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TOBACCO MARKET MAY OPEN AGAIN NEXT MONDAY.

Strike Situation is Clearing Up—Farmers Advised Not to Rush Tobacco on Markets Too Fast When Sales Are Put on Again. Present indications are that the Lumberton tobacco market, as well as the other markets in the South Carolina belt which have been closed since Friday of last week on account of the nation-wide strike of railroad employees, will open again for the sale of tobacco Monday of next week. The strike situation is gradually clearing up, many of the strikers having returned to work and others returning daily, and it is thought all the strikers will be back on the job in the next two or three days. It is the opinion of local railroad men and the tobacco warehousemen that conditions will have cleared by Monday so that all the tobacco buyers will be on the markets again. It will be well, however, if the farmers do not rush their tobacco on the market too fast when the warehouses reopen for a few days. The Robesonian will keep its readers posted as to the developments in the situation.

IMPORTANT NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN FIGHT TO REDUCE H. C. OF L.

Retail Grocer Fined \$500 for Selling Sugar at 15 Cents a Pound—Palmer Wants to Extend Food Control Provisions to Clothing. Important new developments in the government's fight to reduce the high cost of living came yesterday, states a Washington dispatch. One of the most interesting was the announcement by Attorney General Palmer that the first Federal contention for profiteering had been obtained. District Attorney Lucy telegraphed from Binghamton, N. Y., that a retail grocery had been fined \$500 for selling sugar at 15 cents a pound. No details were given and the law under which the case was brought was not known here. "A few good cases of profiteering in each state will settle that trouble," remarked Mr. Palmer. In order to bring to book persons guilty of raising prices exorbitantly or hoarding food to advance prices, Mr. Palmer submitted to the agriculture committee of Congress the draft of an amendment to the food control act extending its provisions to clothing and containers of foods and feeds, and providing for a penalty of \$5,000 fine or two years imprisonment or both for violation of the law. Chairman Haugen, of the House committee, announced that the amendment would be considered immediately by a sub-committee and that a report might be made today.

STREET SPIELERS BLOCKED

Ordinance Aimed at Stopping Practicing of Giving Entertainments and Selling Goods in Streets. An ordinance was passed by the mayor and board of town commissioners at a special meeting Monday afternoon making it unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to use any paved street in the town for the purpose of conducting entertainments, selling patent medicines or any other articles or to engage in such within forty feet of any paved street. Any person, firm or corporation convicted of such an offense will be liable to a fine of not more than \$50 or imprisonment of not more than 30 days. Many street spielers have been on the job in Lumberton since the tobacco market opened, which resulted in the above ordinance being passed.

YOUTHFUL POSTOFFICE ROBBERS BOUND TO COURT; GIVE BOND

Burney Tilley, Mack Haney and Wilbur Cox, aged 13 and 14 years, were bound over to the Federal court on the charge of robbing the East Lumberton postoffice, by United States Commissioner Monday afternoon. Their bonds were fixed at \$50 each, which they made. As was stated in Monday's Robesonian, the three boys were caught in the Lumberton Cotton Mills store by Mr. E. L. Hamilton, who is also postmaster of East Lumberton, the postoffice being in the store, about dusk Thursday evening of last week. The postoffice was robbed of \$17.37 Monday night of last week, and the boys admitted the theft.

—Rev. Dr. G. E. Moorehouse, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, has been granted a month's vacation and left Monday evening for St. Petersburg, Fla., where he will spend ten days, after which he will return to Asheville. Mrs. Moorehouse and their daughter, Miss Christable Moorehouse, will join Dr. Moorehouse at Asheville, where they will remain until early in September, when they will return home.

RED SPRINGS NEWS ITEMS.

