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RECORD WEEK ON LUMBERTON TOBACCO MARKET

Over 100 Vehicles Filled With Tobacco on Streets Yesterday After All Warehouse Floors Were Completely Covered—Prices Good for Good Weel—No Sale Today in Order to Clear Floors—Sales Tomorrow.

This has been a record week on the Lumberton tobacco market. The three large warehouses have been filled each day this week and yesterday after all the floors were completely covered, including the driveways, more than one hundred unloaded wagons, carts and automobiles were on the streets. As a result of the congestion yesterday no sale was condconducted tolay in order to give the buyers a chance to clear the floors for tomorrow's sale. It is estimated that around a half-millian pounds of the weed was brought to Lumberton yesterday and much tobacco was also brought in today. The warehousemen will take care of the tobacco not sold yesterday and that brought in today and it will be sold tomorrow.

Prices this week have been very satisfactory and the growers who have good tobacco are wearing smiles that won't come off, while those who grew cheap tobacco are not realizing the sort of prices that calls for such smiles. While many farmers are through selling, it is expected that next week will be another big week on the local market.

LICENSE TAX REPEALED

Town Ordinance Aimed to Protect Farmers and Legitimate Tobacco Buyers Failed to Function as Intended—Street-Stop Ordinance.

The ordinance recently passed by the mayor and board of town commissioners levying a license tax of $500 on "pinhookers" who buy tobacco in Lumberton was repealed at a called meeting of the board yesterday afternoon.

After the ordinance was passed it was found that it could not be enforced without causing some friction among the tobacco people, which was the cause of the ordinance being repealed.

While in session the board passed an ordinance providing that all persons riding horseback or riding on any vehickle drawn by horse, power, steam-power or electricity should stop immediately before entering First street from Elm or Chestnut or before entering either Elm or Chestnut from First street.

YOUNG LADIES SCARED.

Attempt Made to Enter Office Where Telephone Operators Were at Work Last Night—Officers Found No Trace.

Two young ladies, night operators for the Southern Bell Telephone Co., were frightened about 2 o'clock this morning when somebody made an attempt to enter the office where they were working on the second floor of the White & Gough building. The young ladies 'phoned Sheriff R. E. Lewis and he hurried to the scene, but found nobody. Night Policeman J. B. Boyle reached the office before Shriff Lewis, but the intruder had left before he got there.

According to the young ladies, they heard somebody coming through the hallway and then make an effort to open the door to the office, which was locked. The officers say the young ladies were much frightened when they reached the telephone office.

COMMUNITY FAIRS

At Centenary, Oakdale and Union Chapel Fairs Will Be Held in October.

Community fairs will be held at Centenary, near Rowland, Oakdale, near Marietta, and Union Chapel (Indian), near Buie, in October. The dates for the fairs are: Union Chapel, October 8; Oakdale, October 9; Centenary, October 10.

It is probable that fairs will be held at other points in Robeson during October, but definite plans have not been made.

FIRST LEGISLATIVE ACTION TOWARD REDUCING H. C. OF L.

With adoption of the Igoe resolution directing the Federal Trade Commission to investigate increased shoe prices the House of Congress Tuesday took the first legislative action toward reduction of the high cost of living. An amendment which would have extended the inquiry to other articles of clothing and food was voted down.

Saturday Will Be Big Day at Whit Pond.

A protracted meeting will begin at White Pond Baptist churih, 8 miles from Fairmont, Saturday, August 23rd. On the same day at the same place a Holiness union will be held and a W. O. W. picnic.

THREE TOWNSHIPS VOTE ROAD BOND ISSUES

White House, Rennert and Thompson Voted Road Bonds Yesterday—18 Townships Have Voted Total of $690,000 To Date for Roads.

Three Robeson townships—White House, Rennert and Thompson—voted bonds for road purposes yesterday. The aount of bonds voted by White House was $30,000; Rennert, $20,000; Thompson, $20,000.

The vote cast in White House was 46 for and 5 against, the issue. Mr. L. M. Oliver was elected township supervisor and Messrs. D. J. Oliver and G. E. Morgan were elected as a boasd of advisers.

Rennert voted solidly for the issue, 54 votes being cast Mr. W. T. Covington was elected township supervisor.

While the official vote in Thompson could no tbe obtained, Mr. J S. Scott of Raynham informed The Robesonian that the issue carried by a substantial majority. Mr. G. E. Bond was elected township supervisor.

