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TOBACCO IS HIGHER

Warehouses Crowded With the "Weed" Each Day and Prices Have Advanced—Prices of Good Tobacco Ranges from 45 to 65 Cents the Pound—Tobacco Brought Many Miles.

Lumberton's three large tobacco sales warehouses have been crowded with tobacco each day this week and good tobacco has sold the highest ever, while the lower grades have advanced around 5 cents in the pound during the last few days.

Bright, ripe tobacco is selling from 45 to 65 cents the pound, much of it bringing over 50 cents and the demand for all grades tobacco has increased. Farmers generally are pleased with the sales, and much tobacco is being shipped here for sale. A number of tobacco growers from Sampson county sold tobacco on the local market yesterday and were highly pleased with their sales. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are being paid out each week to the tobacco growers.

SPECIAL MEETING FOR LUMBERTON WOMEN

County Home Demonstration Agent Wants to Organize One of the Strongest Clubs in the County in Lumberton.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. It has been my purpose since I have been in Robeson county to have a strong organization of women in Lumberton, but due to my rush in organizing the rural districts it has been impossible for me to perfect this organization.

The purpose of the organization which I have in mind shall be for the service of every home and every young lady who is interested in learning the arts of cookery and the fundamental principles of making home and community more attractive.

With this in mind, I am asking you to meet with me at the demonstration of the electric stoves given in the town hall on August 7th and 8th. I shall assist with the demonstration and give to you dainty and attractive dishes which may be of service in your every-day living.

Will you keep this in mind and join me in having one of the strongest and most interesting clubs in Lumberton?
MARTHA FLAX ANDREWS,
Home Demonstration Agent.

Chief of Police Hanna Resigns.

Chief of Police E. L. Hanna has tendered his resignation, effective tonight. A successor to Chief Hanna will be elected by the board of town commissioners at its next regular meeting.

Shot Out Window Pane.

To the Editor of The Robesonian: Allow me space in your paper to say some unknown person shot out my window pane about one o'clock Saturday night, July 26.

AGGIE BARFIELD (Col.)
Lumberton, R. 6, July 28, 1919.

ROBESONIAN ADS DO THE WORK.

A "For Sale" advertisement sent to The Robesonian to be run four times was ordered out as follows:

"Please cancel our ad. offering trunk for sale. We know The Robesonian is a good advertising medium but this is the first case we have heard of where the goods were sold before the ad. appeared in print. Let us have bill for the one issue please."

WHITFIELD & FRENCH

No claim is made that the ads will do the work before getting in print, any more than medicine will help you before you take it, but it sometimes happens that way. A man who has lost a dog several times remarked the other day as he put an ad in THE ROBESONIAN for him, that such an ad never failed to bring the dog back home, that sometimes when he came in and put an ad in this paper he'd find the dog waiting for him when he got back home. Somebody would find out that the owner had been to town or had written to put the ad in, would tell the dog, and he'd know dog-gone well that everybody in the whole county would be reading about him being missing from home and that he would not be able to stand the racket, so, dog-gone it, he'd just pick up and go back home without wasting any more words about it.

Robesonian advertisements do the work. Try and see.

RACE RIOTS IN CHICAGO.

A Number Killed and Many Injured in Fierce Battles—Chicago Mayor Asks Governor For Help.

Mayor Thompson of Chicago appealed Monday night to Gov. Frank O. Lupton to mobilize a regiment of national guardsmen for immediate service in Chicago's "black belt," where sporadic rioting had been in progress since Sunday afternoon. The following is taken from an Associated Press dispatch giving an account of the rioting Monday night:

Seven persons were killed and more than two-score wounded, many of them seriously in a renewal of race riots in the Chicago "black belt" tonight.

For more than five hours the five mile area on the south side was a battleground of scattered fights between whites and blacks and between policemen and negroes who fired from house-tops, from dark alleys and other points of vantage.

The call for troops to quell the outbreaks resulted in four regiments of national guardsmen being mobilized, but at a late hour tonight they had not been dispatched to the disturbed district and Chief of Police Garrity expressed the belief that the worst of the disorder had passed.

Five of the dead are negroes and two are whites.

The wounded in most cases were hurried to hospitals, after which they were removed to their homes when conditions permitted.

There was no concerted battle by the blacks, the outbreaks dotting a large area.

Every police station in the south-side was flooded with reports of deaths and injuries.