Flora Macdonald Has Promise of Very Successful Year—Newspaper Will Be Started Again Soon—Picnic August 30—Personal Mention. Correspondence of The Robesonian. Red Springs, Aug. 12.—Dr. and Mrs. J. L. McMillan are off on a ten days vacation at Brevard. Mr. J. H. McKay spent several days last week at Southport. Mrs. Ann McGeachy is out from Fayetteville on a visit to her niece Mrs. J. C. McPhail. Rev. John Moore's many friends are glad to greet him on our streets again. He is spending some time with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Moore. Miss Katie Brown spent the weekend at Wrightsville Beach. Misses Altie Marsh and Ruth Covington left Tuesday for a two-weeks' stay in New York city. Dr. B. F. McMillan and family are spending August in Saluda. Mrs. F. C. Vaughn of Ardulsa spent the week-end with her sister Mrs. J. H. McKay. Miss Flora Boyce of Raleigh is on a visit to Mrs. D. P. McEachern. Miss Bess Jones is home from Norfolk on a ten-days' visit. She was accompanied by two friends, Misses Jane Norman and Nellie. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Purcell and Miss Louise Purcell are in Elkin on a visit to Mrs. A. M. Smith. Messames Adams and McIlwaine of Bennettsville are spending some time in town. Mr. and Mrs. A. T. McCallum and Mrs. Lou Fulmore have gone to Montreat for the rest of the summer. The college has a promise of a very successful year. For some time past Mr. Dupuy has been obliged to refuse admission to any more students, while the homes near the college have all let vacant rooms to accommodate the overflow. There is a rumor to the effect that Red Springs is soon to have a newspaper once more. Speed the day! But, brethren, let's don't change the name. It has been "The Citizen" for many a long year and the majority of us would feel as though we had lost an old familiar friend were we to have handed to us the "Scotch Scion," or some such sheet, instead of the Red Springs Citizen. No doubt it's to be a much better paper than ever before, but it isn't necessary, you know, to change your name when you get a new dress. A word about the big picnic. By error the date was set in last week's paper for the 18th. It is to come off, instead, the 5th Saturday, which is the 30th. Keep the date in mind and also the dinner basket.

WELCOME HOME FOR SOLDIERS AND ANNUAL PICNIC

Great Celebration Will Be Held at Red Springs August 30th. Correspondence of The Robesonian. Red Springs, Aug. 12.—Since April there have been celebrations throughout the county for our returned soldiers, but Red Springs is saving the best for the last. Naturally a combination of welcome home and the old annual picnic can't possibly be excelled. Those of us fortunate enough to have attended the old "annuals" realize that fact and those of us who missed them are anxious to find out. So in consequence we'll all be there on Saturday Aug. 30th. The program for the day's entertainment has not yet been announced but suffice it to say that there will be something doing all right. And don't forget to bring along that lunch basket, thus contributing your bit towards making it a perfect day.

FOODSTUFFS SEIZED BY DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AGENTS

More than a million eggs, hundreds of thousands of tins of canned goods and about 30,000 pounds of sugar figured in a seizure of foodstuffs at Tampa, Fla., yesterday by Department of Justice agents operating under Federal district attorney. Six wholesale concerns were served with papers libeling huge stocks of goods, the charge being that the goods so libeled are being held for an advance in prices.

STRIKE OF RAILROAD SHOPMEN OFFICIALLY CALLED OFF.

The strike of allied railroad shopmen in the southeast was officially called off at a convention in Atlanta Tuesday of representatives of the various unions. Decision to end the strike pending the adjustment of matters by President Wilson and Director General Hines came in the form of a resolution which was unanimously adopted. The men were ordered to return to work this (Tuesday) morning.

Mr. H. B. Israel of Lumberton, R. 5, is among the visitors in town today.

PARKTON NEWS LETTER.

