

THE DATE ON THE LABEL IS THE DATE YOUR PAPER WILL BE STOPPED.

THE ROBESONIAN

WATCH LABEL ON YOUR PAPER AND DON'T LET SUBSCRIPTION EXPIRE

ESTABLISHED 1870. SINGLE COPY FIVE CENTS.

COUNTRY, GOD AND TRUTH.

\$3.00 A YEAR. DUE IN ADVANCE.

VOLUME LI

LUMBERTON, NORTH CAROLINA, MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 1920.

NUMBER 47

BILL AFFECTING ROBESON THAT WILL BE PASSED

County Commissioners Will Be Directed to Issue Road Bonds for 5 Townships—Duties of County Welfare Officer Will Be Placed on Superintendent of Schools—Other Local Bills.

PROHIBITIVE TAX ON PERIPATETIC STOCK DEALERS

A bill to allow the county commissioners of Robeson to employ additional clerical help for making up the tax lists of 1920, to take care of the extra work placed upon the county auditor this year, is the purpose of a bill introduced in the House last week by Representative G. B. Sellers relating to salary of county auditor in Robeson.

The duties of the county superintendent of public welfare will be added to the duties of the county superintendent of public instruction in Robeson. A bill to accomplish this, entitled an act "to amend the public laws of 1919 relative to duty of superintendent of public welfare in Robeson," was offered Friday by Representative Oliver. It is to become effective September 1st this year, at which time the term for which Mr. W. P. McAllister was elected to serve as superintendent of public welfare expires. The county commissioners and the county board of education, acting jointly, will determine what added compensation will be allowed the county superintendent of public instruction for taking care of these duties. The State law allows counties with not more than 25,000 inhabitants to combine these two offices, and this bill will simply allow the larger county of Robeson to do the same.

Road Bonds for 5 Townships.

Senator Stacy will introduce today a bill directing the county commissioners to issue bonds for roads in Britts, Sterlings, Wisharts, Burnt Swamp, Back Swamp and Saddlecreek townships by March 1st, 1921. The amount of bonds for each township will be a sum not exceeding 10 per cent. of the value of property, based on the 1919 valuation.

The other 19 townships in Robeson already have voted bonds for roads and this will place road bonds on every township in the county. The total will be around \$1,000,000. Wisharts voted down road bonds last year. The other townships named have not voted.

Senator Stacy introduced a bill last week to establish the Fairmont graded school and allow it to issue \$100,000 in bonds for school building.

Senator Stacy will introduce other bills during this special session as follows:

To allow the town of Rowland to issue bonds to fund its floating indebtedness.

To put a prohibitive license tax of \$1,000 on peripatetic horse and mule dealers. This is for the protection of both purchasers and local dealers, as often dealers blow in, sell a bunch of stock, and depart, and when the purchaser finds he has been "stung" he cannot locate the dealer.

To change the method of laying out public cart ways so as to require them laid out as public roads are laid out—purely a technical bill.

Senator Stacy offered last week a State-wide tick eradication bill to require the 22 quarantined counties in the State to build dipping vats. The House committee has reported this bill unfavorably and Mr. Stacy will ask that it be laid on the table for consideration at the regular session next January.

Senator Stacy came home Saturday and left for Raleigh this morning and tomorrow will face, with other perplexed Senators, the duty of voting for or against adoption of the suffrage amendment. He says the Senate will pass the resolution by a majority of about 10. He did not say how he will vote. He is opposed to suffrage and has grave doubts and fears, but is inclined to think that Gov. Bickett stated the case about right in his message.

Former Maxton Man Honored in Oklahoma.

The many friends here of Tom P. Pace, Esq., of Purcell, Okla., son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Pace, of Maxton, will be pleased to know that he has been nominated Democratic candidate for county judge by a large majority over a popular long-time resident lawyer of that district, who was up for re-election.

Mr. Pace, who is "Tom" to his Maxton friends, carried 18 out of 24 precincts including the home of his opponent. His county is strongly Democratic and the nomination is equivalent to an election. —Scottish Chief.

