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LOCAL SCHOOLS WILL RE-OPEN NEXT MONDAY

Influenza Situation Has Improved Sufficiently to Make It Safe to Start Up Schools Again Next Week—Conditions Throughout County Somewhat Improved.

Lumberton's graded and high schools, which have been closed for 3 weeks on account of the influenza epidemic, will reopen Monday of next week.

Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, and local physicians think that the situation has cleared up sufficiently to make it safe to open the schools again. No new cases of "flu" have been reported in Lumberton in several days. Dr. Hardin thinks that conditions throughout the county also have somewhat improved.

NEW COUNTIES ADVOCATES MEETING AT RED SPRINGS

It is Expected That Candidates for State and County Offices Will Be Nominated at Meeting at Red Springs This Afternoon.

Special to The Robesonian.

Red Springs, Feb. 26.—There will be held here this afternoon a meeting of representatives of St. Pauls, Shannon, Parkton, Lumber Bridge, Red Springs, Smiths and Maxton townships and it is expected that candidates will be nominated at this meeting for State and county offices and that a plan of campaign will be mapped out to form two new counties out of Robeson. It is predicted that Hon. G. B. Patterson of Maxton will be the nominee for the State Senate and that Mr. J. S. Butler of St. Pauls will be nominated for the House.

WHISKEY STILL AND THREE MEN CAPTURED

Albertus Hardin, a Divider of the Weed and His 2 Brothers Caught in the Act of Making the Juice in Saddlecreek—Still Was a Jam-Up Copper Plant.

A copper whiskey-making plant, 15-gallons capacity, complete, three gallons of whiskey, 60 gallons of beer and three men—"Rev." Albertus B. Dock and Clarence Hardin, brothers—were captured early this morning by Robeson officers. The posse that made the capture was composed of Sheriff R. E. Lewis, Deputies A. H. Previtt, and J. A. McLeod, Rural Policeman A. R. Pittman and Policeman Vance McGill.

The still was located in a bay near the home of the "Rev." Albertus Hardin in Saddlecreek township. The three Hardin brothers were operating the still last night when the officers located it. The officers watched the process for a while before they made their presence known to the men who were busy manufacturing "the old familiar." The three Hardins were brought to Lumberton and placed in jail.

The Hardins have been in the toils several times for blockading, this being the second complete whiskey-making plant captured about their homes, while a third worm and cap were captured some months ago.

The still captured this morning was one of the best-equipped copper plants ever captured in Robeson county.

SUPERIOR COURT SUSPENDS ON ACCOUNT OF INFLUENZA

Judge Allen Will Return to Lumberton Some Time Next Week to Sign Judgments.

As was forecast in Monday's Robesonian, Superior court for the trial of count of influenza conditions in the civil cases was closed Tuesday on account. Judge O. H. Allen left Tuesday evening for his home at Kinston. He will return to Lumberton some time next week for the purpose of signing some judgments, but the jury drawn to serve at the next week's term will not have to report, as no jury trials will be heard.

Recorder's Court

Only three trials have been aired before Recorder E. M. Britt this week. These were:

Sharp Ivey, blockading the sidewalk; judgment suspended upon payment of the cost. The defendant gave notice of appeal to the Superior court.

Andrew Bullard, allowing his hogs to run at large; judgment continued upon payment of the cost, the defendant to pay a neighbor for potatoes eaten by the hogs.

Shep Faulk, colored, vagrancy; not guilty.

Charles R. Crane Appointed Minister to China.

Charles R. Crane, of Chicago, business man, millionaire and world traveler, who was appointed minister to China by President Taft in 1909 and recalled while on the way to Peking for "talking too much," has been selected by President Wilson for the same post, to succeed Dr. Paul Reineck.

VARSER NOT A CANDIDATE

Lumberton Lawyer Sets at Rest Rumors as to His Attitude Toward Race For Congress—Authorizes Robesonian to State That He Will Not Be In Race This Time.

Upon being interviewed this morning by The Robesonian, Mr. L. R. Varsar stated that he found it impracticable to arrange his personal affairs in time to make a campaign for the nomination for Congress in the Sixth district at this time, and that consequently he would not be in this race.