Last of Boys Home From Overseas—Preparing For New Cotton Mill—New Garages Started—Union Tent Meeting Begins Aug. 20—A Bad Auto Wreck—Tobacco Barns Burned—A New Species of Mosquito That Wears a Gas Mask—Other Items. BY C. D. WILLIAMSON. Parkton, Aug. 11.—Our good friend Henry B. Culbreth arrived home today from Germany. He spent about seven months in Germany and he is like all the other boys—glad to get home. He is in the best of health, says he has not been sick a day since he left home. This is the last of our boys to be discharged from Uncle Sam. Mrs. Chappel and daughter, Miss Browning, of Aberdeen, are spending a few days with friends in town. Miss Louise Garris is on a visit to relatives and friends in Charlotte. Messrs. Claud Jernigan and Carl Lancaster spent last week at Jackson Springs; returned home today and report a lovely time. The Parkton Cotton Mills Co. held its first business meeting Tuesday evening. Below we give proposed officers and directors: A. R. McEachern, president; directors—J. D. McRaney, J. G. Hughes, A. H. Perry, J. M. Butler, W. D. Johnson, Mr. Williams of Rex, L. E. Hughes, Murphy McMillan, Dr. D. S. Currie and probably others. A charter will be applied for shortly and every step will be taken to promote the cause. We believe these men mean business. The foundation of two brick garages have been laid and the work will progress rapidly, we presume. The next and greatest thing of interest will be the union tent meeting Aug. 20th to 30th, conducted by Rev. J. W. Ham of Atlanta, Ga., hours 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. You are cordially invited to attend and to bring others with you. Our town and community have been looking forward for several months to this union meeting and no doubt a successful meeting will result. The tent will be put up on the graded school grounds. Reader, if you never were scared, you take part in an automobile wreck you will likely get scared. On Sunday night a week ago, this scribe, his brother and family, were on their way from Regans church, where we all attended services and enjoyed an able sermon by Rev. S. E. Mercer, and after services enjoyed greeting several of our old acquaintances. We boarded our Ford for Parkton and at 11:40 p. m. were met by a car of like manner loaded with three young men from one of neighboring towns, and good friends, too, but the road was not wide enough for his Ford's struck hubs, and the cars were badly crippled, and the entire crews of the said Fords were hurled to the ground, and others thrown several feet in the air and landed in the thicket. This was some wreck, but fortunately none of us was killed. No one was very seriously hurt, but stove up to some extent. Mr. J. D. McRaney was immediately informed of the serious trouble and played the good Samaritan and within an hour's time landed us at the residence of Dr. D. S. Currie, where the wounds were dressed and by 2:30 we were safely at home and very thankful it was no worse. But you ask how about the cars? Well, they are still in the hospital, but will soon be out again, we trust. The wreck occurred about two or three miles north of St. Pauls on the Lumberton road. There was a successful sunbeam rally program at the Baptist church last night. Mr. Emory Monroe of McColl, S. C., spent Sunday in our town with relatives. He spent twelve months overseas and can tell something of Europe. He was in Germany seven months. Mr. Warren Ratley, of Fairmont, was a caller in town Sunday afternoon, also Mr. J. W. Williamson of St. Pauls spent a few hours with home folks. Our community was blessed with a splendid rain Friday evening and now cotton is looking some better. Fodder-pulling is in progress. Mr. Gordon Britt lost a barn loaded with fine tobacco Friday evening during the rain. Loss \$400 or \$500. Also Mr. Z. T. McMillan lost a tobacco barn full of the weed Friday night. If some one will send recipe for removal of mosquitoes we would graciously thank you, as they have tormented us for more than a week. Our county physician should take a trip up our way and investigate. This is no joke. There seems to be a new kind this year. We call them the German mosquitoes. You may smoke them away one night and the next night they come with there gas masks and they never care for the smoke any more. Screens do not turn them away. Mrs. E. B. Daniel was taken to a Richmond, Va., hospital a few days ago for treatment and we learn a successful operation, and now she is improving and will soon return home.

EAST ROBESON INSTITUTE.