Mr. N. B. McArthur of the Philadelphia section was a Lumberton visitor Saturday.

Miss Carrie Edmond left Saturday morning for Atkinson, where she will visit Dr. W. H. and Miss Carrie Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Johnson and children, little Miss Christine and T. L. Jr., and Mr. Fred Brown spent yesterday at the home of Mr. N. B. McArthur, near Philadelphia.

Mr. J. A. Cash of Apex was a guest yesterday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Thompson.

TOBACCO PRICES HIGHER AT SALES TODAY

Around \$10 to Handred Above Prices Breaks Expected This Week. Last Week—Better Prices and Big Prices were around \$10 the hundred higher on tobacco here today. The weed has dried out considerably since last week and the bidding was lively on today's sale. Owing to tobacco being in "high order" last week, prices were not satisfactory, but the farmers were well pleased with today's sale. If the weather remains clear, better prices are expected to prevail throughout the week and big breaks are expected each day.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE WINS IN SENATE COMMITTEE

Committee Voted in Favor of Ratification 7 to 1—Will Ask That Senate Pass the Resolution Tomorrow. The Senate committee on constitutional amendments, to which a resolution introduced by Scales to ratify the woman suffrage amendment was referred, voted Friday in favor of ratification 7 to 1. It was agreed to return a favorable report with the recommendation that the resolution pass the Senate Tuesday of this week. It is practically conceded, states a Raleigh dispatch, that the Senate will ratify by a majority of not less than 5 and probably 7.

The real fight will come in the House. Williams of Cabarrus Friday, before the Governor spoke, introduced a resolution for ratification which was referred to the constitutional amendments committee.

REFUSED TO WORK CROP.

When Landlord Remonstrated a Battle Ensued—Isaac Stanley Goes to Roads.

Isaac Stanley, colored, was sentenced to 4 months on the roads by Recorder E. M. Britt Friday on the charge of assault upon Mr. J. M. Powell. According to the evidence, Stanley, who farmed upon Mr. Powell's plantation, refused to work his crop and when Mr. Powell brought the matter to Stanley's attention he proceeded to fight it out with Mr. Powell. Both Mr. Powell and Stanley had ugly gashes in their heads as a result of the battle.

Average Charge for Adenoids and Tonsils Operation.

In the report of the adenoids and tonsils clinic conducted here last week by the State Board of Health it was stated that a like operation at a hospital would cost around \$50. While this is true in many instances, Dr. N. A. Thompson, superintendent of the Thompson hospital, says that the average charge for such operations at that hospital for the first 5 months of this year is \$31.25 when patient remained in hospital for one day and \$37.50 when the patient remained in the hospital for 3 days.

Herbert Strickland Charged With Deserting Army.

Herbert L. Strickland, a young white man, was arrested near Barnesville Friday by Rural Policeman A. R. Pittman on the charge of deserting the U. S. army. Strickland was placed in jail and the authorities were notified of his arrest. Strickland's home is at Laurinburg and he enlisted in the army January 27, this year, and deserted from Fort Thomas, Ky., on May 24. Strickland gave his age as 18 when he enlisted. He had been working around Barnesville for some time.

Mr. R. W. Baxley Loses Barn of Tobacco.

Fire destroyed a barn filled with tobacco belonging to Mr. R. W. Baxley near Rozier church Thursday night. Mr. Baxley was a Lumberton visitor Saturday. He said the barn was completely filled with tobacco, the best curing of his crop. He has three more curings in the field and no place to cure it.

Mr. Donnie Speight Was Not the Man.

In Thursday's Robesonian it was stated that Donnie Speight was before Recorder E. M. Britt on the charge of being drunk. This was the name, given The Robesonian, but it should have been Von Speight. Mr. Donnie Speight says "getting drunk" is out of his line and the correction is gladly made in justice to him.

\$125 Per Front Foot for Lot in Fairmont.

A business lot fronting 33 feet on the main street of Fairmont was bought at public auction last Tuesday by Mr. F. L. Blue for \$4,150, which is nearly \$125 a front foot. The lot belonged to Mrs. Mary P. Stephens and was sold auction by Burton Bros. Real Estate Co.

