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TOBACCO MARKETS CLOSED TEMPORARILY

Markets Will Re-Open as Soon as Conditions Will Admit.

DON'T BRING TOBACCO TO MARKET NOW

Railroads Can Accept Tobacco for Shipment Only Subject to Delay and Buyers Will Not Take the Weed—Conditions Expected to Improve Shortly.

The Lumberton tobacco market, as well as all other markets in the South Carolina belt, closed temporarily Friday on account of the nationwide strike of railroad employes. The markets will open again for the sale of leaf tobacco as soon as conditions become more nearly normal. Many strikers have returned to work since President Wilson's statement to the effect that nothing could be done toward settling difficulties until the men returned to work, and it is hoped that within a few days the strike will be over.

A call for a convention of representatives of striking railway shopmen was issued yesterday to be held in Chicago Thursday of this week to determine definitely what action shall be taken. The strike has been declared illegal by the international officers, in defiance of whom the Chicago district council of the Federated Railway Shopmen called the strike Aug. 1.

Warehousemen here do not think it wise for farmers to bring their tobacco to market until the freight embargo, which was placed on all except perishable food products last week, is lifted. The warehouses here are already about full.

Mr. A. P. Mitchell, local Seaboard agent, received instructions this morning to lift the embargo to the extent of receiving tobacco, subject to delay. The V. & C. S. received tobacco subject to delay up to Saturday. But buyers will not buy while tobacco is received by the railroads subject to delay, hence there is nothing to do but wait.

Sales will be put on as soon as possible, and The Robesonian will keep its readers advised.

SMALL BOYS ROB P. O.

Three Small Boys Charged With Robbing Postoffice at East Lumberton—Caught in Office By Postmaster Hamilton and Will Be Given Hearing This Afternoon.

Mack Haney, Wilbur Cox and Barney Tilley, white boys 13 and 14 years old, were caught in the Lumberton Cotton Mills store Thursday evening about dusk by Mr. E. L. Hamilton, who is also postmaster of East Lumberton, the postoffice being in the store. The postoffice was robbed last Monday night of \$17.37 after 11 o'clock. Mr. Hamilton waited in the office Thursday evening after closing time and soon the boys came from upstairs, where they had concealed themselves, and Mr. Hamilton phoned up town and Night Policeman Boyle went after the boys and brought them to the county jail, where they have been confined since.

Papers were sworn out this morning by Postmaster Inspector McNeill of Maxton, charging the boys with robbing the postoffice, and they will be given a preliminary hearing this afternoon at 2:30 before United States Commissioner E. M. Johnson.

CONCERT BY CLASS FROM ODD FELLOWS ORPHANAGE

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

The concert class from the Odd Fellows' orphanage, Goldsboro, will give a concert in the graded school auditorium at Lumberton next Thursday night, August 14th, beginning at 9 o'clock. If you cannot come out to hear them, buy some tickets and send the children. The admission will be 25 cents children and 50 cents adults.

There certainly is not a more worthy cause in this or any other country than that of helping little children who have no parents to bring them up, and training them to make useful men and women. Let's all do what we can for them, and do it cheerfully, remembering that we are helping those who cannot help themselves.

BEN G. FLOYD.

Road Meeting at Raft Swamp School

At Raft Swamp school house Thursday afternoon of this week at 4 o'clock (new time), a meeting will be held to discuss the road law. State Senator H. E. Stacy will explain the new road law permitting township attend this meeting, at which it is probable that a petition will be started for a road bond issue for Raft Swamp.

PRESIDENT DISCUSSES HIGH COST OF LIVING

Wilson Lays Before Congress Several Proposals For Checking Living Costs—High Prices Created in Many Cases "Artificially and Deliberately" by "Vicious Practices."

President Wilson said several specific proposals before Congress Friday for checking the high cost of living, but at the same time declared permanent results could not be expected until peace time bases were fully restored by ratification of the peace treaty.

High prices, the President told Congress, were not justified by shortage of supply, either present or prospective, but were created in many cases "artificially and deliberately" by "vicious practices." Retailers, he said, were responsible in large part for extortionate prices.

Strikes, the President warned the labor world, would only make matters worse, and those who sought to employ threats or coercion were only preparing their own destruction. Leaders of organized labor, the President said, he was sure would presently yield to second sober thought. "Illegal" and "criminal" were the words the President used in characterizing the methods by which some present-day prices have been brought about.