Quarterly Meeting Will Be Held With Antioch School 5th Sunday. Correspondence of The Robesonian. The quarterly meeting of the East Robeson institute will be held with the Sunday school at Antioch Baptist church the 5th Sunday in August beginning at 10 o'clock a. m. (old time). The program will be as follows: 10 a. m.—Meeting called to order by president. Prayer by president, Rev. L. E. Dailley. 10:15 a. m.—Welcome address by Mr. A. E. Israel, superintendent of Antioch Sunday school. 10:20 a. m.—Response by Mr. L. E. Tyler of Raft Swamp Sunday school. 10:25 a. m.—Song, "Stand up for Jesus," by the several schools. 10:30 a. m.—Roll call of schools and letters read from each school giving names of delegates and speakers from each school. Antioch school speaker, Mr. Pope Pittman; music furnished by Antioch school. Cedar Grove speaker, Mr. W. H. Bullock; music by school. Raft Swamp speaker, L. P. Odum; music by school. East Lumberton speaker Mr. A. Huggins; music by school. 11:30 a. m.—The principal feature of the morning service will be a Sunday school address by Prof. I. F. Britt, subject, "Qualification of teachers." 12:10 p. m.—Song, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone," by the several schools. 12:30 p. m.—Location of next quarterly meeting and other business. 12:30 p. m.—Intermission of one hour. 1:30 p. m.—Song service conducted by Mr. Willie Prevatt of Raft Swamp. Prayer by Mr. William Barnes of East Lumberton. The several Lumberton Schools will have three rounds of music each, and special song services by the children is earnestly requested. EVANDER D. SPONE, Chairman Program Committee.

HOME FROM THE WAR.

Mr. Nathaniel Spivey recently returned home from Germany, having been a member of the army of occupation on the Rhine for several months. He spent more than a year overseas. Lieut. Geo. W. Thorndyke is spending a few days' furlough here with relatives and friends. Lieut. Thorndyke recently returned to the States from Germany. He spent two years overseas and is now stationed at Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Ga.

PERSONALS

Mr. E. C. Nye of Crrum is in town today. Mr. E. D. Pittman of R. 3, Lumberton visitor Tuesday. Mr. W. H. M. Brown of Buie was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday. Mr. Richard Prevatt of R. 3, Lumberton, was a Lumberton visitor yesterday. Mr. D. C. Lowe of R. 2, Lumberton, was among the visitors in town Tuesday. Mr. C. W. Byrd of R. 5, Lumberton, was among the visitors in town yesterday. Mr. W. F. Howell of R. 6, Lumberton, was a caller at The Robesonian office Tuesday. Mrs. W. L. Norwood and little grand-daughter, Mary Lawrence, left Tuesday morning for Brevard, where they will spend some time. Mrs. Irvin Jenkins and daughter, Miss Mattie, returned Monday night from an extended trip to Cheraw, S. C., and Mt. Vernon Springs. Mrs. E. R. Barnes of Barnesville is spending some time at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Barnes, Chestnut street. Mr. R. A. Moore returned home Monday night from Lindsay, California, where he spent about three months visiting his brother, Mr. G. B. Moore. Mrs. G. E. Moorehouse and daughter, Miss Christabel Moorehouse, returned this morning from Laurinburg, where they spent some time visiting relatives. Miss Caldonia Pickett and little sister, Lillie Lake Pickett, of Durham, arrived yesterday and will spend some time visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Holmes, Sixth and Pine streets. Miss Emma Lou Moore returned yesterday to her home at Dillon, S. C., after spending several days here visiting at the home of Mrs. Sue McLeod. She was accompanied by Miss Julia Bethea, who will spend some time at Dillon visiting friends. Mr. and Mrs. John Suter, Jr., and small daughter, Mary Beaman, of New Barn, arrived Tuesday night and are guests at the home of Mrs. Suter's father, Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman, at the Methodist parsonage. Another small daughter, Dudley, has been here for some time. Mr. Suter will return home tomorrow. Children's story hour tomorrow afternoon at 6 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Alf. H. McLeod. Mr. Carey McDonald of R. 2, St. Pauls, received \$555.60 for just part of one barn of tobacco that he sold on Lumberton market Monday of this week. Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd has issued license for the marriage of Luther Hardin and Carrie Wilgobay; also Rozzer and Pearie Callihan; Leon Johnson and Vinata Harris; Jesse Brigan and Susan Britt; Bundy Powers and Euphina Jones.