Receipts Nearly Doubled Local Seaboard Office.

Receipts at the local Seaboard office for July 1920 totaled \$27,000, as compared with \$14,000 for the same month last year. The receipts for the same month in 1918 were approximately \$10,000.

TENNESSEE SENATE ADOPTS SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT

Resolutions to Ratify Equal Suffrage Amendment Wins Easy Victory in Tennessee Senate—House Committee Will Consider Resolution Tonight.

The Tennessee Senate Friday by a vote of 25 to 4 adopted the resolution providing for ratification of the nineteenth amendment. It was an easy victory for the suffrage forces, state a Nashville dispatch, but even the most optimistic were surprised at the large majority. Seventeen votes were necessary, but most polls listed from 20 to 22 as favorable and the high water mark was set at 24.

The suffragists, certain of ratification by the senate, have proceeded from the beginning of the executive session with the expectation that the real fight would be in the lower house and while their campaign in that quarter had not relaxed, the vote had hardly been announced before the workers were redoubting efforts to secure favorable action by the representatives.

The House, adjourned Friday until Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock without reference to suffrage, but it was stated later the committee to which the resolution was referred would meet Monday night to consider it. There was no indication what action would be taken, but in connection with the rumors that the opposition might attempt it in committee, it was recalled an effort of suffragists to force a report Friday was defeated Thursday night by a vote of 8 to 6 with four members absent.

FARMERS' AND FARM WOMEN'S CONVENTION

A Great Opportunity Will Be Afforded Farmers and Farm Women at Convention Which Will Be Held in Raleigh August 24 to 26.

By this means I wish to urge every family possible to be represented at the farmers and farm women's convention which meets in Raleigh on August 24th, 25th and 26th. This will be a great opportunity for you and not one of you will ever have cause to regret that you took advantage of this opportunity.

Your rooms will be furnished you free, of charge by the A. & E. college and your meals will only cost you 50c each, which is almost cheaper than you can live in your own home.

In the woman's department, Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson of Raleigh, an experienced interior decorator, will speak, and in addition to her lecture collection of photographs, hand-made she will have on hand an interesting rugs and fabrics for inspection. Mrs. Willie White, Boyette of Wilson, an experienced and talented remonstrator agent and milliner, will give millinery demonstrations and discuss the types of hats suited to certain figures. Miss Maude Wallace of Greensboro, a wonderfully skilled dressmaker, will talk on clothing and show how commercial patterns may be altered to suit different figures. Mrs. Ruby Green Smith of New York will speak of "New York's State Federation of Home Bureaus," a subject which is of greatest interest to us now.

The men, too, are planning a great program and it will be well worth the while of any of you to attend these meetings.

MARTHA FLAX ANDREWS, Home Dem. Agent.

MEMORIAL TO GENERALS RAMSEUR AND PETTIGREW WILL BE READY FOR DEDICATION SEPTEMBER 16-17.

General Metts sends the following communication to Confederate veterans:

Comrades: The committee has announced that the memorial to our beloved Generals Ramseur and Pettigrew will be ready for dedication September 16th-17, which are the only dates open. It is earnestly desired that all veterans who possibly can will attend and take part in the ceremonies. Two more noble, worthy and gallant soldiers never lived and the Tar Heel veterans who possibly can should do homage to their memory with their presence on this occasion.

On the night of the 16th the U. D. C. at Winchester, Va., will give a reception to the members of the party and wish to know as soon as possible about how many there will be. Those who expect to attend will please advise E. D. W. Connor, secretary of the North Carolina Historic Commission, Raleigh, N. C.

JAMES L. METTS, Commander N. C. Division U. C. V. Headquarters North Carolina Division United Confederate Veterans, Wilmington, N. C. August 13, 1920.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Britt went Saturday to Wrightsville Beach.

WANTED—TOBACCO GROWERS

To deposit their warehouse checks in The National Bank of Lumberton.

