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TOBACCO MARKET RE-OPENS

Big Sales On All Floors After Being Closed a Week.

PRICES HIGH AS BEFORE

Warehouses Will Remain Open Until Crop is Sold—Farmers Urged Not to Rush Tobacco to Market Too Fast.

The Lumberton tobacco market reopened today with a big sale after being closed for a week on account of the strike of railroad workers. The strikers returned to work last week and the embargo on tobacco was lifted Saturday.

The three large sales warehouses here were filled with tobacco today and prices are as high as (some think higher than) when the market was temporarily closed a week ago. The buyers are all back on the job and seem anxious for the tobacco being offered. The warehouses will remain open until the crop has been sold and the warehousemen are urging the farmers not to rush their tobacco on the market faster than it can be handled.

Other warehouses throughout the South Carolina belt, all of which were closed last week, re-open today.

SCHOOL BEGINS SEPT. 9.

Fall Term of Local Schools Will Open Second Tuesday in September—Several New Teachers.

The fall term of the Lumberton graded and high schools will begin Tuesday, Sept. 9, at 9 a. m.

Supt. W. H. Cale has engaged the following teachers:

High school: Miss Eileen Lewis of Henlersonville, science; Miss Ruth Stanley of Guilford College, English; Miss Martha Dawson of Elon college, history; Miss Evelyn Reade of Durham (A. M. Trinity), Latin; Miss Della Watson of Mount Airy, mathematics and French.

Grammar grades: Miss Mary Belle Gary of Henderson and Miss Georgia Mack Antley of Cordova, S. C., first grade; Misses Pennie Rowland and Louise Townsend, second; Miss Winnifred Rowland, third; Miss Dovie Prevatt, fourth; Miss Ruth Davenport of Winton, fifth; Miss Lillie Barker, sixth. Seventh not yet supplied.

It will be seen from the foregoing that there are several new teachers—Misses Reade and Watson in the high school, and in the grammar grades: Miss Antley, who received her training at Columbia university; Miss Townsend of Robeson, who has been teaching at Brevard for some time; Miss Dovie Prevatt of Lumberton; Miss Davenport has been in farm-life school work at Rich Square, Northampton county.

KNOCKED OFF TRUCK BY LIMB

Miss Esther DeMann Was Knocked Off Auto Truck and Badly Hurt—She Was With Party of Young People Coming From Jennings Beach.

Miss Esther DeMann, one of several Christian welfare workers at the mill villages about town, was painfully hurt late Saturday afternoon when a limb knocked her off a truck owned by the Dresden Cotton Mill Co. Miss DeMann and a number of young people from the mill village were returning from Jennings beach when the top of the truck caught a limb and when the truck was released it struck her and she was badly hurt. Her right shoulder was sprained and she was badly shaken up. Miss DeMann was unconscious for some time and at first it was feared she was fatally hurt. She was hurried to the Thompson hospital and it is thought she will be able to leave the hospital tomorrow.

HOME FROM THE WAR.

Mr. O. K. Barnes of McDonald and Mr. Arrie Walters of Proctorville arrived home yesterday, having been given honorable discharge from the army. Mr. Walters was attached to 81st division and when his division returned to the States he enlisted in the overseas military police forces.

Mr. T. L. Johnson returned home Thursday night after a stay of some time with his family in the western part of the State. Asheville and other places. He left Mrs. Johnson and children at Hickory with Mrs. Johnson's parents.

CARELESS AUTO DRIVEN GETS 60 DAYS ON ROADS

Ford Driven by Negro Struck Small White Child—Negro Carved in General Fight—Bound to Court on Charge of Forgery.

Lee Melvin, colored, must serve 60 days on the public roads as a result of careless auto driving. Melvin drove a Ford auto upon a sidewalk, corner First and Chippewa streets, Saturday morning, and the car struck Margaret Lee, two and a half year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Johnston, who was playing on the sidewalk with several other children. The child's left leg was badly bruised, and, according to witnesses, had the Ford not struck a tree the lives of at least five small children would have been greatly endangered. The negro was given a hearing before Recorder E. M. Britt Saturday afternoon.

