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SCHOOLS REOPENED TODAY.

Graded and High Schools Resume Work After Being Closed 3 Weeks—Movies Open Again.

The Lumberton graded and high schools reopened today after being closed for three weeks as a precaution against the spread of influenza. Supt. W. H. Cale reports the attendance today as follows: Primary grades 40 per cent, grammar grades 70 per cent, high school 80 per cent.

Supt. Cale sent 8 or 10 children home today because of apparent colds or because of influenza in their homes. The school authorities are advising that children not be sent to school from homes where there is influenza.

The Pastime theatre, which was closed at the same time the schools were closed, was allowed to reopen today.

IT WAS SORTUVA SUBROSA MEETING

But it Comes Via the "It is Understood" Route That G. B. Patterson and A. R. McEachern Are the Choice of the Insurgents for the State Senate and House.

It is understood that Hon. G. B. Patterson of Maxton and Mr. A. R. McEachern of St. Pauls were recommended for the State Senate and House, respectively, at the meeting held at Red Springs Thursday afternoon, mention of which was made in Thursday's Robesonian. At least that is the nearest The Robesonian has been able to find out about the meeting, a report of which was promised this paper but which report has not shown up. A number of people from the territory supposed to be represented at the meeting—Maxton, Red Springs, St. Pauls, Shannon and Smith townships—have been questioned, but no one would admit knowing a thing about it for certain. The one who gave The Robesonian the information contained in the opening sentence above said that he understood that that was one of the things done, but that his idea was that the meeting was not a public meeting—kinder sub rosa.

It was supposed to be a meeting of new counties advocates to propose candidates for the State and county offices, but the actual participants in the meeting are not saying anything for publication.

SEVEN TIRES STOLEN FROM GARAGE

Robbers Entered Economy Garage Saturday Night—Lock Broken Off Door of Lumberton Motor Car Co. Garage.

Robbers entered the Economy garage Saturday night and took seven Overland automobile tires. Entrance was made by unlocking the front door. The door was locked Saturday night by Mr. Ellie Walters, proprietor of the garage, and was found open yesterday morning by Mr. Walters.

A lock was broken off the front door of the garage of the Lumberton Motor Car Co. Saturday night, but nothing has been missed.

ALBERTUS HARDIN IS NOT A "REVEREND."

Albertus Hardin, Indian, is not a "reverend," he has only been known as a licensee and is not considered as that now," according to A. Chavis, a well-known Indian of St. Pauls, who called at The Robesonian office this morning to make this known. Albertus and his brothers Dock and Clarence were captured last Thursday morning with a whiskey still, as duly recorded in Thursday's Robesonian, and Albertus was put down in all the books as "reverend." It is not so, says A. Chavis, and should not be so reported. Chavis evidently considers that being a "licensee" does not entitle one to the handle "reverend," and Albertus evidently considers that its obsolete meaning as "one who takes license, or acts without restraint," is still in force.

Hoey Says He Will Not Run For Congress Again.

Representative Clyde R. Hoey, elected to Congress from the Ninth North Carolina district last year after a warm fight, Saturday night made a public statement in which he announced that he will not be a candidate for the Democratic nomination to succeed himself. He declares that his action has no bearing on the race for Governor between his brother-in-law, Max Gardner, Cameron Morrison and Robt. N. Page, but it will be construed as helping Gardner, Shelby's "office-holding trust" having aroused much resentment, especially in Mecklenburg county.

Powers of Fuel Administration Continued.

Coincident with the signing of the railroad bill Saturday night, President Wilson issued executive orders providing for continuation of the powers of the fuel administration, but dividing them between the director general of Railroads and a commission of four. Director General Hines will retain jurisdiction over domestic distribution while the commission will handle bunker and export coal matters.

GOVERNMENT RELEASES CONTROL OF RAILROADS

America's Rail Transportation Systems Again Divided Among Their Owners.

America's rail transportation systems, operated as one great public utility since December 28, 1917, again were divided among their 230 separate corporate owners when the government released control at midnight last night.

Director-General Hines, as the agent of the President's handed over the properties and equipment, valued at approximately \$20,000,000,000, to their old directors, free except for the jurisdiction retained by the government in the new railroad reorganization bill.

President Wilson signed the railroad bill Saturday night and in a proclamation issued at the same time he vested in Walker D. Hines, director-general of railroads, virtually all powers conferred upon the executive by the bill. Mr. Hines will continue, to exercise the duties of director-general, which continue beyond the return of the roads.