PLACE YOUR ORDER NOW FOR Dodge Bros. Automobile with M. F. Cobb.

GOVERNOR BICKETT'S MESSAGE ON WOMAN SUFFRAGE

Members of Legislature Urged by Governor to Bow to the Inevitable and Ratify Suffrage Amendment—He is in Sympathy With the Opposition but Thinks Time Has Come to Yield.

It was a notable occasion, from all accounts, when Governor Bickett went before the General Assembly in Raleigh Friday and read his message advocating passage of the Anthony suffrage amendment to the Constitution. All the beauty and chivalry that could be packed in the House was there to drink in what the Governor might say on this subject of such absorbing interest just now, and the Governor rose to the occasion by delivering a great message.

The Governor's message was as follows: I herewith transmit to you a copy of the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, duly certified to my office by the Secretary of State of the United States. From reports in the public press it seems that sentiment in the General Assembly is decidedly against the ratification of the Amendment. With this sentiment I am in deepest sympathy, and for the gentlemen who entertain it I cherish the profoundest respect. But this does not lessen my obligation to lay before you a photographic copy of my mind on this important subject.

It is well known that I have never been impressed with the wisdom of, or the necessity for woman suffrage in North Carolina. There has never been laid before me evidence tending to show that the majority of the women of this State desire to go to the polls. I greatly fear that the women who do desire to go are unconsciously offering to barter a very precious birthright for a very sorry mess of pottage.

Woman in Politics.

It has never occurred to me that women would hurt politics, but I have been profoundly disturbed about what politics might do to women. My attitude, has been that of the Western cowboy to whom a woman suffragist said "We want to be made equal to the men," the cowboy lifted his sombrero bowed low and said, "And why does my lady wish to come down?"

Again I have been fearful that the entrance of woman into politics would have a very unfortunate effect on race relations in North Carolina. For thirty-five years after the Civil war all the political energies of our people were absorbed in the struggle to maintain our borders a white government. For this we fought with our backs to the wall, because we believed such a government to be essential to the integrity of the white race, and the survival of a white civilization. The result was that during this long struggle the line of demarcation between the two political parties was largely one of color. Such a situation tended to dwarf the political development of our people. For twenty years we have been freed from handicap, and under the new order both races have prospered as never before.

While there is still much room for improvement I believe that today the relations between the races are more sympathetic in North Carolina than in any other State in the American union. I greatly fear that woman suffrage would re-open these old questions, and force us to fight the battle for white government in North Carolina over again.

States Rights Dead.

When I think of these things I am haunted by the lines of the Scotch Bard:

"But, Och! I backward cast my e'e,
On prospects drear;
An' forward, though I canna see,
I guess and fear."

No man in North Carolina sees more clearly the vexed problems woman suffrage is likely to bring upon us, and no man sympathizes more deeply with the feeling that exists in the State against making this experiment. I confess I am not impressed with the suggestion that the amendment would be an invasion of State's rights. North Carolina, and for that matter all the states are estopped from making any such contention. Recently Congress has enacted laws supported by nearly all the Northern and Western States that lay down the principle that the fishermen of Puget Sound have a right to say who shall work in the cotton fields and factories of North Carolina. Recently North Carolina, and nearly all the southern states, voted practically without division in favor of the amendment of the Federal Constitution which lays down the principle that the cotton growers of North Carolina have the right to say that the farmer on the Pacific slope shall not gather grapes from his own vineyard and out of them make a little wine for the use of his own family on his own table.

We Are a Nation.

Always in Congress if a member wants to defeat a measure he raises the cry of States rights, and the very next day the same member who is trying to pass some pet measure of his own treats with quiet scorn the cry of States rights raised by

(Continued on page 4)

FUNERAL MRS. ROBT. CHAFFIN AT 4 P. M.

Funeral Will Be Conducted From Residence, North Chestnut, and Remains Will Be Interred in Meadowbrook—End Came Early Yesterday Morning After Month's Illness—Other Deaths.

