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BETTER GRADES SOLD WELL

Around 100,000 Pounds of the Golden Weed Sold on the Lumberton Market on the Opening Sale—Prices Ranged From One to Fifty Cents the Pound—Rain Kept Much Tobacco Off the Market—Other Markets in the County Report Satisfactory Openings—Sales Will Be Conducted Daily Except Saturdays.

Around 100,000 pounds of tobacco was offered for sale on the Lumberton market Tuesday, the opening sales day of the 1920 season, and prices ranged from 1 to 50 cents the pound. Early morning rains kept many tobacco-growers off the market both Tuesday and yesterday. The sales yesterday totaled around 50,000 pounds and prices ranged as high as 60 cents the pound. About the same number of pounds was sold today.

Judging from prices paid on the opening sale, the better grades of the goldenweed will bring satisfactory prices this season, while the prices for the lower grades will be off from last season. The offerings Tuesday and yesterday consisted largely of first primings and the grades were not good.

The Lumberton market has the largest corps of buyers in its history and all the buyers are eager to purchase ripe, bright tobacco. It is very important that the tobacco-growers leave the tobacco on the stalk until it is thoroughly ripe, according to the warehousemen and buyers. If removed from the stalk before it is ripe, the tobacco will not sell for satisfactory prices.

Reports from the markets at Fairmont, Proctorville and St. Pauls state that the opening sales Tuesday were very satisfactory, both to the warehousemen and the farmers. Sales will be conducted every day except Saturday from now until the close of the selling season.

L. C. TILLEY DIED SUDDENLY.

End Came Yesterday at Wallace—Funeral Arrangements Not Perfect, But Interment Will Probably Be Made Here Tomorrow.

Mrs. L. C. Tilley was advised by wire yesterday of the sudden death at Wallace yesterday morning of her husband. No particulars were given. Mrs. Tilley ordered the remains sent to Wilmington and she left this morning for Wilmington. While the funeral arrangements have not been perfected, it is expected that interment will be made here tomorrow.

Mr. Tilley had been working at a lumber plant at Wallace for some months and Tuesday Mrs. Tilley had a letter from her husband stating that he was well. He was about 68 years old and is survived by his widow and 5 children. He worked for the Kingsdale Lumber Co. here, for a number of years and was well-known. He was a native of Norfolk, Va.

TAYLOR MAY RECOVER.

The condition of Andrew B. Taylor, colored, who was shot by officers when he offered resistance and secured his gun when the officers went to search his home for whiskey last Saturday, is improving. Taylor lived near Rowland and as was stated in Monday's Robesonian, around 150 gallons of beer and parts of a whiskey still were found in his home after he had been shot. Taylor's wounds were considered serious at first, but the doctors now think he has a chance of recovery. He is in the Thompson hospital.

Organize Y. M. C. A. Committees.

Mr. J. S. Hunter, field secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in North Carolina, spent Tuesday in Lumberton and organized an interracial committee for the purpose of handling all problems affecting the white and colored races. The committee is composed of the following: Rev. Dr. Chas. H. Durham, Messrs. T. L. Johnson, J. P. Russell, L. R. Varner, J. R. Poole and Mayor A. E. White. The colored committee is composed of Messrs. J. H. Hayswood, W. C. Pope, J. D. Harrell, R. D. Bethea and Prof. W. H. Knuckles.

Offices for Negroes.

Mrs. John H. Lewis, of Lynchburg, vice-president of the Virginia Equal Suffrage league, speaking before the Equal Suffrage league of Raleigh, at the Woman's club, June 8th, said: "We know that woman suffrage means political equality for the negro and for this, for we think it only just share of the offices. We are willing that the negro should have a fair share of the political offices."

—Rev. Everett Ward of Hope, New Mexico, arrived Saturday of last week and will spend some time in Robeson visiting relatives and friends. Mr. Ward is a native Robesonian. This is his first visit to his home county in 22 years and he notes great advancement along all lines of industry. He could not recognize the Lumberton of today as compared with the Lumberton of 22 years ago, he said.

ONE KILLED, 2 WOUNDED AS CROWD STORMED JAIL AT GRAHAM

Machine Gunners of Durham National Guard Company Fired Into Crowd Which Stormed Jail Where Three Negroes Charged With Attack on White Woman Were in Prison—Story of the Crime.