Foster West was given a hearing on the charge of carving Quintus McLaurin, colored, with a knife. According to the evidence, West, who lives at the National cotton mill, and several other boys from the mill village engaged in a general fight with a number of colored boys just across the river from town Monday evening of last week and cut an ugly gash in McLaurin's left arm. Judgment was suspended upon payment of cost and the physician's charge for dressing the wound.

Lennox Thompson was found guilty of forgery and was bound over to the Superior court under a \$200 justified bond, in default of which he was remanded to jail. The evidence was that Thompson forged the name of his uncle, Mr. W. L. Thompson, on a check and had it cashed at Grantham Bros. drug store. Thompson was arrested Friday morning and has been in jail since that time.

CONCERT BY CLASS FROM ODD FELLOWS ORPHANAGE

Receipts From Sale of Tickets and Contributions Amounted to \$211.25.

A class from the Odd Fellows orphanage of Goldsboro gave a delightful concert in the graded school auditorium Thursday evening. The class was made up of ten girls and four boys and was under the direction of Misses Elzie Tucker and Frances Tull, members of the faculty of the orphanage.

While only 200 tickets were sold for the concert, the total contributed amounted to \$211.25. This was the largest contribution ever made when a class from this orphanage played Lumberton. The contribution a year ago was \$202, which was the largest up to that time.

The class came here from Sanford and went from here to Wilmington, where it gave a concert Friday evening. The children were entertained in the homes of local Odd Fellow while here.

WAR DEPARTMENT OFFERS SURPLUS BLANKETS FOR SALE

The War Department offers for sale to the public its surplus supply of wool, cotton and mixed-fabric blankets of which approximately 2,000,000 are now available for the market. It was announced Friday that an individual may buy one or more blankets up to the limit of 1 bale of 25.

The prices run from \$6 for new all wool blankets to \$1.25 for reconditioned cotton blankets. The prices in bale lots are cheaper.

Mrs. Charity Graham has accepted a position as saleslady in the Lumberton Bargain House. She began work today.

Rev. L. E. Dailey, pastor of the East Lumberton Baptist church, left last evening for Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, Md., for the purpose of having his eye treated.

An ordinance has been passed by the town commissioners levying a \$500 privilege tax on all persons who buy tobacco in the town of Lumberton except the purchase he made on a regular auction sale in a licensed warehouse. No doubt the new ordinance will curtail "pin-hooking" on the market here.

Miss Josephine (Breece) will leave this evening for Baltimore and New York to purchase fall and winter stock for her millinery store. She will be accompanied to Washington by little Miss Anna Courtney Sharpe, who will visit her grandmother, Mrs. Anna P. Courtney, and aunt, Mrs. M. J. Boucher, at the latter's home in Washington, for a week.

According to latest reports, the condition of Mr. J. M. Jones, who developed a case of fever at Augusta, Ga., early last week, is improving. Mr. Jones is an engineer on the Southern railroad out of Augusta. His family live here. Mrs. Jones and their small daughter, Mary Julia, were with him when he was taken sick and their son Mr. Worth Jones brought Mary Julia home Friday. Mr. Worth Jones left yesterday for Richmond, Va., where he will spend a few days before returning to Augusta.

HELD FOR RANSOM

Mexican Bandits Demand \$15,000 Ransom for Two American Army Aviators.

Letters purporting to be from Lieuts. Paul H. Davis and Harold G. Peterson, American army aviators missing since last Sunday, were received at Warfa, Tex., yesterday at military headquarters, states a press dispatch. The letters stated the aviators were being held by bandits for \$15,000 ransom somewhere in Mexico and were threatened with death unless the ransom was paid.

A dispatch states that arrangements were being made at El Paso, Texas, last night to obtain \$15,000 gold coin and send it to Marfa early this morning for payment of the ransom.

The demand for the ransom was received at Marfa Sunday and a report made at once to Major General Dickman, commander of the southern department. An unconfirmed report also was received that the aviators were being held at a point close to the American border and that Chico Cano, a famous bandit of the Big Bend Ojinaga district, was the leader of the band holding the aviators. Aviators Peterson and Davis are a part of the personnel of the Fort Bliss aviation corps, but were on detached duty with the Big Bend district military headquarters at Marfa, Texas, when they disappeared. They left Marfa last Sunday morning for the usual patrol of the border, planning to follow the north bank of the Rio Grande to the end of the district.