In every discussion of candidates and probable candidates for Congress in the Sixth for many moons past—in fact, since the last election—the name of Mr. L. R. Varsar has figured prominently. He has been the unknown quantity, the efforts of all who might enter the race might finally mean only Varsar, and it worried candidates and would-be candidates a heap. It was and is freely admitted on all sides that if Varsar entered the race he would make a candidate so strong that immediately the chances of other candidates would take a slump. He has made cold chills run up and down the spines of candidates, all and sundry, and for the relief afforded by his positive statement that he will not be in the race this trip there will be much thanks under the hat of every man who has said up and down that he was going to Congress, the dear people willing.

Mr. Varsar would have commanded a strong and formidable following throughout the district. He makes no promises as to the future. He is going to continue, whether he wills it or not, a thorn in the side of all candidates, for, though fear of him has been removed for this once, it will return right after the election to make uneasy the pillow of whosoever is elected—whether Representative H. L. Godwin, Homer L. Lyon, Jno. G. Shaw, or some Richmond not yet known to the field.

TOBACCO WILL BRING GOOD PRICE THIS YEAR

So Mr. Cooper, One of the Proprietors of the Star Warehouse, Thinks—He Thinks Farmers Should Be Encouraged to Plant the Weed—Star Will Be Enlarged.

The Star tobacco warehouse of Lumberton is to be considerably enlarged. Mr. S. W. Cooper of Oxford, a member of the firm of Cooper, Nolin & Baker, proprietors of the Star, spent yesterday in Lumberton and contract was made with the owners of the warehouse for the necessary work to be done before the next season opens.

Mr. Cooper says that prices undoubtedly will be higher for tobacco this year than they were last year and that farmers who raise a good grade of the weed will reap a good profit. Last year the farmers who knew how, and took the necessary pains, got fine prices. It was only those who had no experience and failed to get a good grade that got discouraged last year, Mr. Cooper says. He lays great stress upon the importance of keeping tobacco well secured. This he regards as even more important than cultivation—beyond a certain point, of course.

Mr. Cooper expects the coming season to be one of the best tobacco seasons farmers of this section have ever experienced and he expects those who raise good crops this year to reap a rich reward. He thinks farmers should be encouraged to plant the weed.

LUMBERTON POST OF A. L. ELECTS OFFICERS

The Post Has a Membership of More Than 50 and Others Are Expected to Join.

The following officers were elected by the Lumberton Post of the American Legion at a well-attended meeting of the post Monday evening: C. Furman Williams, post-commander; Dr. R. S. Beam and Clarence Moore, vice-commanders; Ira L. McGill, adjutant and finance officer; A. P. Page, insurance officer; John Gore, chaplain. The meeting was held in the municipal building.

The post has a membership of more than fifty and many others are expected to join. The next meeting will be held in the municipal building on the evening of March 15. Service men desiring to join should see Mr. McGill at the postoffice.

Quarterly Meetings Postponed

The quarterly meeting of the East Robeson Sunday School institute, which was to have been held next Sunday at Ruff Swamp, and of the Mt. Elm Sunday School institute, which was to have been held Sunday at Blomington, both have been postponed on account of influenza.

Postmaster Examination at Lumberton to Fill Clarkton Office.

A Civil Service examination will be held at Lumberton March 17 for the position of postmaster at Clarkton. This office has an annual compensation of \$1,500.

PROPOSED EXTENSION OF WATER AND SEWER LINES

Committee Appointed to Investigate Installing Lines Beyond V. & C. S. Railroad and Extension of Street Paving—1919 Taxes to Be Paid by Distress—Landing for Airplanes Sanitary Regulations.

Mayor James D. Proctor and Dr. N. A. Thompson were appointed a committee to confer with an engineer relative to installing water and sewer lines beyond the V. & C. S. railroad in the eastern part of town at a meeting of the mayor and board of commissioners Tuesday afternoon. This committee will also make investigation as to the cost of the proposed extension of paving on some of the principal streets of the town. An order was passed instructing the town clerk and treasurer to proceed to collect all unpaid 1919 taxes by distress, as prescribed by an act of the Legislature. The act provides that all town taxes shall be paid to the town clerk and treasurer on or before December 1 of each year.

Mr. S. K. Nash went before the board in the interest of establishing a municipal, or commercial landing here for aeroplanes. Mr. R. H. Crigh-ton and Dr. N. A. Thompson, members of the board, were appointed a committee, to ascertain whether or not a suitable landing field could be secured.

A donation of \$100, to be paid quarterly, was made to the Colored Civic League, with headquarters at Laurinburg. This money is to be expended in work among the colored people of Lumberton.