At 12:01 o'clock this morning the government handed over to their owners 240,000 miles of main line railroads and terminals and equipment. The properties go back leaving a deficit of \$715,500,000 for its 26 months' of operation. But while the deficit appears large, "Federal operation has cost the public considerably less under the conditions, through rates and taxes, than would have, been the case under private control," Director General Hines declared in a resume of the government management.

ALBERTUS HARDIN MAKES BOND

Dock and Clarence Are Still in Jail—They Will Be Given Hearing Thursday.

Albertus Hardin, Indian, one of the three Hardin brothers arrested Thursday of last week on the charge of manufacturing whiskey, made bond Saturday night in the sum of \$500 and was released from jail. Dock and Clarence Hardin are still in jail, not having succeeded in making bond in the sum of \$1,000 each, as required by Recorder E. M. Britt. The Hardins will be given a preliminary hearing before Recorder Britt Thursday of this week.

As was stated in Thursday's Robesonian, the Hardins were arrested after the officers had watched them operate a whiskey-making plant in a bay near Albertus Hardin's home for several hours, the still also having been captured.

RE-SOW IF TOBACCO PLANTS HAVE BEEN KILLED

Tobacco Growers Should Examine Their Beds Closely. Says Mr. "Billy" Bransford—He Has No Doubt About Tobacco Selling High.

There is no doubt in the mind of Mr. E. O. (Billy) Bransford, well-known tobacco man, about tobacco selling high next season. Mr. Bransford stated Saturday that he feared that many of the tobacco plants had been killed by the recent cold weather and he advises that tobacco-growers examine their plant beds closely. Where the plants have been killed, Mr. Bransford thinks it advisable for farmers to re-sow their plant beds at once and says the seed should be soaked in milk-warm water for 24 hours before sowing. By this process he thinks the seed sown now will produce plants early enough for a good tobacco crop.

HOUSEHOLD ENGINEERING.

Mrs. Estelle Smith Will Address Housekeepers of Lumberton on That Important Subject Thursday P. M.

As has been stated in The Robesonian, Mrs. Estelle T. Smith, district agent of Goldsboro, will address the housekeepers of Lumberton on the subject of "Household Engineering" Thursday of this week. The meeting will be held in the graded school building at 3 p. m. Members of women's clubs throughout the county are invited to attend the meeting, which was planned by Miss Martha Flax Andrews, home demonstration agent. Those who are not members of any club are also invited. A treat is in store for all who attend the meeting.

LUMBERTON BASKETBALL TEAM MET DEFEAT AT RAEFORD.

And Goodness Gracious Sakes Alive Look What the Boys Lost Besides the Game.

The Lumberton basket ball team was defeated by the Raeford team at Raeford Friday by a score of 9 to 0. The local team defeated the Raeford team in a game here recently. Not only did the local boys lose the game, but one of them lost a watch, one a fountain pen and a third a pocket-book and some cash while at Raeford. The watch, pen and money were taken from the pockets of the boys when they left their coats in the Raeford school building while the game was on.

RECORDER'S COURT.

John Peppers Found Guilty of Selling Grantham Bros. Witchhazel—Other Cases.

John Peppers, colored, was before Recorder E. M. Britt this morning on the charge of retailing witchhazel, which is said to have intoxicating powers. Peppers was found guilty and prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of the cost. Peppers to be sent to the roads if he again sells hair tonic for drinking purposes.

Peppers is employed at Grantham Brothers' drug store and according to the evidence the witchhazel belonged to the store.

Jim Kelly, colored, was fined \$5 and the cost on the charge of being drunk, while judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost in the case of Herbert McNair, colored, also charged with being drunk.

"Son" Duckery, colored, 16 years old, was found guilty of larceny and judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost. Duckery's father to give him a "good whipping."

"Son" was found guilty of stealing groceries from Mr. L. H. Caldwell's store last Saturday.

"MONKEY RUM" RETAILS AT \$28 THE GALLON

Some Has Been Sold at That Figure in Lumberton, According to Testimony—Will Blount Goes to Roads for 6 Months for Selling the Stuff.

"Monkey rum" has been retailing on the Lumberton market for \$28 the gallon, according to evidence brought out at the trial of Will Blount, colored, found guilty of retailing before Recorder E. M. Britt Friday. Blount was presented with a 6-months' road sentence by Recorder Britt.

The defendant was arrested Thursday night by Policeman Vance McGill while in a drunken condition and had a small supply of the full-killer Randall McNair, colored, was found with him at the time of his arrest. He is not guilty of disorderly conduct upon the streets.

WILL SMITH HAD BLOCKADE STILL IN HOME

Smith Was Brought to Jail This Morning—Officers Also Found 180 Gallons of Beer in Smith's Home.

