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ROBESON WILL HAVE COTTON STORAGE WAREHOUSES

Plans Are Being Perfected for Establishing Cotton Storage Warehouses in 7 Robeson County Towns—Committees Will Canvass Each Township for Members of American Cotton Association.

Cotton storage warehouses to be operated under the State warehouse law passed by the last Legislature will be established in a number of Robeson county towns. This was decided at a meeting of farmers, bankers and business men, representing all parts of the county, today. Plans already are being perfected for establishing storage warehouses in Lumberton, Maxton, Rowland, Fairmont, Red Springs, St. Pauls, and Parkton, and others may be established later.

Organization committees were appointed today for Lumberton, Rowland and Red Springs, while a warehouse company has already been organized at Parkton. The committees appointed for the purpose of organizing today were: Lumberton—Messrs. K. M. Barnes, M. F. Cobb, H. M. McAllister, A. E. White, A. T. McLean; Red Springs—Messrs. W. J. Johnson, N. B. McArthur, George Bullock, B. W. Townsend, J. E. McKay; Rowland—Messrs. B. A. Edens, Jno. W. Ward, G. L. Robertson, Geo. L. Neill and Dr. G. M. Fife.

The meeting today elected ex-State Senator Frank Gough chairman of the Robeson branch of the American Cotton association and committees were appointed to canvass each township in the county for members of the association. The house-to-house canvass will be made the last five days of October, at which time a like canvass will be made in all the cotton-growing States of the South. The names of the committees will be published in The Robesonian as soon as they are available.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Jury Dismissed From Tuesday Afternoon Till This Morning—Signing Judgments.

But little work has been done in Superior court for the trial of civil cases which convened Monday except signing judgments. The jury was dismissed by Judge Thos. H. Calvert of Raleigh, who is presiding, from Tuesday afternoon until this morning.

The following jury trials have been heard:

Mary Lovett vs. Ven Lovett; divorce granted.

J. A. White vs. Eva White, divorce granted.

Beaufort County Lumber Co. vs. Lydia Downing, et al; judgment for plaintiff.

This is a two weeks' term and it is expected that court will run into next week.

FAIR IS EXPECTED TO BREAK ALL RECORDS

Farmers Brick Warehouse is Being Prepared for Displaying Exhibits.

Indications are that the fifth annual Robeson county fair and peace jubilee to be held in Lumberton October 14 to 17 will eclipse all previous fairs. The fair this year will be held in the Farmers brick tobacco sales warehouse, First street. The building is already being put in readiness for displaying the exhibits and there will be plenty of room for all the exhibits that may be brought in.

9 MEN KILLED IN RACE RIOT IN ARKANSAS TOWN

A dispatch of Oct. 1 from Helena, Ark., gives the following:

Two white men, Clinton Lee and J. A. Tappan, of Helena, and seven negroes are known to be dead at Elaine, near here, as a result of clashes today between a negro and a posse searching for the persons who last night from ambush fired upon and killed W. D. Adkins, railroad special agent, according to reports reaching here tonight. A third white man, Ira Proctor, and a number of negroes are known to have been wounded. Troops from Camp Pike, at Little Rock, armed with machine guns, are said to be en route to Elaine.

Change Back to Old Time October 26.

Sunday, October 26th, is the date when "the time changes"—that is, the date when time pieces are to be moved up one hour. Judging from what one hears, some people had an idea that the first day of October was the time for the change. One must be patient yet a little while. Come October 26. This nuisance will bother no more.

License has been issued for the marriage of Harry T. Lewis and Blanche Surles. Register of Deeds Floyd sold 67 marriage licenses during the month of September, which goes to prove that Cupid is still active in Robeson.

RECKLESS AUTO DRIVER IN THE TOILS

Man Who Took Possession of Road Sunday and Smashed Into Mr. A. T. McLean's Car is Fined for Speeding and Taxed for Damages—Appeals to Higher Court—He is Said to Have Acted Like Road Belonged to Him.