It was ordered by the board that any citizen may install the "can" type of privy, in lieu of the "pit" type, by remodeling same so as to conform strictly to specifications for can type privies furnished by county superintendent of health. Any citizen desiring to take advantage of this substitute shall within 30 days give notice of such intention to the county superintendent of health and deposit with the city clerk and treasurer a sum sufficient to defray the actual cost of the necessary can.

PNEUMONIA VACCINE

Very Effective in Preventing Pneumonia—Those Who Want the Treatment Should Report Saturday or Monday.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

I have on hand a small amount of pneumonia vaccine made by the army laboratory at Washington. This vaccine is very effective in preventing pneumonia. It is given in three injections, one week a part, just as typhoid vaccine, and has about the same reaction. The length of immunity is said to be about the same as that of typhoid vaccine. It will be necessary to have at least 6 or 12 people at one time to begin this treatment on account of the size of the tubes. Everyone that desires to take this treatment is requested to report at this office Saturday afternoon or the following Monday.

DR. E. R. HARDIN,
County Health Officer.

Morehead Machine Ran Rough-Shod Over the Newell Faction.

Charlotte Cor., Feb. 24, Raleigh News and Observer: Thuggery is the tamest word Jake Newell, three times a Republican for Congress, can find to describe methods used by the J. Motley Morehead machine in the county convention here Saturday to squelch all opposition.

With thirty-eight of the sixty-six votes pledged to their support the Newell forces had visions of electing J. Cliff Newell as county chairman. After the smoke had cleared they found J. D. Albright, Morehead lieutenant for eight years county chairman entrenched again in that position.

The Newell forces did not surrender without a fight nor have they given up hopes. They will take their squabble to the Republican State convention in Greensboro next week. They mustered twenty-nine votes to thirty-two for the Morehead faction and the latter lacked just that much receiving the unanimous endorsement for J. Motley and Frank Linney. Morehead's home county is the only one not to send a solid delegation pledged to follow the master's voice.

STEPHENS-BULLOCK

Miss Cora Bullock of Fairmont Section Becomes Wife of Mr. H. B. Stephens of Rex.

Miss Cora Bullock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Bullock of the Fairmont section, and Mr. H. B. Stephens of Rex were married in the office of Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd yesterday at 3 p. m. Justice F. Grover Britt officiated and quite a crowd gathered to witness the marriage.

The bride is very popular and has many friends, while the groom is a prosperous farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Stephens left soon after their marriage for their home, near Rex.

Mr. L. M. Oliver of Marietta was a Lumberton visitor yesterday. Mr. T. L. Johnson is spending the day in Raleigh on legal business.

HOW ABOUT LOCAL AIR-PLANE LANDING FIELD

Mr. Nash Says Now is the Time to Provide One Before They Become Common as Hitching Posts—S. K. Is Vice-President of Southern Aeroplane Co.

How about an aeroplane landing field for Lumberton?

Sounds a little bit of all right? Yes? No?

Yet a little while and every town and hamlet will have its landing field and think no more about it than having a place to hitch horses, but the town that provides one thus early in the game attracts attention and gets wide advertising. Look at Winston-Salem, the second town in the South to provide this coming necessity. It has gotten lots of advertising out of its progressiveness along this line. Now if Lumberton jumps in and provides the third field in the South, that will be okay.

So thinks Mr. S. K. Nash, at whose instance the town fathers have appointed a committee to consider this thing, as is duly set forth elsewhere in this paper.

Mr. Nash was in the airplane service during the world war and he sees such a bright future in airplanes in civil life that he has become vice president of the Southern Aeroplane Co., incorporated under the laws of West Virginia. All the officers and executive committee are former A. E. F. men. Mr. Nash has resigned the position he has held for some time with the War Finance Bureau in Washington and will devote his time to promoting the objects of his company. For one thing, they will open an aviation school in Louisville, Ky.

Mr. Nash expects to have a plane at the Robeson county fair next fall. He contemplates putting on a regular airplane passenger service between Charlotte and Wilmington. There are unlimited possibilities for airplanes in civil life, he believes, and he and his associates are out to compass what is possible. This country is 5 to 10 years behind Europe in use of airplanes now, but some folks are waking up.

Mr. and Mrs. Nash, as has been stated, are visiting home folks in Lumberton a few days ago. Mr. Nash is going to Charlotte and Wilmington this week to urge those towns to provide landing fields.

RAILROAD REORGANIZATION BILL PASSED BY SENATE

Bill Under Which Carriers of the Country Will Attempt to Adjust Themselves to Conditions Arising With End of Government Control.