A whiskey still, 10-gallons' capacity, was found in the home of Will Smith, colored, in Fairmont this morning and Smith was arrested and placed in jail here. The arrest was made by Rural Policeman A. R. Pittman and W. W. Smith and Policeman S. W. Stanley of Fairmont. Besides the still, the officers found 180 gallons of beer in Smith's home. The still was made of a gas tank and had a copper worm.

Aviator Breaks World's Altitude Record and Falls 5 Miles in 2 Minutes.

Maj. R. W. Schroeder, chief test pilot at McCook field, at Dayton, O., Friday reached an altitude of 36,020 feet, said to be 5,020 higher than the world's record. When nearly 7 miles above the earth his oxygen tanks became exhausted, he lost consciousness and his airplane fell, instruments on the machine indicating that it fell more than 5 miles in 2 minutes. Schroeder regained partial consciousness when 2,000 feet above the earth, in time to right his machine and glide to a safe landing. The thermometer on Maj. Schroeder's machine registered 67 degrees below zero. He was partially blinded and his limbs were rendered numb, despite the fact that he was dressed heavier than any polar explorer. He literally was wrapped in inflexible electric heaters. His flying suit was lined with the fur of Chinese Nuchwang dogs, and between the fur and outer lining flexible electric heat units, connected by silk covered wires with the dynamo of the engine, heated the entire suit. In like manner his headgear, gloves and moccasins were heated. The major is in a Dayton hospital suffering from shock and temporary partial blindness.

Packers Divorced From All Business Not Related to Packing Industry.

Divorcement of the packers from all business not directly related to the packing of meat was made mandatory Friday through signature of Chief Justice McCoy, in the District of Columbia Supreme Court, of a decree filed by Attorney General Palmer with the concurrence of the packers.

The decree, which must be carried out within two years, affects 87 corporations and 49 individuals, of which Swift and company, Armour and company, Morris and company, and the Cudahy company are the major members.

It Snowed Last Night.

It snowed in splendid style for several hours last night, but the dampness of the ground caused it to fade away as it fell.

—Mr. Clinton Norment has recovered from an operation for appendicitis, which he underwent three weeks ago at the Thompson hospital.

Hon. G. B. Patterson and Mr. H. C. McNair of Maxton are Lumberton visitors today.

MORE PRIZES FOR CONTESTANTS OF ROBESON

Robeson County Board of Health Supplements Prizes Heretofore Offered for Essays on Cause and Prevention of Malaria.

(S. B. Bledsoe, Publicity Director, North Carolina Landowners' Assn.) Wilmington, Feb. 29.—Realizing the economic drain malaria is making on Eastern North Carolina, and desiring to render a service to humanity, Dr. E. R. Hardin, Robeson county health officer, has announced that his department will supplement the prizes offered for essays on malaria in Robeson county by the North Carolina Landowners association.

The additional prizes to be given by the Robeson health department will be awarded for the fourth and fifth best essays, the amounts being \$3 and \$2. This makes a total of \$25 to be awarded Robeson county contestants in the anti-malaria contest being conducted in the schools in the eastern part of the State by the North Carolina Landowners association. The original offer of the association was three prizes, \$5, \$3, and \$2. These amounts were doubled by the editor of the Lumberton Robesonian, and now comes the special, and unexpected offer of the health department of this enterprising county. "Should some Robeson county contestant win the grand prize of \$50 a total of \$75 will go into this county as prizes.

In his letter to the landowners association making known the decision of his department, Dr. Hardin wrote: "I believe you are doing a big piece of constructive public health work in educating the children of North Carolina as to the cause and prevention of malaria." In closing his letter Dr. Hardin offered the association his active assistance in putting through this great educational program and urged that he be called on at any time he could be of service.

The Robeson board of health's personnel follows: John W. Ward, chairman; J. R. Poole, Dr. H. H. Hodgins, J. D. Proctor, Dr. T. C. Johnson.

Questionnaires for Candidates for State Offices.

The State Farmers Union has joined the State Federation of Labor in the submission of questionnaires to candidates for State offices in North Carolina. The legislative board of the farmers organization and the executive committee of the federation yesterday in session here revised the questionnaire already drawn up by the labor committee, and the joint product will be submitted for the first.

This is the first time that the labor organization and the farmers organization have united to test the legislative disposition of candidates in the State. Recently, conferences have been held here between the officials of the two organizations looking toward closer co-operation for the achievement of the purposes of labor, whether it be farm or factory.

Parker-Sellers.

