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## MEETING TO ORGANIZE HOUSING CORPORATION

Mayor Proctor Has Called Meeting For This Evening to Discuss Important Matter—More Residences Are Badly Needed.

Mayor James D. Proctor has called a meeting for this evening at 7:30 for the purpose of discussing the matter of forming a housing corporation. The meeting will be held on the second floor of the municipal building and all citizens of the town who are interested in the erection of residences so much needed at this time are urged to attend the meeting.

There is a crying demand for residences here and every citizen of the town should be interested in the move. The plan is working in other towns and cities and something should be done in Lumberton. Don't fail to attend the meeting this evening.

## ANTI-SEDITION BILL PASSED BY SENATE

Bill Provides Severe Penalties For Acts of Propaganda Advocating Overthrow of the Government by Violence.

An anti-sedition bill prescribing severe penalties for acts of propaganda advocating overthrow of the government by violence, was passed by the U. S. Senate Saturday without a record vote. The measure now goes to the house.

Maximum penalties fixed in the bill are a fine of \$5,000 and five years' imprisonment, applying to all acts or circulation of literature in furtherance of forcible overthrow of the government. The bill also bars from the mails any matter advocating force or sabotage.

Announcement was made yesterday that the House judiciary committee had agreed upon a similar measure and probably would report Monday. The death penalty is included in the House measure.

## TOWN IS EXTENDING SEWER AND WATER LINES

Committee Also Appointed to Investigate Matter of Erecting New Reservoir.

It was ordered that the sewer line be extended from Town Commons across the lot owned by the Coca-Cola Company, South Cedar street, and into a ditch near the Virginia & Carolina Southern railroad at a meeting of the mayor and town commissioners Friday afternoon. The board also ordered that the water line be extended from First street to the Coca-Cola plant and that a power line be extended to the plant for operating the machinery.

Messrs. R. H. Crichton and E. M. Johnson, members of the board of commissioners, were appointed a committee to investigate the matter of erecting a new reservoir for the town.

## HEARING OVER CUSTODY OF 11-YEAR-OLD GIRL

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sellers of Barnesville Allowed to Keep Daughter of Mr. E. S. Walters.

Mr. E. S. Walters of the Barnesville section has brought habeas corpus proceedings against Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sellers of the same section in an effort to recover the custody of his 11-year-old daughter. The hearing was before Judge C. B. Skipper of the juvenile court Saturday. Mr. Skipper rendered a decision allowing Mr. and Mrs. Sellers to keep the child for the present.

According to the evidence, the child's mother died when she was only a few hours old and Mrs. Sellers, who is a sister of the mother, took the child and raised her to her present age. The hearing lasted several hours.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE MEETINGS

Correspondence of The Robesonian—Community service meetings will be held this week at the following places:

Philadelphia Tuesday, Jan. 13; Oak Dale Wednesday, 14th; Floral College Thursday, 15th; Centenary Friday, 16th.

Each meeting will begin at 7 p. m. Mrs. Claire S. Thomas, Director.

## PRUNING DEMONSTRATION THIS WEEK; ATTEND NEAREST ONE

County Farm Demonstrator O. O. Dukes will give pruning demonstrations this week as follows:

Wednesday, at home of Mr. E. H. Wiggins, near Red Springs; Thursday, Mr. J. J. Shaw's, at Rex; Friday, Mr. J. S. Humphrey's, at Shannan. Neighbors are invited to attend these demonstrations.

Mr. A. J. Garris of Parkton is a Lumberton visitor today. Mr. Ellis Powers of R. 1, St. Pauls, is among the visitors in town today.

## ALL EXCEPT U. S. NOW ON PEACE BASIS

Ratifications of Treaty Exchanged and Peace Becomes Effective Between All Powers Except United States That Have Been at War With Germany.

Associated Press dispatch, Paris, Jan. 10: Ratifications of the treaty of Versailles were exchanged, and peace between Germany, France, Great Britain and the other allied and associated powers with the exception of the United States, became effective at 4:16 o'clock this afternoon.

The outstanding comment tonight on the ceremony is that it leaves the United States the only power which was actively at war with Germany not now on a peace basis. That was the note sounded by Baron Kurt von Lersner, head of the German peace delegation, in a statement to the Associated Press immediately after the ceremony.