It is believed by aviation officers here they confused the Conchos river, which flows into the Rio Grande near Presida, Texas, with the Rio Grande, and followed the course of this river into the interior of Mexico. Another theory advanced by fellow aviators is that they were forced to land, either on the American or Mexican side of the border, in the wild country of the Big Bend district, and were made prisoners by the Mexican bandits, who make marauding trips across the border at frequent intervals in search of cattle and other property which they carry off to Mexico.

When it became known at Fort Bliss last night that the aviators were reported held by Mexican bandits, there was much discussion among army officers of the possibility of American troops crossing the border in search of the bandits. This was discredited by higher officers for two reasons. The principal one advanced was that the American aviators would be killed if an expedition crossed in pursuit. The other was that for expeditions to cross the border in the Big Bend district apply only to the pursuit of bandits who have stolen property on the American side and then only to follow a "hot trail."

FRANK TOWNSEND



Son of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Townsend of Lumberton, R. 6. He has been in the navy about 4 years and is now on the U. S. S. Arethusa.

SEEN AND HEARD

(BY HAPPY JACK.)

While discussing the h. c. i. with a Lumberton business man he remarked that the cost of high living is affecting the country more than the high cost of living. After thinking over what he said I came to the conclusion that he has an idea with foundation. The business man named many things that people are spending money for that they could leave off and by so doing reduce their living expenses.

THE RECORD OF DEATHS

"Sis" Monrie, Indian, aged about 60 years, died Thursday afternoon at her home near town. Deceased had been ill for some time.

SALE OF SURPLUS ARMY FOOD BEGINS TODAY

Postage Rates Are Made the Same to All—You Can Save Money On Some Articles.

Lumberton is in the fourth postal zone from Atlanta and if the zone rates of postage applied, postage would amount to more than the price of the food and distribution of army food would be of no advantage to points situated, as Lumberton is situated, in zone 4. But a Washington dispatch of the 16th states that the Postoffice Department has announced that the postage rate on surplus army food, sale of which through the parcels post begins today (Aug. 18), would be the same to persons living beyond the first zone from the supply centers as to those in the first zone. This would equalize the postage to all purchasers and the difference will be made up by the War Department deducting the extra postage from the sale price and turning it over to the Postoffice Department.

No. 3 cans of tomatoes, to give an example, are listed by the government at 11 cents each, or \$2.64 a case of 24 cans. Postage on a case would be 75 cents, making the total cost of a case of No. 3 cans of tomatoes \$3.39, more than a dollar less than the local price, whereas if the zone rate of postage were used the postage would be \$2.87, and the case laid down here would cost over a dollar more than the local price. But with zone one rates effective to everybody, one can go to the postoffice and order articles of surplus army food at a saving. Your postmaster has a price list showing articles and prices.

Postmaster D. D. French has received price lists of army food to be sold direct to the consumer by the government and is ready to accept orders for same. The food to be sold in North Carolina is to be shipped from Atlanta, Ga.

BRIEF ITEMS OF NEWS

Short Paragraphs Giving General News Items of Interest.

What promises to be one of the crucial weeks of the peace treaty fight in the U. S. Senate began yesterday with the issuance of a formal statement by Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, the administration Senate leader, declaring conditions throughout the country demanded that the treaty be brought out of the foreign relations committee promptly and ratified.

Cleveland, Aug. 17.—A 35 to 65 per cent increase in wages is demanded for 117,000 firemen and hostlers on railroads in the United States and Canada, in a wage scale adopted before adjournment today by 300 general chairman of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen in session here since Tuesday.

Washington, Aug. 17.—The government's fight to reduce the cost of living is expected to result in action in many States this week to force hoarded food on the market while Congress is debating legislation dealing with the question.

New York, Aug. 17.—The vast subway and elevated system of the Interborough Rapid Transit Co., operating in Manhattan, the Bronx and parts of Brooklyn and Queens, was completely paralyzed today by a strike called last night by P. J. Conolly, acting president of the Brotherhood of Interborough Rapid Transit company employees. The day passed without violence.