TREND IS TOWARD AGREEMENT

Administration Forces Said to Be Willing to Line Up When Score of Republican Senators Pleige Vote For Reservations. The trend toward agreement on reservations in the peace treaty, states a Washington dispatch, reached the stage yesterday where the group of Republican Senators advocating reservations received assurances which they accepted as guaranteeing Democratic assent to their program. Word received by members of the group, it was said, stated that as soon as the yeould pledge a score of Republican votes for reservations to the league of nations covenant along the line recently agreed on by seven Republican Senators, the administration forces in the Senate would be willing to line up on that basis for ratification of the treaty. There was an intimation also that the reservationists had reason to believe their ranks eventually would include Senator Lodge, chairman of the foreign relations committee and Republican leader in the Senate. Twenty Republicans, it was declared, would be enough with the administration Democrats to make up the two-thirds necessary for ratification. The program on which it is sought to unite these elements contemplates reservations to further protect the Monroe doctrine, to insure domestic control over domestic questions, to amplify the right of withdrawal, and to fortify the power of Congress to decide questions of peace or war under article 10.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

12th and Chestnut Streets. Correspondence of The Robesonian. While your pastor is away come and worship with us. In this period of reconstruction when we are using every possible means to realize the universal brotherhood of mankind, let us start in our religious and church life by putting the teachings of Christianity into practice and not be Christian brothers in name only. Forget our differences in doctrine and worship. Cast away our prejudices and let us follow the example of our dear Master. We are always mighty glad to see you and anxious to make you feel that it was worth your coming. Come and bring your friends. Evening prayer and short sermon at 8:30 p. m. Special music next Sunday night by Mr. Murphy McLean, violinist, and Miss Agnes McLean, accompanist. Everybody welcome.

WAR DEPARTMENT WILL SELL PUBLIC 2 MILLION BLANKETS

Offering to the public of 2,000,000 surplus all-wool cotton-and-wool, and cotton blankets was announced Monday by the War Department, arrangements having been completed for their distribution through post-office and municipal channels on the same plan as that adopted for food-stuffs. For individual purchasers, prices will be \$6 for new wool blanket and \$5 for reclaimed wool; \$5 for new cotton-mixed and \$3.50 for reclaimed; \$3 for new cotton, and \$1.25 for reclaimed cotton. The reclaimed, it is explained, are blankets used less than a year, which have been renovated and laundered.

APPLE CIDER MAY BE MADE AND SOLD AS OF YORE

A Washington dispatch states that apple growers in North Carolina may make cider and offer it for sale. Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer has ruled that apple cider is not a vinous liquor and that the farmer who can afford to pay the tax when sold as wine or when bottled and sold as a soft drink may proceed without any legal restrictions.

POLICE TURN ON CURRENT.

Electricians employed by the Southern Public Utilities Co. went on strike at Charlotte Tuesday in sympathy with street car men, who went on strike Sunday in Charlotte, Winston-Salem and Anderson, S. C., they pulled out switches to cut off Charlotte and that entire section from electric current. Under order of Mayor McNinch a police squad went to the power plant and promptly threw the switches back into place.

An appropriation of \$500,000 for investigation of the increased cost of living by the Federal Trade commission was asked of Congress Tuesday by Acting Chairman Murdock of the commission in a letter to Speaker Gillett. Funds for the commission already authorized are insufficient to conduct the proposed inquiry, the letter said.

Mrs. J. T. Singletary and her sister, Miss Adlie Mitchell, of Hillcrest farm, and Miss Kathlene Cottingham of McColl, S. C., who is visiting Miss Mitchell, were Lumberton visitors Monday afternoon.