A Greensboro dispatch of the 19th, gives the following: Jim Ray, Graham, was killed and Willie Phillips and Clem Bradsher slightly wounded tonight about 9:30 near the jail in Graham, Alamance county, when machine gunners of the Durham National Guard company opened fire into a crowd in the darkness, apparently under apprehension that an attempt was being made to storm the jail, where three negroes are held pending identification of the assailant of a white woman near Graham Saturday night.

Reports from Graham state that nobody seems to know just why the gunners opened fire, and denial is made that there was any concerted attempt to storm the jail, around which crowds have gathered since early Sunday morning when bloodhounds trailed from the woman's home to a servant's house at Rainey hospital nearby, and three negroes were found in bed together, and were arrested and lodged in jail.

"Absolutely false," Captain Fowler said in connection with the report that no reason could be assigned for the shooting. "The masked mob," Captain Fowler declared, "fired the first shots. The machine gunners returned the fire with machine guns and side arms."

"The man killed and the two men injured were not members of the mob," the captain said.

A Raleigh dispatch of the same date says:

Adjutant General Metts, informed of the situation in Graham, is making arrangements to proceed to Graham on a special engine of the Southern railway, meantime ordering more troops to the scene.

Graham, July 19.—The attack on the woman was made early Saturday evening while her husband was away from home. The woman was sitting on the front porch of her home with her infant child when a negro with a mask over his face approached, and at the point of a revolver, commanded her to enter the house, it is said. She made efforts to frighten the negro by telling him that her husband would be home in a minute and that he would get into trouble. "To hell with your husband" it is said the negro answered, forcing her into the parlor of her home, where she was attacked.

As soon as the alleged crime was reported to the authorities bloodhounds from Raleigh were brought here and put on the trail. On dog was placed on the scent, which led to a local hospital, where George Troxler was employed as cook. Another dog was put on the track and he followed identically the same trail as the first, and Troxler was arrested. Two other negroes found near the hospital were taken into custody.

When the negroes were placed in jail crowds began to gather around the jail yard until the number reached nearly 2,000. After an unsuccessful attempt had been made to rush the jail door, County Attorney E. S. Parker made a speech urging the mob to desist and let the law take its course. This had some effect on the crowd, but the mob continued to loiter around the prison, and authorities asked for a company of militia to keep order.

Durham, July 19.—The mob that stormed the jail was made up of about fifty men. They surrounded the jail and made a concerted attack, Captain Fowler said. As they ran toward the jail they emptied revolvers and rifles at the building.

100 Shots Were Fired.

The soldiers and machine guns had been placed inside the building, and by order of Captain Fowler they returned the fire. The battle lasted for about three minutes. More than 100 shots were fired. "We used both the machine guns and side arms," Captain Fowler said.

Bullets fired by the mob rattled against the jail and through the barred windows. Several shots came dangerously near the soldiers, but none were injured.

When the mob ceased firing, Captain Fowler ordered his company to discontinue activities.

Later a second attack from outside the jail occurred. Three shots were fired. One shot passed within a few inches of Captain Fowler's head. No one was injured in this attack and the militia fired no shots.

Minister Swears Mob Attacked Jail.

Durham Dispatch, July 21.

The Rev. Robert M. Price, pastor of the Lake Wood Methodist church and a sergeant in the Durham machine gun company, tonight issued a sworn statement in which he declares emphatically that a masked mob attempted to storm the Alamance county jail Monday night and fired upon machine gunners guarding the jail before the soldiers fired a shot.

STOLEN AUTOS RECOVERED.

C. C. Webb of Lumberton Arrested in Connection With Larceny of Two New Ford Cars From Lewis Garage, at Rex Tuesday Night.

Clyde C. Webb of Lumberton was arrested yesterday afternoon in connection with the larceny of two new Ford automobiles, which were stolen from Mr. T. C. Lewis' garage at Rex Tuesday night. Webb was released under a \$2,000 justified bond and will be given a hearing before Recorder E. M. Britt next Monday.

The two automobiles were found in a shed at the home of R. C. Thrower, near the National cotton mill, the cars having been trailed from Rex to Lumberton. Mr. Thrower, who is brother-in-law to Webb, said the cars were placed under the shed at his home about 4 o'clock yesterday morning, but said he did not know who placed the cars there. Webb denies being implicated in the larceny of the automobiles. The lock was cut off the garage door and in getting the cars out of the garage Mr. Lewis' gas tank was torn down. Webb moved to Lumberton from Scotland county early this year.

EFIRD INSTALLING ELECTRIC CABLE CASH CARRIER SYSTEM

First to be Installed in Lumberton—Store Being Remodeled Inside.