Len Anderson was fined \$50 and the cost by Recorder E. M. Britt Monday afternoon when found guilty of exceeding the speed limit with an auto. Anderson was also found guilty of reckless driving and judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost in that case, the defendant being required to pay over to the court \$75 to pay for repairs to Mr. A. T. McLean's auto, Mr. McLean's car having been damaged Sunday when Anderson drove a car against it on the Ten Mile-Barker road. Anderson gave notice of appeal to the Superior court and was placed in jail, where he remained until Tuesday, when he gave a \$300 justified bond for his appearance in Superior court.

Anderson hails from Fayetteville and was the man mentioned in Monday's Robesonian who took possession of the above-mentioned road Sunday afternoon. It is said he came near colliding with several other people Sunday and that he acted as though all the road belonged to him personally.

He came to Lumberton Monday and was arrested while here by Chief of Police D. M. Barker. He admitted that he was the man who struck Mr. McLean's car. He brought two women to Lumberton from Fayetteville Sunday afternoon, left them at a hotel here, and was arrested by Chief Barker when he returned for the women Monday. At first he denied being the man but later asked Chief Barker to do what he could for him. Mr. Elwood Whaley and Deputy A. R. Pittman went to Fayetteville Monday to serve a warrant on Anderson but Anderson showed up here in the meantime.

REUNION OF 30TH DIVISION.

Heroes Who Broke Hindenburg Line Endorse League of Nations—Bolshevism Denounced—Meet Next at Asheville.

The first annual reunion of the Old Hickory association was held at Greenville, S. C., Monday and Tuesday and was attended by more than 5,000 members of the famous Thirtieth division, Tennesseeans, North Carolinians and South Carolinians. A year ago on the 29th of September an imperishable glory by breaking the supposedly impregnable Hindenburg line. Asheville was selected as the meeting place next year. Col. Holmes B. Springs, now of Greenville, who commanded all the trains of the 30th, was elected president. Sgt. Maj. Frank P. Bowen of Knoxville was elected secretary and treasurer.

Resolutions were adopted urging ratification of the peace treaty as it stands, without reservations. Speakers denounced Bolshevism and said the returned soldiers would be the leaders to suppress such dangerous elements. Among the speakers were Gov. Bickett of North Carolina, Gov. Cooper of South Carolina; Col. J. K. Herr, chief of staff; Brig. Gen. Lawrence D. Tyson of Knoxville; Maj. Gen. M. Lewis, now of Camp Gordon; Brig. Gen. S. L. Faison of the 60th Inf. Brig., now a colonel in the regular army; Col. Albert L. Cox of Raleigh of the 113th field artillery; Sgt. Robt. L. Fulton of Florence, S. C.; Maj. Gen. John F. O'Ryan, commanding officer of the 27th division (New York national guard).

HUNTERS' LODGE FARM CHANGES HANDS

Gen and Mrs. F. A. Bond Will Move to Jessups, Md.—Farm Purchased by Mr. N. C. Stubbs.

Gen. F. A. Bond has sold his farm including his home, known as Hunter's Lodge, near Lowe, to Mr. N. C. Stubbs. Gen. and Mrs. Bond expect to leave about November 1 for Jessups, Md., where they will make their home with their son, Mr. R. B. Bond. Gen. and Mrs. Bond came to Robeson 20 years ago from Maryland and have made throughout this section many friends who will regret their decision to leave. Gen. Bond was attracted to this section by Jno. R. Kenley, president of the A. C. L. Ry. Co. Mr. Kenley served in the Civil war as a private under Gen. Bond, who was captain of Co. A, 1st Maryland cavalry. Gen. and Mrs. Bond were Lumberton visitors yesterday.

RECORDER'S COURT.

Wilbur Leggett plead guilty of exceeding the speed limit with an auto and judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost.

Mrs. Graham McKinnon of Rowland was a Lumberton visitor this morning.