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BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Concert by class from Odd Fellows orphanage at Goldsboro in high school auditorium this evening at 8:30. —All members of Lumbree tent No. 18, Maccabees, are urged to attend a special meeting of the tent tomorrow evening. Refreshments will be served. —Miss Leila Davis of Bladenboro has accepted a position as cashier in the grocery department of Mr. L. H. Caldwell's department store. She began work yesterday. —A Raleigh man is contemplating opening an ice cream factory in some good town and is making inquiry about the possibilities of Lumberton. If he is hunting a good town, this is the place. —Lumberton's graded and high schools will open for the fall term on Sept. 9 or 16. The date will perhaps be determined in time for definite announcement in the next issue of The Robesonian. —Mr. E. L. Hanna, former chief of police here, is here for the purpose of shipping his furniture to Red Springs, where he has accepted a position as chief of police. He will begin work at Red Springs Monday. —Mr. Jack Greene arrived yesterday from New Orleans to spend a week here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Greene. He is on the staff of the New Orleans Item, the largest afternoon daily in the South. —Messrs. John F. French, W. F. Edwards, J. S. Cox and A. V. G. Wishart spent yesterday in Charlotte. They went to Charlotte to witness a double-header ball game between Charlotte and Spartanburg. The Charlotte team won both games. —The East Carolina Realty Co. of Lumberton has recently been chartered with an authorized capital of \$50,000, with \$25,000 paid in by Messrs. Robt. E. Lee, J. A. Carlyle, E. E. Page, and Dr. T. F. Costner. The new corporation will buy and sell real estate. —Misses Ollie and Addie Biggs returned today to their home at Antioch, Hoke county, after spending a week here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wright J. Prevatt, Second and Seneca streets. Their brother, Mr. W. L. Biggs, came for them today, making the trip in his auto. —Mr. E. S. Kinlaw and daughter, Miss Marjoline, of R. 1 from Lumberton, were Lumberton visitors Monday. Mr. Kinlaw was very much pleased with prices he got for tobacco on the local market Monday at the last sales before the market closed temporarily until the freight situation should improve. —Prof. W. H. Cale, superintendent of the Lumberton graded and high schools, Mrs. Cale and their children, Masters John and William and little Miss Agnes, arrived home Tuesday night from Winton, Hertford county, where they spent some time at the home of Mrs. Cale's mother. Prof. Cale also visited Chapel Hill during the summer school. They made the trip in their auto. —Mr. Jno. A. McLeod, assistant county health officer, is making a sanitary survey of the town. He began the work Monday and when he has completed his work here a report of conditions will be made to the mayor and board of commissioners. Mr. McLeod has already made a like survey of a number of Robeson towns. —Mr. E. J. Britt, county attorney, and Mr. C. B. Townsend, a member of the board of county commissioners, went yesterday to Wrightsville Beach to attend the good roads meeting, which opened yesterday and will close tomorrow. Mr. J. G. Prevatt of the Back Swamp section also left yesterday for Wrightsville to attend the meeting. —Mr. Owen C. Deese received a wire this morning advising that his brother-in-law Mr. John Jones is sick with fever at Charleston, S. C. Mrs. Jones and their small daughter, Miss Mary Julia, went last Saturday to Charleston, where Mr. Jones makes headquarters on his run as a railroad engineer, to spend some time. Mrs. Deese expected to leave tomorrow for Charleston but may postpone her visit on account of the illness of Mr. Jones. —Prof. A. H. Flowers left Tuesday for Palmetto, Fla., of the city schools of which place he is supervising principal. He attended the summer school at Chapel Hill and arrived here Sunday night from Goldsboro with his small daughter, Virginia Lee, whose mother died at Palmetto last fall and who lives with her grandmother, Mrs. J. R. Sauls, near Goldsboro. Prof. Flowers carried his daughter back to Goldsboro before going to Palmetto.

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