This akes a total of 18 townships that have already voted bonds for road purpises, the amount vited by these township totaling $690,000.

Out of the 19 tiwnships that have voted on road bond issue, Wishart is the inly township tha thas failed to carry the issue.

Six townships have yet ti ask for an electon.

LIGHTNING TORE MELON OUT OF MAN'S HAND

Party Under Tree Had Close Call When Lightning Struck Oak—Melon in Mr. Fulton Parker's Hands Torn to Pieces—Several Stunned But No One Killed.

Messrs. Fulton Parker and Dudley Britt of Mt. Elim had a close call yesterday afternoon when lightning struck an oak tree under which they had driven a team. They had a load of melons at Boardman and a number of colored people were standing about the wagon and all of the colored people were knocked down by the lightning. A melon which Mr. Parker had i nhis hands was torn to pieces and both Mr. Parker and Mr. Britt were stunned by the lightning. The mules they were driving became frightened and ran for some distance, but were stopped before any damage was done.

The tree was badly shattered and Mr. Parker, who is a Lumberton visitor today, says all who were standing under the tree had a miraculous escape from death.

ST. PAULS NEWS PACKAGE.

Graded School Opens Sept. 15—Holiness Meeting Causes Talk—Tobacco Market Opens Again.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

St. Pauls, Aug. 19.—St. Pauls graded school opens Sept. 15.—Large attendance is expected on the first days.

A large garage is being built on Main street just two doors from Britt and Semor's garage.

The St. Pauls tobacco warehouse opened up after being closed 4 sale lays.

This summer has broke the record in marrying around St. Pauls for there have been over a dozen couples married.

We ave had the privilege f attending the Holiness tent meeting for th past two weeks. They have a tent in our town and it will probably be of very much good to our town and country people, for they sure attend well but seem not to take much interest in it.

Mr. Albert Inman is building a splendid home.

The Standard Oil Co. has begun to work the filling station in our town.

It sees that the mrechants can't get any sugar here, or at least not enough for canning purposes

Rev. Mr. Haire, our Baptist preacher, has promised to preach on holiness Sunday night, 24th, if nothing prevents him. There has been some talking in regard to our holiness friends on the streets.

We have visitors from over in Cumberland, Bladen, Hoke and Sampson counties bringing tobacco to the market, and they seem to be pleased with the prices they receive.

AVIATORS RESCUED; U. S. CAVALRY IN PURSUIT OF BANDITS

Lieutenants H. G. Peterson and Paul N. Davis, for whom ransom was demanded by Mexican bandits, were released Tuesday and guided U. S. cavalry troops who crossed the Rio Grande in search of the bandits. The amount actually paid for the release of the aviators was $8,500. That was paid when Lieut. Peterson was released. Capt. Matlack returned for Lieut. Paul and when the latter got on his horse behind him the captain told the bandits they could "go to hell," and galloped across the river with Paul and the balance of the $15,000. Capt. Matlack said he was going back after the rest of the money.

RED SPRINGS NEWS LETTER

Aged Indian Bitten by Rattlesnake—Masquerade Party at Home of Miss Helen Buie—Church Notes—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Red Springs, Aug. 19—Miss Mary Livermore is in town on a short visit to friends before returning to her work at the Thomasville Orphanage.

Miss Mildred Brown of Salisbury has been the guest recently of her cousin, Mrs. Hiram Grantham.

We are glad to welcome home again Mr. Montague Williams, who has just received his honorable discharge from the Navy.

Mrs. Fannie Marsh is on a visit to relatives in Carthage.

Mrs. Junius Goodwin and small son are spending some time at the beach.

We are glad to report Miss Susie Moore much improved after quite a severe attack of sickness.

Mrs. W. A. Oates and Master Ralph Alexander of Louisville, Ga., spent a few days of last week with Mrs. W. A. Bullock.

Mrs. C. E. Coxe and Miss Jo Coxe have returned from Montreat, where they spent the summer.

Dr. R. D. McMillan made a flying trip to Richmond last week.

Mrs. H. S, Toon and family and Mrs. Ernest McPhaul have returned from a month's stay at Myrtle Beach.

The many friends of Miss Annie Belle Williams, will be glad to learn that her operation for appendicitis in Richmond last week was highly successful and that she is getting on spiendidly.

