sexagenarian Handles His First Tobacco—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Bellamy, July 12.—The 4th passed off very quietly in these parts. A few went to other parts to spend the day. The East Lumberton Philathea class picniced at Antioch. We think it would be much nicer if when they picnic there they wouldn't scatter boxes and paper over the church yard.

Several from around here attended the children's day exercises at Singletary's church Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Fred Dellinger returned to her home at Hamlet Tuesday after spending the past two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Branch.

Miss Eva Mae Quick is visiting her grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Quick, at Clio, S. C.—Mr. Floyd Bullock of Fairmont visited in this section recently.—Mr. Luther Britt and Misses Maie and Wilma Branch of the Long Branch section spent Saturday night and Sunday in this vicinity.—Mr. G. W. Barfield and daughter, Miss Ethel, visited Mr. R. T. Barfield at Whiteville Sunday.

Mrs. Lula Pitman and sister, Miss Maie Duncan, went up to Fayetteville Saturday to see Mrs. J. D. Duncan, who was operated on at Highsmith's hospital last week. Mrs. Duncan is getting on nicely and expects to return home soon.

Curing tobacco is the order of the day in this section. Those that have never worked in tobacco before are learning how. We know of an old gentleman 87 years young Wednesday, and handed his first tobacco that day.

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St. Pauls, July 15.—These are Baptist institutions. They are called Mobile schools because they are movable, and because they are mobilizing the Baptist people of North Carolina for action in the great day now breaking upon the world.

During the third week in this month there are to be forty of these Mobile school are as follows: nung at the same time, from the mountains to the ocean.

Among all these forty Mobile schools the one of peculiar interest to the readers of this paper is to be in session at Bladenboro, July 21-25.

The faculty and studies of this Mobile school are as follows: Dean—R. L. Ryrd; Sunday schools—T. C. Henderson; Atoneement—W. G. Hall; B. Y. P. U.—C. W. McManus; Stewardship and Missions—C. E. Stevens; Bible—W. M. Craig; Preacher—Jno. A. Wray; host—R. E. Powell.

Five days of intensive drill will be done in this school. It is expected that at least two members of each Baptist church in this section of the State will be in attendance at this Mobile school. Entertainment is on the Harvard plan; bed and breakfast free, dinner and supper to be paid for.

This Mobile school work is a new line of work in the churches; it shows how the Christian denominations are mobilizing and drilling for the conquest of the world. Our new must be made into Christian armies now, or what has been gained in this great war is lost.

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## LUMBER BRIDGE AND ALFORDSVILLE VOTE BONDS

Wishart Township is the First to Defeat Road Bonds—Elections Will Be Held in Thompson, Rennert and White House August 20th.

Two other Robeson townships—Lumber Bridge and Alfordsville—voted road bond issues Tuesday, while Wishart township failed to vote an issue of \$50,000. The amount of bonds voted by Lumber Bridge was \$20,000 and the amount voted by Alfordsville was \$15,000.

The vote cast in the three townships Tuesday was:

Lumber Bridge—for issue, 68; against issue, 2.

Alfordsville—for issue, 35; against issue, 1.

Wishart—for issue, 58; against issue, 86.

Mr. Robert Monroe was elected township supervisor in Lumber Bridge township, Mr. Ambrose Prevatt in Wishart and Mr. P. F. McGirt in Alfordsville.

Wishart is the first township in the county to fail to vote the road bond issue out of a total of sixteen townships, all the others in which elections have been held voting the bonds, in most instances by overwhelming majorities and in several townships not a vote was cast against the issue.

Elections will be held in the following townships on August 20: Thompson, \$20,000; Rennert, \$20,000; White House, \$30,000.

The bonds voted by the various townships that had voted bond issues before Tuesday will be sold August 27th. The amount of bonds to be sold by each of the thirteen townships follows:

Lumberton, \$100,000; Fairmont, \$60,000; Rowland, \$50,000; St. Pauls, \$25,000; Parkton, \$20,000; Smith, \$25,000; Shannon, \$10,000; Maxton, \$100,000; Pembroke, \$50,000; Red Springs, \$10,000; Orrum, \$25,000; Gaddys, \$20,000; Howellsville, \$40,000.

As has been stated in The Robesonian, only six townships have yet to ask for an election and it is expected that these will apply during the next few months.

## MOTION PICTURE SERVICE FOR ROBESON COUNTY

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