Efird Brothers are installing the electric cable cash carrier system in their department store here. The Messrs. Efird are installing this up-to-date system in all their chain of 34 stores. There are ten stations on the floors and all lead to one central station where all cash is deposited and change made. This is the first system of this kind to be installed in Lumberton and it gives the Efird store, the air of a large city store. The system is being installed by the Lamson Co. of Baltimore, Md.

The building occupied by the Efird store is being remodeled and repainted on the inside and Mr. J. R. English, manager of the local store, says he expects to make this one of the most attractive department stores in eastern North Carolina.

COX WILL CARRY OHIO.

This is Opinion of Robeson Man Who Was in Ohio When Both Harding and Cox Were Nominated.

Governor Cox, the Democratic nominee for President, will carry Ohio in the November election, according to Mr. H. N. Ward, a native Robesonian, who was in the State of Ohio at the time both conventions met and nominated a son of that State. Cox is more popular with the masses in his home State and is looked upon as "a bigger man" than Harding, Mr. Ward says.

PROCTORVILLE NEWS LETTER.

Tobacco Market Opened Tuesday—Prices Satisfactory—Everything Booming and the People Happy.

By W. Jerome Stephens. Proctorville, July 21.—The Proctorville tobacco market opened yesterday, but on account of bad rainy weather not much of the "weed" was put on the market. High prices prevailed, 38 cents being the highest price paid for first curings.

The crowd that have gathered here to buy tobacco, evidently must mean that it is going to bring just as good prices as last year. Our men warn the farmer not to pull the leaf until it is thoroughly ripe.

Mr. George Branch, who built more to his grocery store not long ago, has opened up a fresh meat market and restaurant. Also another large restaurant has opened on main street next to L. S. Smith's wholesale grocery store.

Refreshing showers have been falling in our town for quite a few days. Rev. W. H. Dodd filled his regular appointment here Sunday and preached an excellent sermon.

Nobody seems to be on the sick list in our city at present, but instead every thing blooming and everybody happy.

Prayer services every Wednesday night at the First Baptist church here every body, especially the young folks, are invited.

Ice seems to be hard to get in our town as some of the citizens have been ordering from Fayetteville.

Mr. Earl Leggett has opened up a cool drink stand on the warehouse square.

Mr. C. M. Reeves is putting in an oil engine to operate his cotton gins for the coming season, while the old original steam engine will be used for sawing altogether.

The W. R. Surles firm, whose store was destroyed by fire some time ago, are occupying the other Surles store, just across the street from the old stand.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Britt and two children, Hamar and Wilbur, returned today to their home near Timmonsville, S. C., after spending several days here and at Orrum visiting relatives.

PREMIUM LISTS READY.

Premiums Doubled Over Last Year—Adequate Fair Grounds and Exhibition Buildings in Readiness for the Sixth Annual Robeson County Fair—Fair for Colored People.

The premium list for the Sixth annual Robeson county fair, which will be held at the new fair grounds just north of Lumberton October 12 to 15, is off the press. The list contains eighty pages, the premiums having been doubled over last year. Those wishing to secure a copy of the list can get same by applying at the Robesonian office or to Mr. W. O. Thompson, secretary of the Robeson Fair association.

As has been stated in The Robesonian, the fair association was re-organized and incorporated last fall with an authorized capital of \$50,000. Twelve acres of land was purchased and has been fenced in. Three exhibition buildings and a grandstand have been erected on the grounds and it is expected that the 1920 fair will be by far the "biggest and best" ever held in Robeson county. Get a premium list and have something on exhibition.

A fair for colored people will be held the week following the white fair—October 19 to 22. The premium list for the colored fair is also out and copies can be secured from Dr. J. D. Quick, colored, of Lumberton. This will be the first county fair for colored people ever held in Robeson. The organization for the colored fair has already been perfected, and no doubt the colored people of the county will put on a fair worth-while.

CROPS HAVE IMPROVED.

Present Crop Prospect is Favorable—Corn, Tobacco and Cotton in Robeson and Throughout the State. (Reported by Frank Parker, Agricultural Statistician.)

Lumberton, July 17.—The crops of this section of North Carolina have improved remarkably even though they are still late, after the late winter and discouraging weather conditions during the spring. The June crop conditions improved seven per cent as the weather was very favorable expecting for some spotted hail sections. The crop forecast is favorable at present as announced by the state's Cooperative Crop Reporting Service, at Raleigh.

Robeson county has 64,750 acres of corn, or 95 per cent compared with last year, averaging 85 per cent in condition. The tobacco crop averages 85 per cent in condition. The acres are estimated to be 92 per cent of the 1919 crop, and cotton is reported to be 83,100 acres, or 98 per cent of 1919 and condition 79 per cent.