Mr. John Redmond is visiting relatives and friends at Greenville, S. C.

RED SPRINGS NEWS

In Social Circles—Movements of the People.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Red Springs, Sept. 30.—Miss Lucile Culbreth of Fayetteville has been the guest for the past week of Miss Annie Belle Williams.

Mr. John Callahan of Greensboro spent last week here with relatives. Several from here attended the wedding in Wagram on last Wednesday of Miss Mary Watson and Mr. J. A. Powers of Kinston.

Mr. W. R. Smith of Bainbridge, Ga., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bullock.

Little Miss Dot Toon delightfully entertained a number of her friends on Thursday afternoon, the occasion being her 11th birthday.

The Zetesian and Epsilon Chi societies of Flora McDonald college gave their annual receptions to the new members on Monday evening. The former entertained with a formal reception while the entertainment of the latter was in the nature of an indoor circus. Guests of both societies reported a most delightful time.

The small fry are all excitement today over a negro minstrel that has come to town and is setting up a tent preparatory to the night performance.

The faculty of the graded school entertained the mothers of the students in the school building on Thursday afternoon. Tea and cake were served. It was a most delightful occasion and thoroughly enjoyed by the large number present.

Mrs. Magee, of Goldsboro is on a visit to her father, Mr. W. J. McLeod.

Mrs. H. M. Dixon is on a visit to her daughter Mrs. Davies of Augusta.

Dr. J. L. McMillan is in New Bern on a visit to his daughter Mrs. Gibbs. Mr. Douglas McMillan went up to Charlotte this week on a business trip.

A SURPRISE MARRIAGE.

Miss Lillie Mae Gibson and Mr. James Leon Graham Married in Fayetteville.

Lumber Bridge, Sept. 29.—To the surprise of their many friends, Miss Lillie Mae Gibson and Mr. James Leon Graham were married in Fayetteville Monday p. m. Sept. 29. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Joel S. Snyder at the Baptist parsonage.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McLeod of Lumber Bridge. Mr. Graham is the son of Mr. E. J. Graham and a soldier of the recent war.

The bride wore grey, cast-suit with accessories to match. Those accompanying the happy couple to Fayetteville were Miss Tiny Gibson, sister of the bride, and Mr. Arch Usher.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham are making their home at present with the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson. Later they will be at home at the hotel.

SINGLETARY STILL AT LARGE.

Condition of Victims of His Pistol Shots is Favorable.

The condition of Mrs. George Singletary, her 3-year-old child and Charley Edwards, who have been at the Thompson hospital since Friday night of last week suffering from wounds inflicted when fired upon by Mrs. Singletary's husband, is reported as favorable. Singletary has not yet been apprehended.

NEGRO ASSAULTS WOMAN WHILE TROOPS PATROL STREETS

A dispatch of Oct. 1 from Omaha, Neb., says:

While Federal troops patrolled the Omaha "blackbelt" today to prevent any possible conflict between whites and negroes following the rioting of Sunday night a white woman was attacked in her home this afternoon by a negro. The attack followed 38 similar crimes since June 1.

Major General Leonard Wood, commanding the troops here, ordered the patrols strengthened tonight and in order to keep down public indignation requested the newspapers to withhold details of the assault. The city was quiet tonight.

Military authorities were taking every precaution tonight to prevent a repetition of the riots and lynchings Sunday night which resulted in three deaths and the burning of the county building with a loss estimated at \$1,000,000.

NO IMPORTANT CHANGE IN CONDITION OF PRESIDENT

No important change in the condition of President Wilson was noted in yesterday's White House bulletin, though it was said his progress toward recovery was not so apparent as it had been Tuesday, when he was allowed to attend to a little business. Throughout the day the President felt the effects of another restless night and the day was devoted to almost complete rest.

PARKTON ITEMS

School Faculty—Moving Picture Show a Success—Conditions Met For Bonded Warehouse—Talking County Fair—Painting Church—Personal and Other Items.