Mrs. Sue McQueen Chaffin, wife of Mr. Robert Chaffin, died yesterday at 7:15 a. m. at her home, North Chestnut street, after illness lasting one month, deceased having suffered a stroke of paralysis on July 15th. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 4 o'clock from the residence and interment will be made in Meadowbrook cemetery. Services will be conducted by Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, of which deceased was a member.

Mrs. Sue McQueen Chaffin was the daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Edmund McQueen of Lumberton. She was born February 1, 1850, and was therefore in her seventy-first year. She was united in marriage to Mr. Robert Chaffin, who survives her, on December 30, 1869. She is survived also by one daughter, Mrs. F. L. Jackson of Davidson; one sister, Miss Nannie McQueen of Lumberton; one brother, Mr. H. C. McQueen of Wilmington; and several grandchildren, among them Misses Dorothy and Margaret Finlayson, who have made their home with their grand-parents for some years.

Mr. and Mrs. Chaffin returned to Lumberton some ten years ago after having lived about 25 years in Bennettsville, S. C. and about 5 years in Mayesville, S. C. and had since made their home here.

Among out-of-town people here to attend the funeral are Mr. F. L. Jackson of Davidson and Mr. H. C. McQueen of Wilmington, son-in-law and brother of deceased.

FUNERAL OF ROY DROWNED OVERSEAS

Remains of Elbert Pope Johnson, Drowned Near France, Interred Yesterday at Bethesda Church Near Barnesville—First Body of Soldier Sent From Overseas.

The funeral of the late Elbert Pope Johnson, who was drowned near the shores of France, in June, 1918, while serving in the navy, was conducted from Bethesda Methodist church, near Barnesville, yesterday at 3 p. m. by Rev. W. F. Traywick, pastor of Bethesda church, of which church deceased was a member, assisted by Rev. B. E. Stanfield, a former pastor of the church. Interment was made in the church cemetery.

Young Johnson was drowned while bathing with other members of his crew and his remains were first interred near Nance, France. The remains reached Barnesville Friday and were taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Barnes, parents of the deceased. The casket was not opened. A large U. S. flag was wrapped about the casket.

These were the first remains of a Robeson man sent home from France and the funeral was attended by hundreds of people.

Mrs. Robert Inman, Near Back Swamp Church.

Mrs. Robert Inman, aged 70 years, died Saturday night at her home near Back Swamp church. Deceased had been in ill health for several months. Her husband and several children survive. The funeral was conducted from the home yesterday at 5 p. m. by Rev. J. R. Miller, pastor of Back Swamp Baptist church, of which deceased was a member. Interment was made near the Inman home.

Mr. William Stephens, Near Boardman.

Mr. William Stephens died Saturday night at his home, near Boardman, of paralysis. Deceased was in his 76th year and is survived by his widow and one son—Mr. Hector Stephens. The funeral was conducted yesterday at 4 p. m. and interment was made in the family burying ground, near the home. Mr. Stephens had been a member of Mt. Elm Baptist church for 50 years and was well-known.

John Gilchrist, Colored.

John Gilchrist, colored, died Saturday night at a hospital, near Asheville, of some head trouble. The remains will be sent here for interment.

Bill to Remove Judges From Operation of Primary Law.

Removal of judges, both Supreme and Superior courts, from operation of the primary law is proposed in a bill offered in the State Senate, Burns of Moore, relieving them hereafter of the necessity of making a fight for nomination at the polls and leaving their nomination to district and State party conventions. Another bill by Brown of Columbus would abolish the primary altogether. Both bills are before the committee on elections.

Mr. G. M. Davis of Buies was a Lumberton visitor Friday.

Mr. N. A. Kinlaw of Howellsville is a Lumberton visitor today.

Dr. and Mrs. T. C. Johnson returned Friday from a trip to Washington, Baltimore and Richmond. They were away a week.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—The graded and high school will open for the fall term September 14th.

—Mr. M. J. Merritt returned Thursday from the Northern markets, where he spent a week buying goods for the Lumberton Bargain House.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Arthur Bordenax and Anna Laura Bullard; George Lawson IV and Isabelle McRae Bullock.