By a vote of nearly three to one, the Senate Monday night passed and sent to the President the modified railroad reorganization bill under which the carriers of the country will attempt to adjust themselves to conditions arising with the end of government control.

Thirty-two Republicans joined with fifteen Democrats in voting for adoption of the conference report, while three Republicans and fourteen Democrats comprised the seventeen voting against it. There was never any doubt as to what the Senate would do, states a Washington dispatch, in view of the wide margin by which the Cummins bill, more drastic than the compromise measure, was passed. The bill will go immediately to President Wilson and the general opinion around the Capitol was that he would sign it.

During the five hours of debate, led by Chairman Cummins, of the Interstate Commerce committee, Senators expressed varying opinions as to how the public and the railroads would fare under the bill, which was warmly defended and just as warmly attacked. But the intense interest which characterized proceedings Saturday in the House was lacking, frequent quorum calls being necessary to get members in the chamber.

Discussion related largely to the labor rate making provisions. Senator Cummins, with great feeling, denounced widespread claims that in fixing freight and passenger charges calculated to give the roads a return of 5 1-2 per cent means taking huge sums of money from the public treasury. The bill, he declared, would not take one dollar in that way. Such report, he said, were a part of the propaganda put forth in an effort to defeat all legislation on the eve of return of the roads to their owners on March first.

During final debate on the bill, Senator Simmons, Democrat, North Carolina, declared the labor unions were opposing it "for purely selfish reasons."

"I am convinced that the opposition of the labor unions is not based on any defects in this legislation," said Senator Simmons. "They are opposed to it because they want government ownership of railroads. They believe that under government ownership they could secure more wages. They believe they could control Congress, and would be able to do what they did when they came here and forced us to pass the Adamson law."

Senator Simmons was paired in favor of the bill while Senator Overman voted against it.

PARKTON NEWS LETTER

Death of Mrs. J. D. McCall—An Attack of "Flu."

BY C. D. WILLIAMSON.

Parkton, Feb. 24.—Since our recent spell we have been unwilling to attempt to write, as there is nothing of interest to write of. Most everybody sick or just getting up, and the few well ones are most scared to death. Asked how did the flu serve you, I must confess it was quite mild, only the first two days my feet seemed to be kept on cold storage and for the close attention of my licensed cook they would have frozen forever. We will never forget kind neighbors and friends and kindred, for they were determined we should not suffer. Soups and fruits, fresh meats, one whole ham, sausage and pudding and such like. Also the Boy Scouts would constantly offer their services and also preachers would call and lend a helping hand, for all of which we wish to extend thanks. After all, it is not so bad.

The death angel visited the home of Mr. J. D. McCall Sunday afternoon and claimed his wife. Mrs. McCall was sick only six days with pneumonia following influenza.

The funeral was held from the grave on Monday evening at 8 o'clock amidst a large concourse of sorrowing loved ones and friends. Services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. L. Jenkins. The floral offerings were most beautiful. The whole town and community are in deep sympathy with the bereaved family. The pallbearers were Collier Cobb, J. C. Lancaster, L. P. Johnson, A. F. Hughes.

DEATH OF LITTLE MARGARET TOLAR

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Rennert, Feb. 24.—Last Sunday a. m. at 3:10 o'clock the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Tolar and took away their darling little girl, Margaret, who was 4 years and 5 months old. She had only been sick 8 days with influenza, which was followed by pneumonia. Little Margaret was a bright, happy, sweet and loving little girl and was dearly loved by all who knew her. She was laid to rest by kind and loving hands Monday p. m. at 4 o'clock in the family burying ground. Rev. J. L. Jenkins of Parkton conducted the funeral service. Mr. Jenkins was former pastor of the Rennert Baptist church.

Mr. Jos. Walters, Near Barnesville—7th Member of Family to Die Within 13 Months.

Mr. Joseph Walters, aged 80 years, died Monday afternoon at his home near Barnesville, death resulting from the infirmities of old age. Deceased is survived by several children. The funeral was conducted from Bethesda Methodist church Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock and interment was made in the church cemetery.

Mr. Walters was the seventh member of the Walters family to die within the last 13 months, four brothers, one sister and two sisters-in-law having died during that time. All lived to ripe old age, however.

Miss Ann Brown of Antioch.