BY C. D. WILLIAMSON.

Parkton, Sept. 30.—The B. Y. P. U. folks are enjoying a social tonight on the lawn of the Presbyterian manse lot. Rev. J. L. Jenkins, pastor of the Baptist church, announced at his last service that on his next preaching night the services would be conducted by the B. Y. P. U. and that an interesting program would be enjoyed. He also requested that all the members of the Baptist church be present at the morning services.

The M. E. church is being painted; also the walls have been calcimined and when the new lights are installed the church will be quite comfortable.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Roach will be glad to know that they will soon be with us again, as Mr. Roach has purchased the saw mill of Mr. T. M. Blue and will operate the mill near town. Mr. Roach lived in town for some time a few years ago and made many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Powell will move this week from the farm of Mr. J. G. Hughes to town and will occupy one of Mr. J. G. Hughes' nice cottages on second street.

I have been promising the readers of The Robesonian the names of the present faculty of the Parkton graded school; Prof. E. T. Hines, Greensboro; Miss Elsie Benthall, high school teacher, Woodland; Miss Maurice Britton, teacher of 6th and 7th grades, Summerville; Miss Hazel Ledbetter, 4th and 5th grades, Chapel Hill; Miss Mary J. McNeill, 2nd and 3rd grades, Parkton; Miss Elizabeth Noe, 1st grade, Beaufort; Miss Sallie Pearnall, piano, Red Springs.

We take pleasure in giving the names of the faculty and the school has opened up with most favorable future. They have already taken advantage of the old time, and on time.

I should mention the moving picture show of last Monday night at the auditorium, which was a great success in every respect and the people young and old are looking forward to Friday night when it will come again. Space and time forbid further mention, but the first reel, which showed the late war, was more than worth the money.

So far as we can learn, our town has met the conditions for a bonded cotton warehouse, and of course the cotton mill will be taken care of now, too.

The new cotton gin has had tough luck in that the engine gave way last week, and the needed parts could not be had until today, and tomorrow the gin will hum as usual. Late yesterday evening the Parkton Mercantile Co. gin ran away with itself. The large drive wheel ran off, taking the governor with it, and you never heard just such a racket for a few minutes, but not much damage was done. Engineer McCormick says he soon put the wood pile between him and the boiler as he and the entire crew were more or less frightened.

The past month has been a remarkable time for picking cotton and the gins have been rushing trying to take care of their customers.

Mr. Justice McNeill and family of Lumberton spent Sunday afternoon with home folks, returning in the late afternoon.

I should have made mention in our last letter that Miss Margaret Hughes also has entered school at Red Springs.

Mr. Chas. Vance McMillan left Sunday night for Chapel Hill to enter school.

The Robeson county fair is being talked and we are looking forward to a good time.

Preparing for Y. M. C. A. Drive.

Mr. R. M. Gray, manager of the Y. M. C. A. drive for the Wilmington district, with headquarters in Wilmington, was a Lumberton visitor yesterday. Col. Walker Taylor of Wilmington is chairman of this district, which includes about 13 counties. The Y. M. C. A. will put on a drive this month for funds to extend work in high schools among boys, and in rural sections. North Carolina is asked for \$80,000. The district of which Robeson is a part is asked for \$5,000 or \$6,000, and Robeson's quota is \$1,200. The amount any county is asked to give is based upon its contributions to the various war-work drives, hence Robeson's part is larger than that of most other counties. Mr. Gray, whose home town is Statesville, has been engaged in army "Y" work at Fort Oglethorpe and Savannah. He is trying to find a man to act as chairman for Robeson.

Mrs. C. O. Rogers, and 2 children, Charlie Livingston and Clara Mae Belle, have returned from Marion, S. C., where they spent some time visiting at the home of Mrs. Rogers' brother, Mr. E. Hood.

Mr. J. B. Humphrey of R. 2, Lumberton, was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday.

TAX VALUATIONS.