Present laws, he said, would be energetically employed to the limit to force out food hoards and meet the situation so far as possible but to supplement the existing statutes he specifically urged the following:

Licensing of all corporations engaged in interstate commerce, with specific regulations designed to secure competitive selling and prevent "unconscionable profits" in the method of marketing.

Extension of the food control act to peace times and the application of its provisions against hoarding to fuel, clothing and other necessities of life as well as food.

A penalty in the food control act for profiteering.

A law regulating cold storage, limiting the time during which goods may be held; prescribing a method of disposing of them if held beyond the permitted period and requiring that when released, goods bear the date of storage.

Laws requiring that goods released from storage for interstate commerce bear the selling prices at which they went into storage and requiring that all goods destined for interstate commerce bear the prices at which they left the hands of the producer.

Enactment of the pending bill for the control of security issues.

Additional appropriations for government agencies which can supply the public with full information as to prices at which retailers buy.

Early ratification of the peace treaty so that the "free processes of supply and demand" can operate.

Immediate steps by executive agencies of the government promised by the President included:

The limiting and controlling of wheat shipments and credits to facilitate the purchase of wheat in such a way as not to raise but rather to lower the price of flour at home.

Sale of surplus stocks of food and clothing in the hands of the government.

The forced withdrawal from storage and sale of surplus stocks in private hands.

General recommendations included:

Increase in production.

Careful buying by housewives.

Fair dealing with the people on the part of producers, middlemen and merchants.

That there be no threats and undue insistence upon the interest of a single class.

"Correction of many things," in the relation between capital and labor in respect to wages and conditions of labor.

In concluding the President made a plea for deliberate, intelligent action, reminding Congress that an unbalanced world was looking to the United States.

"We, and we alone," he said, "now hold the world steady. Upon our steadfastness and self-possession depend the affairs of nations everywhere. It is in this supreme crisis—that this crisis for all mankind—that America must prove her mettle."

WOULD PENSION JUDGES.

The North Carolina Bar association at its convention in Greensboro last week elected Judge W. P. Bynum of Greensboro president for the ensuing year. The lawyers passed a resolution recommending to the General Assembly the enactment of suitable legislation to permit judges of the Supreme and Superior courts to retire with pay at 70 year of age and at the end of 20 years service, these judges to be available for emergencies to hold courts by authority of the Governor.

Tobacco Barn Burned.

Mr. W. J. Smith, who lives near Lowe, lost a tobacco barn full of tobacco by fire Friday night.

STATE BOARD WILL APPOINT HEALTH OFFICER

Dr. McPhaul Has Accepted Position of Director of Rural Sanitation for Alabama—He Has Made An Efficient Officer—Public Health Work Will Continue in Robeson.

As stated in the last issue of The Robesonian, Dr. W. A. McPhaul, who has been health officer of Robeson for the past two years, has resigned, his resignation to go into effect September 1st, or as soon thereafter as his successor, who will be named by Dr. B. E. Washburn, State director of the State Board of Health, is appointed.

It was stated some time ago in The Robesonian that Dr. McPhaul had received an offer of a position in the same line of work from another State. He gives up his work here to accept the position of director of rural sanitation for the State of Alabama. This is a promotion which gives him a larger field, and it is on that account that he accepts the position. His headquarters will be at Montgomery and his office will be in the State Capitol. He will continue his work here until the first of September and hopes to be located with his family in his new home in Montgomery by the end of the month. Mrs. McPhaul and children will go direct from Wrightsville Beach, where they are spending the summer, to Montgomery.

Dr. McPhaul has made an efficient health officer. He is progressive and wide awake to the possibilities of public health work. Health work will continue in Robeson and no doubt the State Board of Health will see to it that a competent man is appointed to succeed Dr. McPhaul.

WAR DEPARTMENT READY TO SELL FOOD TO CONSUMERS

Sales to Individuals Through Parcels Post Will Be Inaugurated August 18th.

The War Department at Washington made public Friday a complete list of all subsistence stores available for sale to the public through the parcels post or through municipal selling agencies. Sales to municipalities at the new prices will begin as soon as the selling property officers at the various zone supply offices and depots have received the quotations made public Friday. Sales to individuals through the parcels post will be inaugurated August 18 and before that time all postmasters will have a price quotation list from which the consumer may order. Seventy-two food staples are summarized in the price list.