Miss Mollie Sellers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sellers of the Barnesville section, and Mr. D. Fulton Parker of Mt. Elm were married at the home of Justice F. Grover Britt, Seneca street, yesterday at 3:30 p. m. Justice Britt officiated. Only a few friends of the contracting parties witnessed the marriage.

The bride is an attractive young lady and is very popular among her many friends. The groom is a young man of sterling worth and a successful farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Parker will make their home at Mt. Elm, leaving for their home soon after their marriage.

Additional Report of Armenian Relief Work in Lumberton.

Heretofore reported \$1,322.26
H. B. Jennings 50.00
P. Murphy McLean 20.00
Total \$1,392.26
Any further contributions can be made and will be appreciated.

This Feb. 28, 1920.
JUNIUS J. GOODWIN,
Chairman Lumberton Township.

Additional Contribution to Armenian Relief.

P. Murphy McLean, \$20, for Armenian relief. This is to be added to the \$1,322.26 for Lumberton township reported in Thursday Robesonian by Chairman J. J. Goodwin, making the total \$1,342.26.

No New Cases of Influenza Reported.

No new cases of influenza have been reported in Lumberton proper for several days and conditions are improving in the rural districts, according to local physicians. It is probable that a few cases have developed here, however.

Oklahoma Gives Women the Ballot.

The Legislature of Oklahoma ratified the Federal woman suffrage amendment last week.

—The Robeson chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy will meet March 4th promptly at 3:30 o'clock with Mrs. T. F. Costner.

Messrs. J. B. Humphrey and H. B. Ashley of Philadelphia are Lumberton visitors today.

SIMPSON KINLAW FELL DEAD IN UNION STATION

Fair Bluff Citizen Victim of Stroke of Apoplexy Here—Was in Act of Purchasing Railroad Ticket.

Mr. Simpson Kinlaw, aged 69 years, of Fair Bluff, fell dead in the union station here Friday about 10 a. m., death resulting from apoplexy. Deceased was in the act of purchasing a ticket to Powersville, having the money in his hand to pay for same, when he fell. He did not speak after falling and death followed in a few minutes. Drs. T. C. Johnson and J. A. Martin were called to revive him, but their efforts to revive him proved futile. The remains were taken in charge by Messrs. Stephens & Barnes, local undertakers, and after being prepared for burial were sent to Fair Bluff.

Mr. Kinlaw came, here on the R. & C. freight and passenger train just a short time before his death, being on his way to Barker's to visit relatives. He formerly lived in Howellsville township and had a number of relatives in this county. He is survived by several children.

Mrs. J. W. Gaddy of R. 1, Fairmont.

Mrs. J. W. Gaddy of R. 1, Fairmont, died Friday afternoon at the Thompson hospital here. Mrs. Gaddy had been a patient at the hospital for 14 weeks, having undergone an operation for appendicitis soon after going to the hospital. She was 42 years old and is survived by her husband and 8 children. The funeral was conducted at the home Saturday at 3 p. m. and interment was made in the family burying ground, near the Gaddy home. Deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Evander Pittman of Lumberton. She was a good woman and will be sorely missed in her home and community.

Two Sisters Die of Influenza.

The wife of Warren Jacobs, who lives on Mr. D. P. Bui's place at Philadelphus, died a week ago Saturday night of pneumonia, following influenza, and last Wednesday night her sister, Mollie Oxendine, died of the same disease. She went to the Jacobs home to nurse her sister.

Mr. John F. McLean, Near Maxton.

Mr. John F. McLean, aged about 38 years, died Thursday night at his home, near Maxton, of influenza-pneumonia. Deceased was a prosperous farmer. He was not married. Interment was made in the family burying ground Saturday.

Mr. Wm. H. Hedgpeth, Near Proctorville.

Mr. Wm. H. Hedgpeth, aged near 70 years, died Saturday morning at his home, near Proctorville. Deceased had been in ill health for several months and his death was not unexpected. He is survived by several children.

Mr. Hedgpeth had been for many years a deacon of Big Branch Baptist church and took much interest in church and Sunday school work. He was a leading figure in his community and in his death the county lost one of its best citizens. Mr. Hedgpeth was the second member of his family to die within the last two weeks, a sister, Mrs. L. A. Edmund of R. 4, Lumberton, having died a few days ago of influenza.

Mr. Peter Lamb, R. 4, Lumberton.

Mr. Peter Lamb, aged 57 years, died early yesterday morning at his home on R. 4 from Lumberton of influenza-pneumonia. Deceased is survived by his widow and several children. The funeral was conducted today at 11 a. m. by Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth, pastor of Long Branch Baptist church, of which deceased was a member. Interment was made in the family burying ground, near the home.