The North Carolina corn acreage this year is four per cent below last year's and indicates 89 per cent of a full crop prospect. The forecasted 57 million bushels production is three per cent better than was made last fall. The present farm price is \$2.27 per bushel or 32 cents more than a year ago. The United States acreage is slightly increased from last year but the present condition of the crop forecasts five per cent less production.

The State's cotton crop acreage is perhaps increased slightly with a 74 per cent condition. This was nine per cent lower than it was a year ago. The improvement during June was four per cent. The hail swept section around Lenoir county suffered heavily. The South's crop showed one per cent increased acreage, 71 per cent condition, the same as last year, but the crop improved during June from the lowest condition on record to the extent of over eight per cent. The present condition is slightly above the ten year average.

The tobacco crop that put us to the front and brought so much wealth to northern and eastern Carolina is increased five to six per cent in acreage with a condition of 80 per cent of a full crop. This means that we have a good crop prospect and if prices hold up, we will have another high rank in the crop's value. Perhaps we may yet convince Kentucky of the importance of the crop in this state, since we are increasing the last year's acreage which surpassed her's. The value of last year's sales was certified by western buyers as aggregating more than those of our rival. Our certified producer's sales amounted to fourteen millions of pounds more than the production that was officially estimated. A dollar bill last season bought just two pounds of leaf.

Shannon Items—Crops Looking Good—Working Roads—An Untrue Report.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Shannon, R. 1, July 18.—Crops are looking good now after such nice rains. Owing to the cool weather crops are small but look very promising now.

The roads in this township are being worked, which was greatly needed.

We are sorry to say the report that came out in the Shannon items of last week's paper dated July 15th, was untrue. We hope the writer had his right mind so we can term it a slip of the hand and not of the head, but in such cases we can only consider the source from which they come.

JOSEPH PREVATTE, SR., PASSES.

End Came Monday Night, Death Resulting From Paralysis—Funeral Conducted From Home Yesterday—Was One of Town's Oldest Citizens and a Good Man.

The funeral of Mr. Joseph Prevatte, Sr., whose death occurred at his home here Monday night about 9 o'clock, was conducted from the Prevatte home, Third and Pine streets, yesterday at 10 a. m. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Chas. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, assisted by Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth. Appropriate music was rendered by a choir and the Lumberton male quartet, which is composed of Messrs. Ed B. Freeman, C. B. Skipper, Frank Gough and J. Pope Stephens. A large crowd attended the funeral and a most beautiful array of flowers covered the last resting place of the deceased. Interment was made in Meadowbrook cemetery and the services were concluded at the grave. The pall-bearers were: active—Messrs. K. M. Barnes, E. J. Britt, D. D. French, Joseph Barrington, Jno. T. Biggs, W. O. Thompson; honorary—Messrs. L. E. Tyner, S. McIntyre, L. H. Caldwell, E. L. Hamilton, Frank Gough, A. P. Caldwell, C. M. Prevatt, A. E. Spivey, J. A. Branch, Robert Chaffin, T. A. McNeill, Sr., Dr. H. T. Pope and Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth.

Deceased was born April 19, 1840, and was therefore in his 81st year. He was very active for a man of his age before last April, when he suffered a stroke of paralysis, which resulted in his death. Seven children—five daughters, Mrs. R. J. Hall of Wilmington, Mrs. W. R. Tyner of Lowe, Mrs. Mattie Barrett and Misses Laura and Dovie Prevatte, the three last-named of Lumberton, and two sons, Messrs. W. J. and F. L. Prevatte—both of Lumberton, survive. Mrs. Prevatte preceded her husband to the grave less than a year, having died last September. Mrs. R. J. Hall was unable to attend the funeral on account of illness.

Mr. Prevatte was a member of Clyborn Baptist church and took much interest in church and Sunday school work. He also was much interested in education. He served throughout the Civil war, fighting with the 18th regiment under the command of General Jackson. He was engaged in many of the hardest battles of the war. Deceased was of a quiet unassuming nature, and was well and favorably known. In his death the town and county lost a valuable citizen.

AQUATIC MEET AT JENNINGS BEACH

Entrants Are Asked to Register With Mr. Rancke—Races for Ladies, Men and Boys.

There is to be a big aquatic meet at Jennings Beach Thursday, July 29th, beginning at 5 p. m. The meet will be open to all, and entrants are asked to register with Mr. Rancke at the beach, either by mail or in person.