PERSONALS

Mr. S. J. Webb of Statesville is visiting friends here.

Mr. Preston Cashwell spent Sunday at Lumber Bridge.

Miss Iva Pearson of Dunn is a guest of Miss Lina Gough.

Mr. Giles Davis of Buie was a Lumberton visitor Saturday.

Mr. W. C. Townsend of Lowe was a Lumberton visitor this morning.

Mr. Raymond Rowan spent Sunday with home folks in the Smyrna section.

Mrs. A. R. Aydlotte of Charleston, S. C., is visiting her sister Mrs. J. H. Wishart, on East Fifth street.

Mr. J. S. Branch and mother, Mrs. Easter Branch, spent Sunday visiting friends and relatives at Tolarsville.

Miss Emily Barrington and Miss Carrie Farham spent yesterday with Miss Barrington's parents near Alma.

Miss Vashti White went Saturday evening to Rockingham to join a party of friends on a camping trip this week.

Miss Ida Blake, who spent a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Shelby, left last evening for Wilmington.

Miss Vivian McNeill returned home Saturday from Chapel Hill, where she spent a month attending summer school.

Miss Margaret Shelby of Laurinburg, spent the week-end visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Shelby.

Mr. Grover Brit, of The Robesonian's staff, went Saturday night to Wilmington and will return this evening or tomorrow morning.

Mr. J. Q. Parnell, wife and small daughter, Mary Lee, are spending the week visiting friends and relatives in and around Buie.

A fool negro, name unknown, en route to Rochelle, Ga., boasted on a train Tuesday that he was from Chicago and that the negroes of Georgia were going to do what Chicago negroes had done. Result: his body was found swinging from a small tree near Cochran, Ga., Tuesday. On the complaint of sensible negroes on the train the negro was taken off at Cochran and locked up, but later unidentified persons took him out and lynched him.

"EXTRA LEGAL" MEANS OF REACHING PROFITEERS

Atty.-Gen. Palmer Calls on State Food Administrators to Appoint a Fair-Price Committee in Each County—Will Find Out How Much Of H. C. of L. is Due to Excessive Profits by Retailers.

Attorney General Palmer started out yesterday to ascertain how much of the high cost of living is due to excessive profits by retailers, states a Washington dispatch.

In a telegram to all State food administrators who worked with Administrator Hoover during the war, the Attorney General requested the appointment of a fair price committee in each county to investigate what is being charged for retail necessities and if in excess of what the committee considers just, to publish a list of fair prices for the guidance of the public.

This is the "extra legal" means of reaching profiteering which Mr. Palmer recently indicated was under consideration. He has frankly admitted from the start that there was no means to prosecute directly a man guilty of extortion in prices. Retailers who are gouging the ultimate consumer will have to be disciplined by public sentiment, which officials have no doubt is sufficiently alert to the situation now to act vigorously in clear-cut cases.

Hoarders, on the other hand, can be reached through the wartime food laws or the Sherman act, and Mr. Palmer requested the State food administrators to transmit to him any evidence of hoarding or other violations of the law which they might encounter in their work, with the promise that the government's law enforcement machinery would act promptly.

PROPOSED MILITARY POLICY \$900,000,000 ANNUALLY.

March Tells Senate Committee That Would Be Cost of Training Boys and Maintaining Army.

The permanent military policy recommended by the War Department involving, under revised estimates, a standing peace army of 576,000 and universal military training for youths of 19 years of age, would cost the country \$900,000,000 annually, Gen. Peyton C. March, chief of staff, Thursday told the Senate military sub-committee considering army legislation.

Of the \$900,000,000 which the program would cost, General March said, \$798,600,000 would be required for the upkeep of the proposed standing army while three months' intensive training for 19-year-old youths would cost \$94,066,500 annually. He estimated the per capita cost for this training at \$144.75.

The chief of staff asserted that the present time was most appropriate for inauguration of a system of military training inasmuch as military camps were in readiness over the country and also the necessary equipment. He said that when universal military training first was considered by a committee of the general staff nine months' training was recommended, but this later was reduced to seven. In the belief that a form of training should be adopted that would create the least disturbance to the body politic, the training period upon his recommendation, he said, was reduced finally to three months.