Miss Leachy Stone, Near Proctorville.

Miss Leachy Stone died last night at her home, near Proctorville. Deceased was 76 years old and had been in ill health for several months. She was a member of Broad Ridge Baptist church. Interment was made near the home at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Deceased was a sister of the late Mr. Joel Stone of the McDonald section, who died two weeks ago.

Mr. John McLaughlin of R. 5, Maxton.

Mr. John McLaughlin, a well known and prosperous farmer, died Saturday at his home on R. 5 from Maxton of influenza-pneumonia. Deceased was about 45 years old. The funeral took place yesterday; interment being made in the McLaughlin cemetery.

REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION AT GREENSBORO MARCH 3

The State convention of the Republican party will be held in Greensboro Wednesday, March 3. A dispatch from that place states that it is expected that between 1,200 and 2,000 persons will attend the convention, which is expected to last until far into the night. A warm fight is promised between Jake Newell and John M. Morehead. Newell says he is going to find out at the convention whether or not Morehead can run things simply for the favored few or whether or not the unwashed shall have, a look-in—or words to that effect.

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

—Mr. J. W. Bullock is placing material for erecting a 7-room residence on East Second street.

—The county commissioners, the county board of education and the county road board are all holding regular monthly meeting here today. Many people are in town.

—Mr. D. W. Biggs is placing the material for the erection of a garage building 24 by 100 feet on his lot, East Second street. The building will be made of metal, with brick front.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Lloyd M. White and Victoria Kinlaw; Jas. D. Tyson and Ida Dupree; Haynes Johnson and Minnie Prevatt; Geo. L. Grantham and Mary Belle Ricks.

—Miss Amelia Linkhauer returned Saturday from New York and Baltimore, where she spent two weeks studying spring styles and buying goods for her millinery store—the Style Shop.

—A regular meeting of the Eastern Star will be held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. All members are requested to be present as this is time for the election of officers for the ensuing year.

—The office, and show room of the Lumberton Motor Car Co. has been moved from the garage building, West Fifth street, to the McLeod building, Elm street, formerly occupied by the Birmingham Co.

—Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Powers moved last week from Baltimore, Md., to Lumberton. They are keeping house in the residence owned by Mr. C. A. Crump, East Fifth street. Mr. Powers has accepted a position with the W. R. Tynes Auto Co.

—Did you ever see a hog's foot with five toes on it? The usual number is four toes to the foot, but Mr. brought to town Saturday a foot J. S. Jones of R. 1, Lumberton, from a hog he recently killed that had five perfectly good toes on it.

—Mrs. J. R. English and small son, J. R., Jr., arrived yesterday from Jacksonville, Fla., to join Mr. English, who is manager of Efird's department store here. Mr. and Mrs. English are keeping house in a residence belonging to Mr. R. E. Lee, Sixth street.

—Chief Yeoman Oscar Rhodes of the U. S. navy spent the week-end visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Rhodes, near Bloomingdale. Mr. Rhodes is now engaged in recruiting work at Columbia, S. C. He has been in the navy 5 years, having spent three years at sea.

—The woman's missionary society of Chestnut Street Methodist church will meet Wednesday afternoon at 3:30. The pastor of the church, Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman, will take up with the ladies at that time some matters in connection with the evangelistic campaign that will begin in this church in April.

—Mr. John G. Proctor arrived home Saturday night from Chapel Hill, having recovered from an attack of influenza-pneumonia. He was accompanied home by his brother, Mr. Robt. W. Proctor, who returned to Chapel Hill today. The Proctor brothers are students at the university of North Carolina.

—The Lumberton Motor Car Co. has installed an electric visible gasoline station. The purchaser of gasoline can see the exact amount that he gets and the gas is pumped by electric current. This company has also installed an air station. By dropping a nickle in the slot one can get all the air needed to fill four auto tires without pumping.

—Travis Bass, Jr., was arrested Saturday afternoon by Chief of Police D. M. Barker on the charge of stealing a buggy robe and a lady's coat from a buggy in a back lot in Lumberton. Young Bass was placed in jail but later released by Mr. C. B. Skipper, juvenile officer, who will dispose of the case. Chief Barker says he saw Bass take the robe and coat from the buggy.

—The regular meeting of the woman's missionary society of the First Baptist church will be held Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, at which time the annual election of officers will take place. A special thank offering will be taken in the circles. A large attendance is desired as this is the week of self-denial and prayer. Meetings will be held at the same hour Thursday and Friday afternoon.

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