Chief of Police Garrity at a late hour said that it was impossible to make an exact estimate of the casualties because of the contradictory reports.

The riots, which started yesterday on the south side beaches were renewed when negro laborers began leaving the big industrial plants and by dusk more than a score of separate outbreaks occurred. Whites began dragging negroes from street cars, the negroes, retailing with stones and knives. Street cars in the heart of the "black belt" were tipped up and the windows smashed.

A "flying squadron" of blacks mounted on a touring car and riding at full speed through the section sent a volley of shots at a group of whites. One white woman was injured, but not fatally. The negroes were overtaken after a long chase and placed under arrest.

Shortly afterward a mob of several hundred blacks formed at 35th street and began shooting at a policeman. Gunfire opened and four of the negroes fell, all mortally wounded.

A white man in the same neighborhood was dragged from a truck and stabbed to death.

A negro chauffeur was killed by whites a few minutes later in the same block.

Scores of arrests were made but where the rioters were found to be unarmed they were released.

Negroes began looting stores of whites in one district shortly after the firing of revolvers by a squad of policemen in an effort to break up a fight over a small purchase of groceries. The police soon emptied their guns. The looting continued until a special guard of police, armed with rifles, arrived. They fired low, felling a half dozen blacks. A white woman was pulled from a street car by a negro. He was soon lying unconscious against the curb. The angry whites left him for dead.

Groups of blacks formed in football fashion and charged against whites with razors and clubs. On one corner the scene was like a miniature battleground. Unconscious negroes and whites dotted the street. As they gained consciousness they were arrested or permitted to leave the neighborhood. While the main battles were in progress, women, black and white, battled away in front yards with brooms and missiles. In one of these fights a white woman was knocked unconscious and taken to a hospital.

In one fracas on 34th street negroes knocked two policemen unconscious and were drawing pistols when a group of discharged negro soldiers came to the rescue of the whites. In another battle soon after three policemen were shot. One may die.

In an effort to prevent quick dispatch of rifle-bearing policemen from one section to another, the negroes began cutting telegraph and telephone lines.

The blacks began firing on street car conductors and motormen when they refused to allow negro passengers to board their cars, because of threats made by white passengers. One conductor was reported shot.

Ambulance and patrol wagons threaded their way through the black belt throughout the early hours of the night.

A number of negroes crept into alleys and other dark places. When they were found they were hurried to the Provident hospital for colored which for several hours received a

PARKTON PARAGRAPHS.

Brick Arriving for New Presbyterian Church—New Garages—Trip to Bladen Union—Crops Damaged by Excessive Rains.

BY C. D. WILLIAMSON

Parkton, July 28.—Rev. W. L. Maness, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, closed his revival at Sandy Grove Saturday night and on Sunday started a protracted meeting at Morvin over in Cumberland county.

The first car load of brick for the new Presbyterian church arrived today and was unloaded on the grounds. This afternoon brick is being unloaded on the grounds west of the railroad for a new garage. The firm as we have been advised will be Hughes and Powell. Also Farrell and Burrell will at an early date start work on a garage near the first mentioned location. Thus our town some day will be blessed with plenty of garages.

The outlook now is bright for a cotton mill for our town. Everybody of our town and community should give it a send off and do all in our power to aid the good work. We have been sleeping long enough.

Mr. Erasmus Tolar of Wilmington came up Saturday night and is visiting friends.

Let's not forget—must mention my trip down to Bladen Union church Sunday afternoon. The occasion was children's day exercises. The program was started at about 8 o'clock p. m. and the people were there by a large majority. While the weather was very hot, we never have seen better attention. The order was perfect and the children did themselves proud in that not a single child blundered or fell down on the job. The committee that drilled and trained the children was: Miss Sadie Johnson, and this is enough said, for she just knows what to do with the children. The program was in charge of Mr. John Johnson and everything went off without a hitch or mistake. One of the features that was greatly enjoyed by every one was the inspiring singing of the Sunday school children, led by Mr. H. A. Hall of Hope Mills.

If any one should inquire, "Where is Bladen Union?" I would say it is on the map, one mile north of the thriving town of Tobermory, a splendid location and a prosperous farming section and I soon learned that that section admires The Robesonian, and they read it with interest. Had the pleasure of meeting my good friend and R. F. D. carrier of Tar Heel, Z. V. Tolar, and his interesting family. While our stay was brief, it was much enjoyed.