WHY PREACH TO EMPTY PEWS, ASKS DR. REISNER

New York, Aug. 9.—How can ministers of the gospel content themselves with preaching to empty pews? Pews do not need to be converted—such a question is asked by Dr. Christian F. Reisner, president of the Church Advertising department of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World.

"I have never seen a church advertise without building up a good attendance," he said, today, "and considering that fact in connection with the fact that it does not pay to preach to empty pews, one would wonder that more churches are not employing paid advertising space."

In speaking of the church advertising conference which will be held in connection with the world convention of advertising, at New Orleans, Sept. 21 to 25, Dr. Reisner predicted an annual interest, because he said the original objection to the use of advertising by the church—that it tended to rob the church of its dignity—had fallen, especially since the Government has employed advertising so widely and with such marked success, to help win the war.

"The church must sell itself by advertising," said the minister. "It must meet the competition of Sunday golf and automobiling. If we accept the statement made recently to the effect that 50 million people do not go to church we may then consider every other person a possible customer."

Messrs. Anderson and Luther Taylor of R. 7, Lumberton, were Lumberton visitors Thursday.

DISTINGUISHED WAR SERVICES OF RED CROSS IN NORTH CAROLINA

It is Planned to Raise \$500,000 to North Carolina Citizens.

Raleigh, August, 9.—Some figures on the distinguished war services of the Red Cross in North Carolina were produced when the North Carolina Memorial Building commission requested statistics from the headquarters of the Southern Division in Atlanta.

"Tell us what the Red Cross did in this State," the commission asked, planning to raise \$500,000 in North Carolina for a memorial to all North Carolina citizens who gave their lives, services and property to the end that the war might be won.

The figures will go in the campaign handbook of the commission. Some of them follow:

The Red Cross organization in North Carolina included 126 chapters, 360 branches and 250 auxiliaries, with a membership increasing from 166,626 in June, 1918, to 1,148,926 in Jan. 1919. Of the 126 chapters, 120 have reported the organization of that vastly important department, a Home Service section.

In the second Red Cross War Fund drive alone, the North Carolina Red Cross collected \$1,135,501.29. Under the head of "chapter production" in the war service, the North Carolina chapters produced the following from October 1917 to July, 1919:

Surgical dressings, 1,930,675; hospital garments, 102,014; refugee garments, 44,646; knitting, 99,674; miscellaneous, 155,471.

The Home Service record of the North Carolina Red Cross was particularly distinguished. Since October, 1917, 22,599 families in that State have been assisted by the Home Service section in various ways, and \$29,309.47 has been given or lent in money relief to those families.

BROAD RIDGE BREEZES.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Broad Ridge, (Orrum, R. 1), Aug. 5.—Farmers in this section are about done curing tobacco. I guess they will be sorry to get done selling, as it is bringing a good price.

Rev. W. A. Coleman filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday and preached three good sermons.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McLean of Lumberton and Mr. and Mrs. Grady Lawson of Long Branch attended preaching here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Britt and three children of Mt. Elim attended preaching here Sunday, also Messrs. Jerome and Henry Stephens and Miss Mary and Mr. Woodie Stephens of Orrum.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Stephens and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Stephens of Mt. Elim attended preaching here Sunday.

Miss Nannie Lloyd of Lumberton spent the week-end visiting at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Swain Britt.

There is prayer meeting at Broad Ridge church every Sunday evening. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

Best wishes to The Robesonian.

HOME FROM THE WAR.

St. Pauls Messenger: Private William Parnell of the A. E. F., returned home Thursday. He has been in active service in France, having joined the old Lumber Bridge company, and was on the Mexican border for some time before going to France. William is proud of his war experience.

Maxton Scottish Chief: Mr. Wayne Williams, the last of the Maxton boys to return from overseas, arrived home Monday evening and received a warm welcome from his host of friends. So far as we remember at this writing this brings back home all of Maxton's brave sons who went over to restore freedom to the people of the world. Mr. Jule McKellar, of the S. S. Rhode Island, arrived with his discharge yesterday. He has been overseas several times.

Decided to Serve With the "Big Guns." To the Editor of The Robesonian.