"I am naturally happy that peace has finally become effective," Baron von Lersner said. "My great regret is that the United States is the only country with which Germany is still in a state of war. I hope, however, that this situation will soon be changed."

## TOM PHILLIPS CHARGED WITH BLOCKADING

Whiskey Still Found Near His Home—He Gave Bond for Appearance at Court.

A 60-gallon capacity whiskey still was captured within 250 yards of the home of Tom Phillips, who lives near Bellamy, Friday afternoon. Phillips was arrested and brought to Lumberton. He was released under a \$200 bond for his appearance before Recorder E. M. Britt Wednesday of this week.

The still was located and captured by Sheriff R. E. Lewis, Deputy Sheriff A. H. Prevatt and Rural Policeman A. R. Pittman. The officers were led to the still by an unsigned letter, which stated that Phillips was operating a still and would be "fired up" Friday afternoon. The still was not in operation when the officers reached the scene, however. Phillips was cutting cross ties near the still. A foot-path led from Phillips' home to the still, according to the officers. The still is one of the best yet captured in Robeson. It was made of a large oil tank, with a copper cap and worm. While no beer or whiskey was found about the plant, there were around a dozen empty barrels there. The barrels were burst and the still was brought to Lumberton. The plant had been erected and used for some time, it is thought.

## MOVING PICTURE SURVEY OF ROBESON COUNTY

The Pictures Will Show Farming Methods, Educational Advantages, Etc., Also Health Work—They Will Be Exhibited in Other Communities.

Mr. W. C. Crosby, State director of the bureau of community service work, is in Robeson for the purpose of making a moving picture or camera survey of the county. The picture will show the improved farming methods, educational advantages and progress along all lines, as well as those that have not been improved.

A special feature of the picture will be the showing of health work being done in the county under the direction of Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer. The picture when completed will show the living conditions, economic, social, and physical, of the people of the county. The picture will be shown first in the ten Robeson communities that have taken up the community service work and later will be shown throughout the twelve counties in the State that have taken up this work.

## Berger Again Refused Seat By Overwhelming Majority

Victor Berger, Milwaukee socialist, re-elected from the fifth Wisconsin congressional district after he had been refused membership in the House of Congress "because he gave aid and comfort to the enemy," was denied his seat again Saturday by a vote of 228 to 6.

## HUNDREDS KILLED BY EARTHQUAKES IN MEXICO

Mexico City, dispatch, Jan. 11: Six hundred persons were killed at Barranca Grande when that place was destroyed by last Saturday's earthquake, according to special dispatches from Vera Cruz last night. Jalapka, former capital of the state of Vera Cruz, and Teccelo, were virtually razed, it is said, while the village of Ayahualco was crushed by great rocks dislodged from the adjacent mountainside. A similar fate is reported to have befallen the village of Exhuacan.

A missionary revival will begin at the Catholic church Jan. 18 and last through Jan. 24th.

## A. C. A. PROPOSES TO ORGANIZE ALL RESOURCES

American Cotton Association Wants to Show the South How to Use Its Talent—Robeson Branch Elects Officers.

In spite of inclement weather, forty or more Robeson farmers attended the meeting of the Robeson branch of the American Cotton association here Thursday. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Dr. G. M. Pate; Rayham; vice-president, John W. Ward, Rowland; secretary-treasurer, O. O. Dukes, Lumberton; executive committee: K. M. Barnes, A. E. White, Lumberton; G. E. Morgan, Marietta; J. N. Buie, A. B. Pearsall, Harvey McMillan, Red Springs; C. M. Townsend, Rayham; Leewood McCallum, W. F. Bullock, Rowland; James A. Johnson, St. Pauls; N. S. Tolar, Lumber Bridge; J. G. Hughes, Parkton; D. L. Stewart, Maxton; W. A. McNeill, Pembroke; J. N. Regan, N. A. Townsend, Lumberton, R. 1; D. H. Britt, Sr., Lumberton, R. 3.