Mr. T. M. Blue expects to put in an up-to-date cotton gin, situated on a most convenient location. This means much to the cotton farmers.

The excessive rains have damaged cotton all over our section, at least as we see it now, fifty per cent, but corn is good. The wet weather and hot sun has put the melon crop out of business. Thus thousands of dollars have been lost in our immediate section. Also some damage to tobacco.

—Mr. Thompson Barnes, who lives 15 miles from Lumberton down Boardman way, sold tobacco on the Lumberton market Tuesday. He was well pleased. He got 51 cents the pound, clear of warehouse charges.

virtual procession of injured.

The more seriously wounded negroes received at the hospital had participated in a battle with whites near 35th and State streets. Several thousand of the blacks congregated at this point within a period of ten minutes. It was an orderly gathering for a time. Suddenly four maddened negroes raced up the street and surrounded the home of a white man. In a twinkling shots began to fire in all directions. Perhaps more than a score of negroes fell. Some were carried off by companions.

Chicago, July 30.—With four deaths and a score of persons wounded or beaten in continued rioting today between whites and negroes, police tonight were drawing a tight cordon about the south side negro area and other outlying sections where negroes are segregated, in the hope of averting further clashes.

While city and state authorities said they believed the situation somewhat relieved there was no relaxation of vigilance and every policeman who could be spared tonight was stationed in the danger zone.

Today's outbreaks were widely scattered. Of the four deaths, all of which were the result of shooting, two were shot today, the other two having been wounded in the rioting of Monday and Tuesday nights.

Tonight the official death list for four days showed 30, of whom 17 were negroes, two unidentified, and 13 whites, one unidentified.

Governor Lowden continued today to devote his time almost exclusively to the riots, as did Frank S. Dickson, adjutant-general of Illinois, and General Edward J. Brundage and they were joined today by Attorney Lieut. Gov. John G. Oglesby.

MUST HAVE BETTER ROADS AND SCHOOLS

Wishart's Great Need—Must Have Co-operation to Accomplish Anything—Tobacco Damaged by Rains.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Lumberton, R. 7, July 5.—We have very much that the road bonds were voted down as our roads are almost impassable and we need better roads. Also we hate to be the only township in the county to vote down the bonds. It doesn't look like a progressive step for the people to turn them down, our roads being in so bad shape as they are; but the truth of the thing is the way our tax money has been spent and squandered in the past, there is nothing encouraging to cause our people to vote for the bonds.

The old saying, a burnt child dreads fire, holds good in this case. The people have just not got the confidence—that's it. But nevertheless, some way or other we have just got to have better schools and better roads. I just hate to say it, but we are lagging behind with our schools and roads, especially the school that the writer is most interested in. It takes co-operation to have anything worth while. The people must pull in the same direction to accomplish anything. Suppose a man was to hitch one of his mules to each end of his wagon, how far would he get with his load? Each man must not only carry his own turn, but help his neighbor to carry his, if it be necessary, not for one to take the advantage of the other in their trades and dealings. Pull together.

We have in our schools a compulsory attendance law. Which ought to be strictly enforced for the benefit of the child, but it is not, on account of feelings that might exist between the parent and the enforcer. But our children must not be deprived of their education. We are living in an age that education is most essential to good citizenship, and we must as far as our means allow us to see that our children get it.

Crops in this section are looking nice. We are afraid the heavy rains will put cotton to shedding, otherwise it is growing nicely. Tobacco is damaged considerably by the rains. It is so full of sap it is hard to cure properly. The writer knows because he is having his experience with a barn of tobacco while he is writing this letter. I have been with a barn all this week and I generally get it cured out in from three to four days.

Prices are good on good tobacco but about one man in 5 has got good tobacco. So many are raising tobacco with no experience in handling and curing, that accounts for so much sorry tobacco; and another thing, a lot of the tobacco is diseased and you cannot cure it out properly. One extreme generally follows another, so I am afraid somebody is in a hole on the tobacco question.

SHELTON WEST.

PACIFIC FLEET IN PACIFIC WATERS

The Six Dreadnoughts Were Largest Ships That Ever Passed Through Panama Canal.

The Pacific fleet under command of Admiral Rodman is floating in Pacific waters.

Six dreadnoughts, led by the flagship New Mexico, on July 26th successfully negotiated the Panama canal—the largest ships that ever have passed through that waterway. The average time of passage for each warship from Colon to Balboa was 10 hours, eliminating anchorage time in Gatun lake.