Mrs. John Thrower and Miss Elizabeth Frye have returned from Richmond. Miss Thrower was much benefited by her stay and we hope to see her out again before long.

Misses Mamie and Cornelia McMillan are home from Myrtle Beach. With them are their three little nieces, Mary Elizabeth, Minette and Jane McMillan of Councils.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Townsend and Miss Hannah Townsend have also returned from a six-weeks' stay at Myrtle Beach.

Miss Sellie Sinclair of Rowland spent the week-end with her aunt Mrs. D. P. McEachern.

An aged Indian, Daniel Locklear, was bitten by a rattlesnake last Wednesday on the Neill Brown place, while getting corn from a barn. When he reached town he was in a desperate condition but the faithful and efficient work of Dr. Hodgin proved effective and at last accounts the old man was on the road to recovery.

A veritable fairy land was the home of Miss Helen Buie on Tuesday night when she entertained a querade party. The home and lawn large number of her friends at a maswere aglow with lanterns while the beauty of the scene was enhanced by the varied and colorful costumes of the guests. A spirited contest was entered into, after which the unmasking took place, amid much merriment. Delicious refreshments were then served by little Misses Isabel Buie and Mary Roberts in costumes of fairies.

Among those just returned from overseas we welcome Mr. A. M. Cotton, a "Y" worker in France for over a year. Mr. Cotton at present is in Smithfield while Mrs. Cotton and children are visiting relatives in Bennettsville.

A good-sized congregation at the Baptist church Sunday morning enjoyed a strong sermon by Dr. Livingston Johnson of Raleigh. In the afternoon his daughter, Mrs. Willingham, a returned missionary from Japan, spoke most delightfully of her work to the women of the town. Dr. Johnson and family are spending the summer at their cottage in Riverton.

Dr. J. L. McMillan has returned from a week's stay in Brevard. Mrs. McMillan will remain for a week longer.

Miss McArn of Rowland is the guest of Mrs. Mary Dickson this week.

Fairmont Young Lady Married in Wilmington.

The following from the Wilmington Star of Aug. 19 is of interest to Robesonian readers:

Friends will learn with pleasant surprise of the marriage of Thomas V. Lewis, of this city, and Miss Mimma L. Stone, of Fairmont, N. C., which was solemnized yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the parsonage of the Fifth Avenue Methodist church by Rev. J. H. McCracken.

The bride has been a popular nurse at the Tankersley sanitorium. Mr. Lewis is employed by the Metropolitan Life Insurance company, and is held in the highest regard by a wide circle of friends. The happy couple will make their home in this city.

HOME FROM THE WAR.

Mr. Claud Hines, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hinds, has arrived home, having been given an honorable discharge from the army. Mr. Hines spent three and a half years in the Panama canal zone.

—Mr. W. M. Warwick of Allenton sold two barns of tobacco on the local market the other day for $1,176.71.

WILSON INTERPRETS LEAGUE OF NATIONS FOR SENATORS

No Legal Obligation Imposed For Use of U. S. Military in Protecting Territory or Independence of Any Other Nation—"Complete Freedom of Choice as to Application of Force" for Each Nation.

President Wilson, interpreting the league of nations covenant Tuesday for the Senate foreign relations committee, declared it imposed no legal obligations for the use of American military forces in protecting the territory or independence of any other nation.

But he added that the covenant might involve, "in certain circumstances", "an absolutely compelling moral obligation" which might be even stronger than a legal promise.

Pressed for more exact definition by committee members who insisted that the whole arrangement was "a rope of sand," he asserted that on contrary he considered it as placing the nations "in an attitude of comradeship and protection" whichwould compel respect for the principles of justice and liberty."

Meeting the committee in a round table discussion in the east room of the White House in contradiction to the precedents of more than a century and with the whole nation listening through the medium of a relay of public stenographers, the President went into many of the details of the negotiations and tooched on all hotly debated questions which have divided the Senate in its consideration of the peace treaty.

Article 10 of the covenant, guaranteeing the integrity of the league members against aggression, he declared, would leave to each nation "complete freedom of choice as to the application of force." Even if the American representative on the council joined in a unanimous recommendation for military action the final decision for peace or war must rest, so far as concerned the United States, with Congress, he said.

Whatever advice the council gave under its authority to take such action as it "deemed appropriate"must also be deemed appropriate by the United States to be binding on this government, he argued, though in the background would be such a potential moral force that he doubted if the nation would often decline to act.