A feature of the meeting was a stirring address by Mr. L. S. Tomlinson of Wilson, president of the State branch of the association. The speaker likened the South to the person receiving the one talent, while the East received the five talents and the West the two talents. He said in part:

"God gave us a monopoly on the greatest staple in the world. We have made others rich, while we have remained poor ourselves. The American Cotton association is the only organization that proposes to organize all the resources of the South. We have been slaves for 50 years because cotton is our wealth. When a farmer takes a pig or a hen to market he fixes his price, but when he takes a bale of cotton he allows the buyer to name the price. The trouble is, we are not interested. If a prize fight had been staged here today instead of a farmers' meeting, the folks would have been here. The farmers are not organized because they have not got confidence in each other. People living in the South and not interested in farming should be kicked out. The farmers have made more progress in the last four years than in 46 years before. Do we want to continue to prosper? It is the duty of the more intelligent class to assist the farmers in organizing. If the American Cotton association fails, it will be largely the fault of the preachers, lawyers and other professional men. The association changed the price of cotton from 24 cents the pound to 35 cents."

Mr. Tomlinson is a forceful speaker and no doubt his address will bear fruit in Robeson.

## STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

Officers Report Showed Gratifying Progress Made by Farmers Savings Bank During First Six-Months of Its Existence—Officers Elected. Reported for The Robesonian.

The stockholders of the Farmers Savings Bank, which opened for business six months ago, held their regular annual meeting in the offices of Britt & Britt immediately over the banking room Thursday. The reports of the officers showed that very gratifying progress had been made in the short time it had been running, making its future assured.

The following were elected directors for the ensuing year: J. H. Powers, J. W. Barker, C. B. Townsend, C. M. Townsend, W. F. Prevatt, W. H. Humphrey, E. M. Britt, D. H. Britt, Sr., J. L. Townsend, Jno. W. McPhail, M. M. Singletary, A. W. Harrington, L. S. Townsend, L. B. Moore, D. J. Oliver.

Immediately after adjournment of the stockholders meeting, the board of directors met and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: C. B. Townsend, president; J. H. Powers, vice-president; R. H. Covington, cashier.

## Warren Quits Fight, Aydtlett Will Be Appointed District Attorney.

The U. S. senate having failed to confirm the nomination of Thomas D. Warren as district attorney for the eastern district of North Carolina, Edward F. Aydtlett, of Elizabeth City, will be nominated to succeed him. This was announced by Senator Simmons Saturday and at the same time there was published a letter to the Attorney General from Mr. Warren in which he stated that he did not desire the President to send in his name again.

## Wedding Invitations.

Invitations have been issued reading as follows:

Mrs. Otis Bridges requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of her daughter, Hester, to Mr. Rufus Manual Sanderson on Wednesday, January the fourteenth, at six o'clock in the evening. At home, Sanford, North Carolina.

The bride-to-be is well known here, being a graduate nurse of the Thompson hospital.

## DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION MEETS IN SAN FRANCISCO

Convention Will Meet June 28— Selection Made Thursday at Quadrennial Meeting in Washington.

Washington Dispatch, Jan. 8. San Francisco is the place and Monday, June 28 at noon, is the time for the Democratic National Convention. The selections were made here today by the Democratic National Committee at its quadrennial meeting. The committee at the same time unanimously adopted resolutions endorsing the treaty of Versailles and denouncing the "arrogant" Republican leadership of the Senate as having earned the "contempt of the world" by throttling the treaty for seven months.

After the committee went into executive session to select the convention city, A. F. Mullen, National committeeman from Nebraska, submitted a resolution proposing that the rule requiring a two-thirds vote of the convention for the nomination of a Presidential candidate be abolished, but it was tabled after some discussion.

Kansas City and Chicago were active candidates as the convention cities, but after the former had received seventeen votes and the latter seven, against 27 for San Francisco, Robert S. Hudspeth, National committeeman from New Jersey, changed the vote of his State from Kansas City to San Francisco and a stampede in favor of the Pacific coast city resulted, the vote finally being made unanimous.

## MAJ. MCKINNON WILL NOT ENTER CONTEST

Robeson Man Announces That He Will Not Seek Nomination for Commissioner of Agriculture.

Major A. J. McKinnon of Maxton, who has frequently been mentioned in connection with the race for the office of Commissioner of Agriculture in North Carolina this year, announces that he will not contest the Democratic nomination with Major W. A. Graham, present commissioner.

In response to frequent inquiries as to his political intentions, Maj. McKinnon has issued the following statement:

"I am being asked almost daily whether I intend entering the primary for Commissioner of Agriculture. I have given the matter careful consideration, and unless something arises that will change my present views considerably, I shall not be in the contest.