The entrants will be divided into classes. Men 16 years of age and over will be entered in the senior men's races, and 15 years of age and under in the junior races. The same age limit will apply to the ladies' races, which will be separate from the men.

The following are the events in the ladies' races juniors and seniors, separately.

25 yards downstream.
50 yards downstream.
75 yards downstream.
The same events will be run in the junior men's class.
The following are the events in the senior men's races:
50 yards downstream.
100 yards downstream.
25 yards upstream.

All entrants are asked to register their names before Wednesday night, July 28th, in order that preparations may be made for the number entered.

Mr. Rancke announces that he will offer a season ticket to the beach to the winner of each race.

The judges will be announced in the next few days.

Everybody is invited, so send in your name.

Woman Finds That Her Husband Is Her Father.

Baltimore dispatch, July 19: An unusual story is told in a bill of complaint filed in circuit court today by Anna Belle Jones, for the annulment of her marriage to William M. Jones.

The case is that of a wife and mother who says that she has learned that her husband—the father of her two children—whom she supposed to be her stepfather, was her real father, and that his improper conduct toward her younger sister caused the latter to leave their home.

Mrs. Jones declares in the bill that before her marriage she lived with her parents without being aware of her supposed stepfather's identity. Another unusual feature of the story is the assertion of Mrs. Jones, that revelation of her supposed stepfather's identity came to her in a dream. Two children were born of the marriage, boys eight and three years old, who are said to be entirely normal and healthy.

TO ADVERTISERS

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BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—License has been issued for the marriage of Hartman D. Baxley and Nettie Nance, both of Red Springs.

—The annual Ten Mile-Barker's picnic will be held at Barker's church Saturday of this week. These annual picnics draw large crowds.

—Scottish Chief: Miss Margaret Burns, went down to Lumberton Saturday night and spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Mitchell. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell are former Max-tonians.

—Camp Bragg will play the local ball team here Monday of next week at 4:30 p. m. Camp Bragg has several new players and so have the local team. A good game is expected.

—Miss Lillian Proctor left last night for New York city to visit Miss Alice Toon, who formerly lived here. Next week, Miss Proctor with friends, will go up the Hudson to Bedford Hills, where they will spend a month.

—Miss Addie Prevatt, who holds a position at Gastonia, arrived Tuesday night and will spend about two weeks visiting relatives here and at Kennert. She was accompanied by Misses Erwin Rankin and Carrie Spencer of Gastonia.

—Mr. S. A. Epps, manager of Mr. L. H. Caldwell's department store, and Miss Mary Culp of the same store, left Tuesday evening for Baltimore, and New York to purchase fall and winter goods for the Caldwell store. They will be away two weeks.

—Much cleaning up has been done in town this week—clean up week—but still there is much to be done. People who own vacant lots are urged by Mayor White to clean them off. All trash will be removed by the town if placed out where it can be reached with a wagon or truck.

—Mr. J. A. Sharpe, editor of The Robesonian, Mrs. Sharpe and their two children, Courtney and J. A. Jr., and Miss Josephine Breese left Tuesday evening for Waynesville, where Mr. Sharpe is attending the annual convention of the North Carolina Press association, of which he is president.

—Mrs. O. H. Bracey left yesterday for New York to visit her mother and friends. While there she will attend the Fashion show at Hotel Astor. A \$60,000 curtain will be used at this show, where all the new millinery creations of Europe and America will be shown. She will also purchase goods for R. D. Caldwell & Son's department store.

BELLAMY BRIEFS.

Farmers Busy Curing Tobacco—Movements of The People.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Bellamy, (Lumberton, R. 5), July 20.—Curing tobacco is the order of the day in these parts.

Mrs. George Singletary spent several days last week at Fayetteville. Messrs. Frank, Emery and Ephriam Nance, of Richardson were visitors at the home of Mr. W. T. Mercer Saturday night.

Mrs. J. J. Branch and children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben McLean Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Mercer were visitors at the home of Mr. J. F. Meares Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nance and children of Richardson were visitors at the home of Mr. J. A. Branch Sunday.

Misses Elma and George Hall of Council, were guests of Mrs. W. T. Mercer several days last week.

Mrs. France Nance from near Richardson visited her sister, Mrs. J. T. Meares Sunday.

Mr. Durham Mercer was a Lumberton visitor Saturday p. m.

Mrs. D. C. Quick of McColl, S. C., spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Todd.

Best wishes to the Robesonian and all its readers.

DR. WILLIAM W. PARKER
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