—Two squashes were exhibited here this morning by Mr. Lloyd Roach, who lives in the northern part of town. The squashes grew together and both are about the same size.

—Mrs. G. B. Cromartie returned Thursday evening from the James Walker Memorial hospital, Wilmington, where three weeks ago she underwent an operation. Her condition is very much improved.

—The county commissioners are meeting today in special session with Mr. C. N. Malone of Asheville, who purchased road bonds, for the purpose of determining when the balance of the bonds can be taken up.

—Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bass and two children, Horace and Kathleen, of Proctorville, were among the shoppers in town Saturday. Mr. Bass is proprietor of the Planters tobacco sales warehouse of Proctorville.

—Mrs. Lillie McDougl of the Rowland section and Mr. Andrew T. McKenzie of Dillon, S. C., were married in the office of Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd Friday morning. Justice J. A. McLeod officiated.

—Miss Josephine Breece will leave tonight for Baltimore, and New York to purchase fall and winter stock for her millinery store. Mrs. J. P. McNeill will have charge of the store during Miss Breece's absence.

—Mr. Leslie Casswell left Friday for Muskegon, Mich., where, at the factory of the Chase-Hackley Piano Co., he will study piano tuning and repairing. Mr. Casswell is employed by Messrs. Stephens & Barnes.

—Miss Amelia Linkhauer and nephew, Mr. Frank Gough, Jr., left last evening for the Northern markets, where, Miss Linkhauer will purchase fall and winter goods for the Style, shop, of which she is proprietress.

—Miss Grace Huggins left last night for Royster, Ga., where she will visit at the home of her aunt Mrs. C. F. Thomas. Miss Theresa Redmond is filling Miss Huggins' place in the Robesonian office during her absence.

—Two well-dressed women were ordered to leave town Friday by Chief of Police D. M. Barker. The women left rather than to go to jail on the charge of vagrancy. One gave her name as Virginia Wilson and said her home was at Lynchburg, Va.

—Miss Myrtle Barnes returned Friday from an extended trip through Canada and the West. She visited Lake Louise, Vancouver, Victoria and other points of interest in Canada, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Salt Lake City, Yellowstone National Park and returned home via Denver.

—Miss Carrie Mae Hedgpeth has returned from an extended visit to relatives at Greenville, Chester, S. C. and Wadesboro, N. C. In company with her aunt, Mrs. T. B. Henry, they attended the Mobile school at North Wilkesboro. Other places in the mountains were visited returning to Ridge Crest for the summer conference.

—Capt. J. T. Glover was painfully hurt Thursday afternoon when he fell 12 feet from a scaffold at the plant of the Lumberton Motor Car company's foundry, of which he is manager. A plank in the scaffold broke and dropped Capt. Glover to the ground. He suffered no broken bones and was able to walk Saturday by using crutches.

Dr. R. C. Beaman announced yesterday that there will be no preaching services at Chestnut Street Methodist church the next two Sundays.

He was given a vacation of a month but will take only 2 weeks. He expects to leave Thursday to visit relatives at Henderson, Durham, and other places.

Mr. J. R. Herring of the Barnesville section is among the visitors in town today.

Miss Luna Daille Bradford of Bur-gaw is a guest at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hamilton, Second street.

Messrs. J. P. Watson and Bright Powell of the Ten Mile section were Lumberton visitors Saturday.

Mrs. J. F. Laney of Monroe is a guest at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Boyd, Eighth street.

Mr. J. D. Odum of St. Pauls is a Lumberton visitor today.

Misses Anna and Effie Newton of Hope Mills spent the week-end here at the home of Mrs. Alf H. McLeod Elm street.

Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Martin and small son, Master Alfred, went Saturday to Benson to visit relatives. They are expected home this afternoon.

Miss Lula Mae Johnson of Danville, Va., arrived yesterday and will spend some time here visiting at the homes of her brothers, Messrs. T. L. and E. M. Johnson, Elm street.

DR. WILLIAM W. PARKER EYE SPECIALIST

Office: National Bank of Lumberton Building.