"Many changes have taken place in the agricultural, industrial and commercial world since the last primary. Farmers who can get their work satisfactorily done are prosperous, and those who haven't labor on only farm such crops as are satisfactory to their tenants. The opportunity for results does not seem nearly so great as it did, and as my own business affairs require much more personal attention than in former years, I do not believe it would be wise to make the business sacrifice unless the opportunity for service was greater.

"I feel under lasting obligation to the thirty-four or thirty-five thousand people who voted for me in the last primary and wish to thank each and every one of them for their support, and I hope and believe that they will agree with me in taking the position that am taking."

## THE RECORD OF DEATHS

F. Marion Stephens of Boardman.

Mr. F. Marion Stephens died suddenly at his home at Boardman yesterday morning at 4 o'clock, death resulting from acute indigestion. Deceased was 58 years old and is survived by his widow and one daughter. The funeral was conducted from the Baptist church at Boardman at 2 o'clock this afternoon by Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth of Lumberton and interment was made in the church cemetery. Mr. Stephens was a successful merchant and was also an active church and Sunday school worker, being a member of the Baptist church at Boardman.

A two-year and 5-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Smith of R. 7, Lumberton, died last night of pneumonia. Interment was made at Regan church at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

## Box Supper at Laurel Institute.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Buie, Jan. 7.—There will be a box supper and fish pond at Laurel institute Friday night, January 16, beginning at 6:30. The exercise will begin with a play, "Up-Side Down." A treat awaits all who come.

STELLA I. LOWRY, MARTHA M. LOWRY, VASHTI M. LOWRY, Teachers.

—Mr. M. B. Robbins, of the firm of Robbins & Squires, left last evening for the northern markets to buy goods for their store.

## BRYAN SPLITS WITH WILSON

Says Democrats Cannot Go Before Country on League Issue—Urges Acceptance of Some Compromise Now.

Washington Dispatch, Jan. 8. William J. Bryan split openly with President Wilson at the Jackson dinner here tonight on the question of whether the Democratic party should make the League of Nations an issue at the next election.

The former Secretary of State, three times a candidate for the presidency and a power in his party, declared the Democrats could not go before the country on the issue and that they must accept such compromises as may be possible.

President Wilson, in his message to the diners, had declared that "the clear and single way out" was to submit the issue.

Conceding the right of the Republican majority to dictate the Senate's course, Mr. Bryan declared:

"Our plan has been rejected and we must face the situation as it is. We must either secure compromises as may be possible or present the issue to the country. The latter course would mean a delay of at least fourteen months and then success only in case of our securing a two-thirds majority of the Senate.

"We cannot afford, either as citizens, or as members of the party, to share with the Republican party responsibility for further delay; we cannot go before the country on the issue that such an appeal would present. . . . Majority of Congress can declare war. Shall we make it more difficult to conclude a treaty than to enter a war?"

Bryan Presents Program. Reviewing the past and surveying a program for the future, Mr. Bryan said he ventured to suggest "three new propositions." They were:

A national system of roads, extending in every State, to be known as "a national peace way," both as a utilitarian project for binding the states together in commerce and intercourse and as a memorial to the soldier dead.

A national bulletin, not a newspaper, Mr. Bryan declared—to present National issues under bi-partisan control.

The initiative and referendum, which he declared the Democratic party might well adopt as its "next great platform."

## BROAD RIDGE BREEZES

Farmers Make a Start For Another Crop—New Residence—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Broad Ridge, (Orum, R. 1), Jan. 6.—Farmers of this section are busy cutting stalks and plowing and preparing for another crop.

Snow fell very pretty in this section Sunday about noon.

Rev. W. A. Coleman filled his regular appointments here Saturday and Sunday and preached two good sermons.

Mr. Jim Britt and son, Lennon, of Mt. Elm attended preaching here Sunday.

Sorry to report Mrs. Swain Britt still on the sick list.

Mr. A. H. Bissell is erecting a new residence in this section.

Miss Bessie Redick of Darlington, S. C., returned home Friday after spending a few days visiting relatives in this section.

Best wishes to The Robesonian and its many readers.

## SUPPER A SUCCESS.

Oyster and Box Supper Netted Meadowbrook School More Than \$50—Will Erect New School Building. Reported for The Robesonian.

The oyster and box supper given at Meadowbrook school house on Friday evening proved to be quite a success financially, more than \$50 having been realized for the school. Much interest centered around one box which was offered for the most puctioneer by Mr. John McLeod and brought almost \$35. It was awarded to Miss Lola Hardin, Miss Eva Whittington being a close second.