Washington, Aug. 17.—Despite the pre-eminence of the peace treaty controversy and the high cost of living question much other important legislation faces Congress this week. Railroad legislation will be pressed in both branches. Before the end of the week the Senate interstate commerce sub-committee, drafting permanent legislation, hopes to report its recommendations with a tentative bill, to the full committee. Hearings will be continued by the House interstate commerce committee with representatives of the railway executives advisory committee to be heard tomorrow.

Town auto license numbers have come and those who have paid may obtain same.

Miss Henrietta Ammons has resumed her work in Messrs. White & Gough's department store, after being out for several weeks on account of an attack of appendicitis.

Maxton Scottish Chief, Dr. T. A. Norment has most kindly presented Carolina college library a set of Washington Irving's works, in 27 volumes. This generous example is worthy of following by many others. Why not send your surplus books to the college?

Misses Glennie McGregor and Addie Belle Burns spent the week end with Miss Ethel Pittman in Lumberton, returning Tuesday.—Maxton Scottish Chief.

PERSONALS

Mr. C. M. Stone of R. 3, Lumberton, was in town Friday.

Mr. J. K. Currie of Parkton was a Lumberton visitor Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tuton spent yesterday in Wilmington.

Mr. Dan F. McNeill of Hamlet was a Lumberton visitor Friday.

Mr. L. A. Turner of R. 4, Lumberton, was in town Saturday.

Mr. W. M. Davis of R. 2, Fairmont, was among the visitors in town Saturday.

Misses Alice Kelly and Nannie Lee Ross spent the week-end at Wrightsville Beach.

Messrs. J. J. Shaw and J. J. Beard of the Rex section were Lumberton visitors Friday.

Messrs. W. J. Ritter and W. W. Bishop spent the week-end at Wrightsville Beach.

Mr. D. M. Rogers of the Marietta section was among the business visitors in town Friday.

Mr. David Smith of R. 7, Lumberton, was among the callers at The Robesonian office Saturday.

Miss Nannie Lee Ross of Washington, D. C., is spending some time here visiting Miss Alice Kelly.

Mrs. J. Q. Beckwith and two children, James and John, went Saturday to Norfolk, Va., to visit relatives.

Messrs. P. W. Wilson and Liley Allen of R. 7 from Lumberton were among the visitors in town Friday.

Miss Ruby Bowen left Saturday evening for Norfolk and Ocean View, Va., where she will spend two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. John McGilday of Fayetteville are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Rudd, Eighth street.

Miss Pearl Raybon of Wilmington arrived Saturday afternoon and will spend some time here with home folks.

Mrs. Claire Thomas went Saturday to Henderson, where she will spend some time visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. J. J. Goodwin spent the week-end at Wrightsville Beach with his family, who are spending some time at the beach.

Misses Ada Smith and Edna Barnes of R. 5, Lumberton, were callers at The Robesonian office Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. M. J. Merritt returned Thursday evening from Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach, where she spent some time visiting friends.

Mr. K. M. Biggs went Saturday to Ridgecrest, where he will spend several days with Mrs. Biggs, who is spending the summer there.

Mrs. W. C. Reynolds and two children, Ruth and Mae, went Saturday to Salisbury, where they will spend some time visiting relatives.

Mr. R. Lewis Shelby, cashier of the National Bank of Hopewell, Va., is spending the day here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Shelby.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben G. Floyd and small daughter, Helen Taylor, and Miss Mattie Lee Pittman went Saturday to Wrightsville Beach, where they will spend several days.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Petty of Norfolk, Va., arrived Saturday and will spend some time here visiting at the home of Mrs. Petty's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Thompson, Elm street.

Mrs. S. F. Caldwell and son, Master S. F. Jr., left Friday for Pulaski, Va., where they will spend several weeks visiting at the home of Mrs. Caldwell's father, Dr. J. W. Keister.

Miss Esther Rose of Goldsboro left Friday for Four Oaks, where she will visit relatives, after spending some time visiting at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Beasley, East Fifth street.

Miss Theresa Patterson returned Friday night from a trip to Asheville and other points in the western part of the State. She went with a party from Fayetteville and the trip was made through the country in an auto.

Mr. John Suter returned Friday to his home at New Bern after spending a few days here visiting at the home of his father-in-law, Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman. Mrs. Suter and their two children will spend some time here before returning home.