The President revealed that Japan's promise to return Shantung province to China was reduced to written form in the minutes of the peace conference. He asserted he had "every confidence" that the promise would be carried out and told the Senators it was "the best that could be got" out of negotiations, Japan having given notice she would withdraw from the conference if her demands were refused. The American delegates, he said, had tried to keep the nation free from obligations in European affairs, "so far as it was honorably possible," but he asserted that it might be neccessary to keep some American troops in the Rhine district under the treaty for the next 15 years.

He declared the nation would be its own sole judge whether its obligations had been fulfilled under the disputed withdrawal clause of the league covenant; that purely domestic questions were safe from the legue's interference and that the Monroe doctrine was cleverly preserved.

The league, the President explained, was built on the plan of General Smuts of South Africa. Mr. Wilson revealed that he had suggested the United States take no part of the German reparation but had asked that the conference reserve disposition of the German Pacific island of Yap on a suggestion that it was needed for an American naval station.

Some of the Senators' questions the president declined to answer on the ground of international policy. How the American delegates voted on Japan's proposal for a racial equality clause in the league covenant he said he could not disclose "in the interest of international good understanding" and for the same reason he said he could not go into the negotiations over the French frontier or give the committee a copy of the record of Japan's Shantung promise.

Early action on the treaty was urged in a statement by the President at the outset of the conference. This was necessary, he held, that a peace basis might be reached and because he declared the other treaties under negotiation now ot Versailles were being delayed until the world learned what would happen to the treaty with Germany. He said he saw no reasonable objection to Senate reservations but thought it unwise to incorporate them in the ratification itself.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Johnson and daughter, little Miss Lois, left this morning for Asheville. Mr. Johnson will spend a week at Asheville while Mrs. Johnson and daughter will remain there for the balance of the summer.

—Children's story hour Friday evening at 6, at home of Mrs. Alf. H. McLeod, North Elm.

GREAT GALA DAY AT RED SPRINGS AUGUST 30

Soldiers of 3 Wars Will be Entertained—Old "Annual Picnic" Will be Revived—This Will be Granddaddy of All Picnics Held This Summer.

Special to The Robesonian.

Red Springs, Aug. 19—On Saturday, August 30, Red Springs will entertain the Civil war veterans, the Spanish-American and Worldwide war sildiers of Robeson county—including the part of Hoke county that was once Robeson. They will alsi revive th old "annual picnic" which for years was held at Red Springs the last Saturday in August. There will be speaking by Hon. A. W. McLean, Hon. Cameron Morrison, and others. Music by brass band.

This will be the "grandaddy" of all the picnics held this summer. It is alsi pripisd to invite all dispersed of Robeson county to come home and once more drink of Red Springs' life-giving waters, meet with frends and comrades of former years as well as to meet and make new friends.

Various committees have been appointed and Red Surings will spare no pains to make this a great gala day for all who attend. On this day all roads will lead to Red Springs.

OUT BARKER'S WAY.

Farmers Through With Their Tobacco—Movements of the People.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Lumberton, R. 1, Aug. 19.—Farmers are through with their tobacco in this vicinity and the order of the day now is pulling fodder.

Mrs. B. C. Broom and children of Waxhaw are spending a while with relatives in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. Evander Riddle and children of Cumberland county spent Sunday with Mrs. Riddle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Powers.

Mrs. C. C. Burns is visiting relatives at Ivanhoe, Sampson county.

Miss Amelia Powers is spending some time at Cumnock visiting Miss Blanche Perry.

Messrs. James and Jesse Monroe of Tar Heel were visitors in this vicinity Sunday and Monday.

Mr. Ira M'White made a flying trip to Tar Heel Sunday night.

Miss Beatrice Inman of St. Pauls is visiting friends in this vicinity.

Messrs Burnice Flowers, Elwood Tolar and Foy Allen of Lumberton spent a short whlie Sunday p. m. at Mr. M. R. Powers'.

Mrs. John Bouyer and children of Raeford are spending some time in this section.

Miss Nora Graham of Durham is home on a visit.

Misses Hazel and Rubie Monroe of Tar Heel spent Sunday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Powers.

Miss Annie Carter will leave today for South Carolina to visit relatives.

Mr. J. H. Powers will go to Fayetteville today on business.