This school has recently purchased another school lot and are formulating plans to erect a modern school building before the beginning of the next school year. This is a necessity. The school has outgrown its present capacity. A number of the pupils here have been attending the Lumberton graded school, which is also overcrowded. The school will give another entertainment in the near future.

## List Your Real Estate.

Mr. S. H. McKinnon of Maxton, county tax supervisor, is in Lumberton today and will be in the court house here through Thursday for the purpose of listing real estate in Lumberton township. If you own real estate in this township, you should see Mr. McKinnon while he is here.

••••• A number of subscriptions to The Robesonian expire in January. Take a look at your label and if your subscription expires this month send in renewal at once in order not to miss a copy of the paper. All subscriptions are discontinued when they expire. The price is \$2 the year in North Carolina and \$2.25 outside the State. •••••

## BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Don't forget light and water bills. Friday, the 16th, is "cut out" day.

—Messrs. Stephens & Barnes, local undertakers, have recently purchased a Frigid lowering device for lowering caskets into a grave. The device lowers a casket into the grave automatically.

—Licenses has been issued for the marriage of Guy W. Phillips and Edna Bullock; Joe Long and Emma Singletary; Stringfield Mayes and Lillie Bullard; Lawrence Freeman and Bertie Cox.

—E. M. Paul, Jr., 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Paul of Pembroke, fell yesterday and broke his right leg above the knee. Dr. J. A. Martin of Lumberton and Dr. McLellan of Maxton dressed the leg.

—Miss Martha Flax Andrews, home demonstration agent, who was run down by an automobile driven by Callie Hunt, Indian, on Elm street ten days ago, was able to leave the Thompson hospital yesterday.

—The Woman's Club will meet in the municipal building Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The Robesonian was asked to announce the meeting for last week, but this was an error. All members are urged to attend.

—Mr. J. A. Sharpe, editor of The Robesonian and Mrs. Sharpe returned Saturday evening from Greensboro, where they attended the mid-winter meeting of the North Carolina Press association, held at the O. Henry hotel.

—In a recent issue of The Robesonian it was stated that Mr. Furman Hayes had accepted a position with Messrs. K. D. Carwell & son. The name should have been Luther instead of Furman. The name was given to The Robesonian as Furman. Mr. Furman Hayes is still operating his store in East Lumberton.

—A quantity of dry goods which was stolen from a Seaboard freight car here Friday night was found in the woods south of the freight depot Saturday by Chief of Police D. M. Barker. The goods were consigned to a business firm at Chesterfield, S. C., and consisted of cloth, hosiery and ladies underwear. The cloth alone was valued at more than \$50, it is said. No arrest has been made.

—The "Collens" four young ladies, gave a delightful entertainment at the high school auditorium Saturday evening. This was the fourth number in the Redpath Lyceum course of 7 attractions. The next number will be the Columbians, January 21. Those who are not taking advantage of the high-class entertainments this Lyceum course is bringing to Lumberton are missing something worth while.

—Rev. Dr. Chas. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church of Lumberton, Mrs. Durham and their daughter, little Miss Cathrine, went last week to Louisville, Ky., where Dr. Durham is attending a meeting of the trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological seminary, of which board he is a member. On account of Dr. Durham's absence there were no church services at his church yesterday morning or evening.

—Mr. W. D. Prevatt, who moved with his family last month from St. Pauls to Lumberton, R. 1, near Ten Mile church, was a Lumberton visitor this morning with his son Mr. Manly Prevatt, who is home on a furlough from a camp in Texas. Mr. Manly Prevatt was in the second division and was in the first battle in which American troops engaged in France. He has re-enlisted in the army and will leave for camp Wednesday.

—Hester Griffith, colored, was fined \$25 and the cost by Assistant Recorder E. M. Johnson this morning on the charge of the larceny of a uniform belonging to the Lorraine hotel. According to the evidence, Griffith worked at the hotel a short time and when he left he was wearing one of the porter uniforms and failed to return it. Griffith was also found guilty of being drunk and judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost in that case.

## Oyster Supper.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. There will be an oyster supper at the Baltimore school house Friday night, January 16th. JOHN D. CROFT, Printer.

DR. WILLIAM W. PARKER, EYE SPECIALIST, Office: National Bank of Lumberton Building.