Miss Nicie Freeman returned Friday to her home in Hamlet after spending several days here visiting relatives. She was accompanied home by Miss Leila Bullard, who will spend some time at Hamlet visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Britt and Miss Nettie Phillips returned Thursday night from Chimney Rock, where they spent a week. They returned by way of Kershaw, S. C., and were accompanied home by Mrs. Britt's sister, Mrs. J. C. Jenkins, and two children, Mary Ada and Esther.

Mrs. C. H. Boyd and three children, Charles, Jr., Katherine and John Robert, returned Friday night from Hendersonville, where they spent some time. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Boyd's sister, Mrs. F. E. Wilson, and her son, Eugene, of Gaffney, S. C., who will spend some time here.

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BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Parham, last night, a boy.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Lindsay Edwards and Amanda Britt.

—Miss Amelia Linkhauer and Mrs. L. C. Townsend, left Friday evening for New York, where Miss Linkhauer will study fall styles and buy millinery for the Style shop, of which she is proprietress.

—Mr. Jack Greene left yesterday to return to New Orleans, where he is employed by The Item, a large afternoon daily newspaper, after spending a week here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Greene.

—A Civil Service examination will be held here on Sept. 6 for the positions of clerk and city carrier in the local postoffice. The entrance salary of clerks and carriers is \$1,000 a year. Substitutes receive 40 cents the hour.

—Lumbee Tent No. 18, Maccahees, gave a reception in honor of returned soldiers Friday evening. Quite a number of the local soldiers belong to the order and others were invited. A number of short addresses were made and refreshments were served.

—Messrs. N. F. Barden and W. A. Leggett of R. 2, Fairmont, passed through town Saturday en route to Hot Springs, Ark., where they will spend some time. Mr. Leggett has been suffering with rheumatism for several months and goes to Hot Springs with the hope of getting relief.

—Mr. C. B. Townsend of Lumberton, a member of the Robeson county board of commissioners, was elected vice president for the fourth district at the meeting of the State association of county commissioners at Wrightsville Beach last week. W. C. Jones of High Point was elected president.

—Mr. G. Badger McLeod returned Friday from Waynesville, to which place he accompanied his mother, Mrs. G. B. McLeod, his sister, Mrs. F. L. Nash, Mrs. Lizzie G. Proctor and daughter, Miss Lillian Proctor. They made the trip to Waynesville by auto and Mr. McLeod returned by rail.

—Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman left this morning for Henderson, where Mrs. Beaman has been visiting relatives for some time. He expects to return home next Saturday. Dr. Beaman announced a change in his program at Chestnut Street Methodist church at the morning service yesterday and preached last evening.

—According to Mr. A. H. Mercer of R. 5, Lumberton, who was a Lumberton visitor Saturday, some of the tobacco growers out his way grew such sorry tobacco that they are almost ashamed to bring it to market. Some farmers, he says, call their best tobacco sand-lugs when they bring it to town. Trying to fool the folks, you know.

—The public dance at the Farmers' tobacco warehouse Friday evening was attended mostly by young men. Only one Lumberton girl was present and only a very few from other places. An orchestra from Fayetteville furnished music for the occasion. Many local young men and still a larger number from other towns nearby were there, but the scarcity of young ladies had a telling effect upon the occasion. This was the first public dance for Lumberton in a long, long time.

—Mr. C. D. Williamson, The Robesonian's valued correspondent at Parkton, is a Lumberton visitor today. He came over this morning hunting for sugar, a supply of which he was unable to get at home or Fayetteville—and a "big-meeting" coming on, too. Mr. Williamson was able to supply his needs here all right—which the same anybody can do in any line, it may be stated by way of parenthesis. Mr. Williamson says the tent is being put up for the union revival meeting which will begin at Parkton Wednesday of this week and last ten days.

—Mr. L. R. Varser and daughter, little Miss Lillie Snead, left Saturday night via V. & C. S. and Coast Line for Gates county. Mr. Varser's old home, where they will spend a few days. They went to Hamlet Saturday morning to go via Seaboard Air Line, but found when they reached Hamlet that a wash-out down the road would delay their train ten hours and thus cause them to miss connection at Norfolk for Norfolk, so Mr. Varser phoned back to Lumberton and had his auto sent for them and they returned home in the afternoon, taking the V. & C. S. in the evening.

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