Average Valuations in Smiths, Burnt Swamp and Shannon Increased More Than 5 Times and in Red Springs Over 10 Times—Only 4 Townships Passed-On.

Tax Supervisor S. H. McKinnon and his board have passed on new tax valuations for Smiths, Burnt Swamp, Shannon and Red Springs townships. Comparison of the new valuations, with acreage and average, shows the following:

Smiths—New valuation, \$2,008,432; acreage, 33,676; average, \$59,639. Old valuation, \$350,535; acreage, 32,932; average, \$10,644.

Burnt Swamp—New valuation, \$932,366.50; acreage, 19,615; average, \$47,533. Old valuation, \$174,684; acreage, 18,179; average, \$9,609.

Shannon—New valuation, \$462,816.50; acreage, 6,558; average, \$70,572. Old valuation, \$61,320; acreage, 4,632; average, \$13.53.

Red Springs—New valuation, \$2,331,917; acreage, 12,964; average, \$179,876. Old valuation, \$204,045; acreage, 12,988; average, \$15,712.

The 1918 valuation is the one given as the "old." It will be observed that the average in Smiths, Burnt Swamp and Shannon has been increased more than 5 times, and in Red Springs more than 10 times.

The tax assessors are working now in the 8th township and Supervisor McKinnon advises that the board will pass soon on Lumber Bridge, Renner, Parkton and Saddletree townships.

FUNERAL OF MRS. JULIA DEESE

Beautiful and Tender Service Conducted at the Home Tuesday Morning—Remains Interred in Meadowbrook Cemetery—Many Beautiful Floral Offerings.

The funeral of Mrs. Julia Deese, whose sudden death from apoplexy Sunday afternoon was mentioned in Monday's Robesonian, was conducted from the home, West Seventh street, Tuesday at 10 a. m. by Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, of which deceased was a member. A large crowd attended the services at the home and followed the remains to Meadowbrook cemetery, where interment was made. Numerous beautiful floral offerings covered the grave.

In the services at the home Dr. Beaman paid a beautiful tribute to the character of the deceased. He said that she was one of the most transparent characters he had ever known, absolutely sincere, and that her faith in her last days was beautiful and inspiring. He paid tribute, too, to the devotion of her three daughters and three sons, who lavished upon her every care and attention and whose constant thought was to see that she lacked for nothing that could add to her comfort.

"Nearer My God, to Thee" and "Lead Kindly Light" were sung at the house, and "Asleep in Jesus" at the grave. Rev. Dr. C. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, offered the closing prayer at the grave. The pallbearers were Messrs. K. M. Barnes, Q. T. Williams, C. E. Townsend, D. D. French, A. E. White, G. Badger McLeod, O. C. Bracey and R. M. Norment.

A MARRIAGE AT ROWLAND.

Miss Bessie McKay Becomes Wife of Mr. D. K. Helsabeck of Stoneville.

A beautiful wedding was solemnized at the home of ex-Sheriff and Mrs. E. C. McNeill at Rowland at 5:30 yesterday afternoon when Miss Bessie McKay became the bride of Mr. D. K. Helsabeck. The bride is a niece of Mr. and Mrs. McNeill and made her home with them. Rev. H. M. Dixon of Red Springs officiated. Only relatives and a few intimate friends of the contracting parties were invited. Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Biggs and Miss Berta McNeill of Lumberton attended the marriage.

The bride is a popular young lady. The groom is cashier of the Bank of Stoneville, this State. Mr. and Mrs. Helsabeck left immediately after their marriage for Stoneville where they will be at home to their friends.

THE RECORD OF DEATHS

Rev. R. A. Bruton, pastor of the Lumberton circuit, was advised yesterday that his father-in-law, Mr. A. B. Swandel, died Sunday at his home at Swan Quarter. Mrs. Bruton was with her father when the end came. He had been in ill health for several months.