Miss Ann Brown of Antioch died of paralysis yesterday at Red Springs at the home of her sister-in-law Mrs. Jno. G. Brown. She was 65 or 70 years old. The funeral will take place at Red Springs this afternoon at 3:30 and the remains will be interred in Alloway cemetery. Messdames K. T. Brown and K. M. Barnes, and Mr. Fred Brown will attend the funeral from Lumberton.

Warfield Will Become President of Seaboard.

Effective March 1, when the railroads go back to private ownership, according to word received by Seaboard officials at Tampa, Fla., W. J. Harahan, president and general manager of the Seaboard Air Line, will retire from his connection with that line, and will be succeeded by S. David Warfield, chairman of the board, who will also be president.

Think Influenza Will Never Be So Serious Again.

The opinion that America will never experience another influenza epidemic as serious as the last was expressed by many physicians who gathered in Chicago Monday for the American Congress for Internal Medicine.

Items From St. Pauls Route 4.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. St. Pauls, R. 4, Feb. 24.—Mr. Charlie Hyatt is still on sick list. Mrs. Isham Belch is improving. Mr. Ras Hall and Neill Cashwell were guests at Mr. Joe Walters' Sunday night.

Little Miss Pearl Martin has "flu."

Mr. D. H. McPhail of R. 2, Lumberton, was among the visitors in town yesterday.

Mr. B. Tyner of Buie was a Lumberton visitor this morning.

A number of subscriptions to The Robesonian expires this month. 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.

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BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Mrs. J. W. Gaddy of R. 1, Fairmont, is seriously ill at the Thompson hospital, following two operations.

—Mr. G. Badger McLeod is able to be out after being confined to his room for two weeks with influenza.

—Messrs. J. C. and Alex Sessoms are erecting a metal building 14x20 feet on the White lot, East Fourth street, in which Mr. J. C. Sessoms will conduct a grocery business.

—Mrs. J. B. Smith and son, Mr. Casper Smith of Wilson, who has been visiting his mother for several days, went yesterday to Wilmington, where Mrs. Smith consulted a specialist.

—Miss Cora C. Collins of Christfield, Md., who will be head trimmer in Miss Josephine Breese's millinery store again this season, arrived this morning after spending some time in New York and Baltimore studying styles.

—Miss Mary Mills of the millinery department of Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son's department store, returned Monday from New York, where she spent ten days studying the new styles and buying spring millinery.

—Mr. H. M. McAllister returned yesterday from Baltimore, Md., where several weeks ago he underwent an operation at the Union Protestant infirmary. After the operation Mr. McAllister suffered an attack of pneumonia, following influenza. His condition is much improved.

—Mr. T. L. Johnson returned Tuesday morning from Richmond, Va., where he spent several days with his brother, Mr. E. M. Johnson, who Saturday underwent a serious operation for some head trouble at St. Elizabeth hospital. Mr. Johnson's condition is as favorable as could be expected, according to latest reports.

—Mr. Robt. E. Lee is erecting an 8-room two-story residence on Seventh street and is placing material for the erection of two other residences on the same street. One of the other buildings to be erected will be an 8-room, while the other will be a 6-room, bungalow. Mr. Lee has already rented the three buildings.

—If you notice that the street lights in any part of town are out of order, or any other trouble with the light and water systems, advise the superintendent of the light and water plant. His phone number is 139. This request is made at the suggestion of Mr. J. L. McNeill, superintendent of the light and water plants.

—Mr. J. B. Nordan has resigned as assistant freight agent of the V. & C. S. Ry. Co. here. His resignation will go into effect tomorrow. Mr. Nordan will go to Fayetteville, where he has accepted a position as bookkeeper for Stein Brothers. Mr. Nordan's family left today for Fayetteville. It has not been learned who will succeed Mr. Nordan here.

W. Bert Ivey Enters Race for Solicitor Recorder's Court.

Mr. W. Bert Ivey of Lumberton has decided to become a candidate for solicitor of the Lumberton recorder's court district against Mr. W. Lennon, present incumbent.

"SPIRITUALISM"

A subject much discussed since the war—will be pastor C. H. Durham's subject Sunday night. Do people really receive messages from the dead through mediums? If a medium has this power, is it given by God or the devil? What is true Spiritualism? In discussing this subject, Mr. Durham will endeavor to answer these questions, and everyone is invited to hear this sermon.

"THE DEITY OF CHRIST"

will be the subject Sunday morning. This will be the second in a series of sermons on The Life of Christ. A cordial welcome will be given to all who will attend these services.

DR. WILLIAM W. PARKER

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