Mrs. C. B. Matthews returned to her home Sunday after spending three weeks with her sister Mrs. J. D. Monroe, at Tar Heel.

Best wishes to The Robsonian.

ANTIOCH NEWS ITEMS.

Union Meeting and Quarterly—Personal and Other Items

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Lumberton, R. 5, Aug. 19.—The Union will meet with Antioch church the fifth Friday and Saturday of this month and the quarterly meeting will be here on Sunday after. Everybody come.

Rev. L. E. Dailey filled his regular appointment here Sunday a. m. and preached to a large crowd.

Messrs. Henry Fodd Pope and Dan Pittman spent a few days recently at Wrightsville Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Pittman spent last Thursday in Lumberton on business.

Mrs. Emoline Pitman is visiting her son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Pitman of St. Pauls.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hooper of Fayetteville, spent a few days recently with Mrs. Hooper's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Phillips.

Miss Blanche Britt is spending a few days with her sister Miss Artie at Wilmington.

Sorry to report Mrs. Rince Britt not much improved.

Mrs. Esther McNeill of near Fayetteville spent a few days last week with relatives.

—White Pond camp No 222, W. O. W. will give a picnic at White Pond school house Saturday afternoon of this week. The public is invited.

Mrs M. G. Williamson returnel yesterday to her home at Evergreen after spending several days here visiting at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Cromartie, Seventh street.

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BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—License has been issued for the marriage of Jno. S. Townsend and Annie Willis; Albert McLamb and Claudia Duncan.

—The fire alarm Tuesday afternoon led the firemen to the home of Mr. Lattie Parham, East Fifth street. No damage.

—Miss Marjorie Steele has accepted a position as saleslady in the Lumberton Bargain House. She began work yesterday.

—Mr. R. H. Covington, cashier of the Farmers' Savings Bank, left last evening for Winston-Salem to attend a meeting of the State Bankers association.

—Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator, went Tuesday to Raleigh to attend a meeting of State demonstration agents and a farmers convention. He will be away ten days.

—Mr. W. H. Bass of Charlotte has accepted a position with Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son. Mr. Bass is handling the automobile and farm machinery department of the Caldwell store.

—Mr. Jno. A. McGildary of Fayetteville has accepted the local agency for the Metropolitan Insurance Co. His office is on the second floor of the Lumberton Cotton Mill office building.

—Recorder J. N. Buie and Mr. J. H. Turner of Red Springs were Lumberton visitors yesterday. Judge Buie says the picnic and celebration at Red Springs on August 30 is going to be the greatest occasion ever.

—Dimmers on when you drive on the streets at night. This is the law, as has been stated some 'steen times in The Robesonian, but not since Chief of Police Barker went on the job. Now, if you can't be good, be careful.

—Screams of a woman split the silence on North Chestnut street a few nights ago and on the streets one may hear an earfull. Who and wherefore and how and which are darkly hinted, but "S-h-h-h-"—nobody's telling a thing.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jones arrived this morning from August, Ga., where Mrs. Jones spent some time with her husband, who is an engineer on the Southern railroad out of Augusta. Mr. Jones recently suffered an attack of fever, but has practically recovered.

—Mrs. W. A. McPhaul developed a severe case of diphtheria at Wrightsville Beach Thursday of last week. Dr. McPhaul hurried to the beach when he was advisel of Mrs. McPhaul's condition. She has practicallp recovered from the attack. Dr. McPhaul went from the beach to Raleigh Tuesday evenin and returned to Lumberton last night.

Personal Items From Nye.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Fairmont, R. 2, Aug. 18.—On Monday of last week the relatives and friends of Mr. Walter Leggett were greatly surprised at his return home. Mr. Leggett had been west for 22 years. He is a brother of Mr. W. A. Leggett.

Messrs. Frank Bardin and W. A. Leggett left Saturday for Hot Springs, Ark., where they will undergo treatment for rheumatism.

Mr. J. P. Floyd went Thursday to a hospital in Charlotte, where he will take treatment.

Mr. J. A. Nye spent Saturday in Wilmington on business.

Misses Chat Leggett and Rosa Graham have returned home after visiting friends at Tomahawk and Fayetteville.

We are glad to welcome home Messrs Henry Leggett and Elbert Bullock, who have recently returned from Germany.

Mr. Arch Stone of McDonald was a visitor here Sunday afternoon.