Mrs. C. W. Bullock, aged 42 years, died Tuesday afternoon at her home near Fairmont. Deceased had been ill several months. She is survived by seven children, besides a number of other relatives.

Miss Lillie Tolson returned yesterday to her home at New Bern after spending two weeks here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. H. Felts, Elm street.

LOCAL COTTON MARKET.

Strict middling cotton sold on the local market this morning for 21 cents the pound; middling 30 3-4 cents. There was a decline of 40 points in the market later in the day, however.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

Fay, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Barney, is critically ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. L. R. Varsar will leave this evening for Orangeburg, S. C., to be with her sister Mrs. W. S. Whitaker, who is ill in a hospital there.

Miss Miriam Weinstein left Monday for Baltimore, Md., where she will attend the Peabody conservatory of music.

Mr. Ira Davis left yesterday for Chattanooga, Tenn., having won a trip in the \$100,000 club of the New York Life Insurance Co.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hall, of No. 210 Carthage road, a daughter. Mrs. Hall has been the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Langston, at 206 S. Myers street, Charlotte, for the past 6 weeks.

Rev. J. A. Campbell, principal of Buies Creek academy, writes The Robesonian that Robeson county heads the list of counties represented there with 46 students, Johnston county being next with 45.

Mr. J. S. Townsend of Lumberton is attending the Rah, Auto & Tractor school at Kansas City, Mo. The Robesonian is advised that he has just enrolled for a complete course in automobile mechanics and tractor engineering.

In the list of cotton buyers on the local market published in Monday's Robesonian the name of Mr. K. M. Biggs of Lumberton was inadvertently left out. Mr. Biggs has been buying cotton for several years and is on the market again this year.

Rev. B. B. Humphrey of R. 2, Lumberton, was a Lumberton visitor this morning. He says he started cotton to a gin in Lumberton at 3 o'clock this morning but by the time it was gotten here there were 25 or 30 bales ahead waiting to be ginned.

Mr. C. V. Brown, former cashier of the National Bank of Lumberton, who recently received an appointment as National bank examiner, has been assigned to the Philadelphia district. He entered upon his new duties October 1st.

State Senator H. E. Stacy will deliver an address at the community fair for Indians at Union Chapel, near Buie, Thursday of next week, the 9th inst. Calvin Lowrey, president of the Union Chapel Fair association, says it is desired that every community in the county unite with them in this fair, which is expected to be a great success.

Mr. J. V. Williamson closed Monday in Charlotte, a contract with the North Carolina Sales Co. of Charlotte for half a carload of Prest-O-Lite storage batteries to be distributed this year through the Battery Service Co. of Lumberton, of which Mr. Williamson is manager. This means 255 storage batteries and is quite a contract for the Lumberton company. The Raleigh company will get all the storage batteries used by it or any of its service stations through the Battery Service Co. Mr. Williamson is an experienced battery man and has been quite successful since organizing the Battery Service Co. here.

Killed 2 Pilot Snakes at One Shot.

Van Chavis, a well known Indian of the Saddletree section, killed this morning at his hog pen near his home 2 pilot snakes of the very same size, one and one-quarter yards in length. The snakes were standing up and seemed to be playing when Chavis shot and killed them both with one shot, shooting them through their heads.

No Developments in Steel Strike—Open Shop the Issue.

Nothing developed in the steel strike in the Pittsburg district yesterday to materially change the situation, states a press dispatch. Strike leaders and their organizers showed the usual activities in their campaign to further cripple the big plants in operation in that vicinity. Steel company officials had little information to impart except the daily claim that more men are constantly applying for work each day. Judge Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the board of the United States Steel corporation, yesterday told the Senate committee investigating the strike that the question of open shop—the right of a man to work irrespective of whether he was a member of a union—was the issue in the nation-wide steel strike.

Mrs. Anna P. Courtney and daughter, Mrs. Jennie C. Geron, of Baltimore, Md., arrived this morning and are guests at the home of Mrs. Courtney's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sharpe, East Fifth street.

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