William M. Sykes, age 19, son of Mrs. Ellize Sykes of R. F. D. 1, Lumberton, was recently accepted for enlistment in the Coast Artillery corps for three years at the Wilmington army recruiting station.

Young Sykes, who was employed by Neal M. Woodcock Co. at Wilmington, decided to serve with the "big guns" and take advantage of the excellent vocational training that can be obtained in the Coast Artillery branch.

E. H. GAUERKE, 2nd Lieut. F. A., A. R. O. Wilmington, N. C., Aug. 9, 1919.

Mr. F. J. Ivey of Orrum was a Lumberton visitor Friday.

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BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Mrs. E. D. Stone, who lives on Second street is very sick.

—Mr. Walter Lee Jenkins has accepted a position in the Grantham Brothers' drug store.

—Mr. W. W. Rogers of R. 4, Lumberton, sold 200 pounds of tobacco on the local market Thursday at 67c the pound.

—Mr. Haynes Collins, a returned soldier from overseas, has accepted a position in the Lumberton Barber shop. He began work this morning.

—A class from the Odd Fellows Orphanage of Goldsboro will give a concert in the graded school auditorium here Thursday evening of this week.

—Did you ever see three cantaloupes in one? Mr. W. McK. Glover of the Buie section sent three cantaloupes joined closely together to town Thursday.

—Mr. J. T. McIntyre, who has been a salesman in Mr. John T. Biggs store for some time, has accepted a position in the new furniture store of D. G. Best & Son.

—Mr. M. G. McKenzie returned Saturday from Jackson Springs, where he spent a week. He says the place was crowded all the time he was there and he is enthusiastic about the crops, especially corn, along the way.

—Mr. W. D. Prevatt of the St. Pauls section was advised last week that his son, Mr. Manley Prevatt, had left Germany, where he was a member of the army of occupation, and would soon return to the States. He was attached to the second army.

—Mr. W. H. Shooter of Lumberton has recently been advised that his son, W. B. Shooter, has been commissioned as lieutenant in the army and attached to the faculty of Staunton military academy of Staunton, Va., as tactical instructor. Lieut. Shooter has been in the army some four years.

—Rev. J. I. Stone of Shallotte is a Lumberton visitor today. He stopped over last night on his way home from Raleigh, where he attended a conference on the Baptist \$75,000,000 campaign, to visit his son, Mr. Willie Stone, who lives in Britt township, 8 miles from Lumberton. He will leave for Shallotte tonight.

—Wade H. Kinlaw of the Lumberton bar has been appointed Chairman of the Roosevelt Memorial Fund campaign for Robeson county. He was appointed by United States Judge Jetter C. Pritchard, who is State chairman. Mr. Kinlaw suggests that all who desire to share in this honor send or contribute in their names with their contributions so that proper record may be made of the matter.

—A dispatch from Waynesville from Mrs. J. P. Brown of Fairmont says: "W. I. Linkhaw (of Lumberton) is with us and we are having the time you dream about. Send paper to Dr. Brown. Will write letter." Last year Mr. Linkhaw went to the mountains with Dr. Brown and Mrs. Brown wrote one of her always-entertaining letters about how the party went upon a high mountain and hung over tall cliffs by their eyebrows, et cetera, et cetera, and Robesonian readers will look forward to other letters from Mrs. Brown.

—How did the 'possum get in the biddie coop? That is a question that Messrs. J. Q. Parnell and C. A. Crump have been unable to answer. It was during the wee sma' hours Friday night that they were awakened at the home about a mile east of town by a hen and her brood. They rushed to the scene and found that the 'possum had entered a coop that looked to be absolutely possum proof and killed all the biddies and had partly picked the mother. Of course they found Mr. 'possum guilty of first degree murder and he paid the death penalty without delay.

A New Day Has Dawned For Bladen.

If the Clarkton Journal is not mistaken, every township in Bladen county has now voted bonds for good roads, except one. Certainly that is a splendid record for Bladen. It is evidence also that a great change has taken place in that county in the last dozen years. Ten years ago nothing short of a miracle could have induced the people of one-half the townships to vote bonds for roads. As the Journal says, bad roads have been the greatest drawback to progress. But a new day has dawned in Bladen, rich in undeveloped resources, which with the advent of a system of good roads will soon be developed.—Charlotte Observer.

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