"This is the biggest event in the history of the canal," said Governor Chester Harding, of the canal zone. "These dreadnoughts are the largest ships and this is the largest fleet ever to pass through the canal."

Saturday afternoon Admiral Rodman visited President Porras, of Panama, who congratulated the naval officer on his success in negotiating the canal. Approximately 3,600 sailors were given shore leave at Panama, and the city Saturday night celebrated the arrival of the fleet, which departed Sunday for San Diego.

Meeting of Days at Rennett.

Rennett, July 28.—Please announce in The Robesonian this week that Dr. S. J. Porter of Oklahoma City will be with the pastor in a meeting of days beginning about August 20th, including the 4th and 5th Sundays in August at Rennett Baptist church. All are invited to attend these meetings.

Revival Meeting at Regans.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Regans church is now in the midst of a series of revival meetings. Rev. S. E. Mercer is doing the preaching and doing it well. Service each day at 11 a. m. and 8:45 p. m. Public cordially invited to attend. Meeting will continue into next week. Come and bring your friends with you.

POSTMASTERS TO DISTRIBUTE FOOD

War Department Will Offer Surplus Stock Through Postoffices—Lot Totals 341,000,000 Pounds.

Washington Dispatch, July 30.

Through the postmasters of the country the war department tomorrow will offer direct to consumers its present available supply of surplus foodstuffs, amounting to approximately 341,000,000 pounds.

This surplus, consisting of canned vegetables and meats, is expected to be sold within a week at prices representing the cost to the government plus postage.

Arrangements for the sale of the foodstuffs, directed by a resolution passed yesterday by the house, were made today at a conference held by Secretary Baker with postoffice department officials and Representative Kelly of Pennsylvania, author of the resolution.

Secretary Baker at the close of the conference said a price list covering the entire surplus would be prepared at once by Assistant Secretary Crowell. This list, it was said at the postoffice department, would be sent out to each of the 54,000 postmasters of the country and to every rural route carrier.

The postmasters and carriers under arrangements made at the conference will act as government salesmen, informing interested consumers of the prices and methods of sale and taking orders for the foodstuffs. Payment will be made by buyers at the time the orders are given the postmasters and carriers, who will issue receipts which will be redeemable in cash in event of inability to fill the orders through exhaustion of the supply.

In accordance with the house resolution the foodstuffs will be distributed by parcel post and the prices to be quoted at each postoffice will represent the original cost of the foodstuffs to the government and the parcel post transportation charges from the nearest war department depot having the foodstuffs in storage. The prices quoted, officials said, would be considerably below the prevailing market prices.

While the amount of foodstuffs in each class has not been estimated, hearings before a house war investigating committee recently available showed the value of the surplus available July 8 to be approximately as follows:

Canned vegetables \$23,000,000
Corned beef 24,000,000
Bacon 23,000,000
Hashed corn beef 10,000,000
Roast beef 20,500,000
Fresh frozen meats and poultry 20,000,000

NEWS ITEMS FROM ORRUM.

Farmers Busy—Movements of the People.

BY W. JEROME STEPHENS.

Orrum, July 25.—Farmers of our section are very busy trying to save their tobacco and it seems to be bringing a profit.

Mrs. W. O. Britt of Laurinburg, formerly of our town, is visiting her niece Miss Mytte Lawson.

Sorry to report Mr. W. Y. Floyd on the sick list.

Miss Mytte Lawson of this city spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. H. Phillips of Boardman.

Mr. A. L. Lawson and son, Bart, were business visitors at Boardman Thursday.

Mr. Tom Nye, who was on the sick list for some time, has completely recovered.

Mr. Durham Stone of route 1, Orrum, who was in the U. S. navy for some time, has an honorable discharge and has returned home.

Mrs. Gregory Stephens and mother-in-law, Mrs. Giles Stephens, of Boardman, passed through our city en route to Fairmont and McDonald.

ASK CONGRESS TO INVESTIGATE WAVE OF MOB VIOLENCE.

Congressional investigation of the wave of mob violence and lynching throughout the United States was demanded in an "address to the nation," signed by former President Taft, officials of several Southern States and other nationally prominent citizens, made public Monday by the national association for the advancement of colored people.

"Patriotic citizens throughout the country feel the shame which lynchings have cast upon the nation, but they have assumed partial responsibility for this shame by their silence and their acquiescence," said the address. "The time has now come when citizens of the United States can no longer contemplate without protest the setting at naught of the fundamental principles upon which their citizenship is based."

The "address" recounts that in 1918 no less than sixty-seven persons were "done to death without trial or any process of law" and declares that it is well known that the innocent, with the guilty, "suffer the cruel inflictions of mob violence." A congressional investigation is urged so that "means may be found to end the scourge."

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BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—License has been issued for the marriage of Alfred Davis and Leila Bellamy.

—Mr. W. W. Whaley of Wilmington, formerly of Lumberton, has recently secured a patent for a safety device for aeroplanes and aviators.

—Mr. C. B. Edgeworth of Cheraw, S. C. has accepted a position as watchmaker in Mr. A. J. Holmes' jewelry store. He began work Tuesday.

—Mr. C. W. Sessions, of Howellsville township, was in town Tuesday and reported open cotton bolls on his place Monday. The first reported this year.

—Mrs. P. J. Smith of Clio, S. C., is spending some time here with her sister, Mrs. R. E. Lewis, who has been ill for several days at her home, North Elm street.

—Mariah Meares, colored, aged about 60 years, died suddenly Tuesday afternoon. "Aunt" Mariah was well-known and had many friends among the white people.

—Mrs. O. H. Bracey, manager of the millinery department of Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son, left Monday for New York for a stay of three weeks to study the new styles and buy goods.

—The story "The White Falcon", appearing in installments in The Robesonian does not end with the chapter published in today's paper, as indicated at the end of the chapter. Other chapters will follow.

—Mr. J. A. Sharpe, editor of The Robesonian, Mrs. Sharpe and their two children, Courtney and J. A. Jr., went yesterday to Wrightsville Beach where Mr. Sharpe is attending a meeting of the North Carolina Press association.

—Cash Watson, a young white boy who delivers groceries for Mr. C. B. Redmond, was bitten by a bird dog belonging to Mr. A. T. McLean Tuesday. Young Watson went to the McLean home to deliver a package and was in the yard when the dog attacked him.

—Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd would have less work to do if parties would use their marriage license after they buy them. He has had four license returned this month unused. What's the trouble, anyhow? Be sure everything is in readiness for the wedding before you get the license, please.

—Mr. H. H. Fielder, who has been conducting a studio in the opera house for several months, has purchased from Mr. Oscar Blackburn the studio formerly conducted by Mr. Blackburn on the second floor of the Carlyle building, Fifth street. Mr. Fielder will combine the two studios and move tomorrow into the building formerly occupied by Mr. Blackburn.

—Miss Ruth Reed of Grand Rapids, Mich., Miss Smith of Albia, Iowa, Mrs. Geo. A. Lipsley of Cathmere, N. D., Miss Katie Britt of Burgaw and Miss Mary Powers of Lumberton and Messrs. Nash Powers and Jesse Hamilton of Tampa, Fla., went today to Wrightsville Beach on a party. All the above named except Miss Powers have been visiting friends in and near Lumberton for several days.

Horse Killed in Runaway.

A fine horse belonging to Mr. J. H. Mangum, who buys tobacco on the Lumberton market for the Imperial Tobacco Co., killed himself early Tuesday morning when he ran away and fell on the sidewalk, corner Second and Chestnut streets. The horse was hitched to a dray and became frightened at a train near the V. & C. S. freight depot and ran up the street. The horse struck his head against the pavement when he fell and crushed his skull. He was dead in a short time. Lonnie Leach, colored, who drove the horse, was unloading a hoghead of tobacco when he started to run.

Limousine Flying Boat.

The first limousine flying boat of the Aero Limited started from New York recently, inaugurating the daily air passenger service between Manhattan and Atlantic City, N. J. Mrs. John A. Hoagland and Miss Ethel Hodges, of Dallas, Texas, were the first passengers carried by the company. Each passenger was permitted to carry the full limit of 35 pounds baggage. The flying boat is an aero-marine machine of 150 horsepower, capable of flying 75 miles an hour comfortably. It is made of mahogany, with cabin entirely enclosed, but allowing a view in every direction. It is believed the 105-mile trip will be covered in 90 minutes.

DR. WILLIAM W. PARKER EYE SPECIALIST

Office: National Bank of Lumberton Building.