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IT IS NOT THE BOLL WEEVIL

Specimens Found in Cotton Fields Near Lumberton Are Not Boll Weevils But Nut Weevils.

OFTEN FOUND IN COTTON BUT DO NO HARM

State Entomologist Sherman Advises Mr. A. H. McLeod That Insects Found on His Place Are Positively Not the Boll Weevil—Often Mistaken for Boll Weevils.

In Monday's Robesonian it was stated that Mr. Franklin Sherman, Chief in Entomology, of the Division of Entomology, State Department of Agriculture, had advised the Fort Realty Co. that the insect submitted from Robeson county as a boll weevil was not the boll weevil but the nut weevil, which does no damage to cotton, so far as is known. Mr. A. H. McLeod of Lumberton on whose farm two miles north of Lumberton the first of the specimens that have been pronounced boll weevils were found, received Tuesday a letter written on the 13th (Monday), from Mr. Sherman, in which Mr. Sherman goes into the matter at some length and makes the positive statement that the specimen sent to his department by Mr. McLeod was not the boll weevil.

It will be noted that Mr. Sherman states that these nut weevils "are a frequent cause of mistaken declarations by persons who have 'lived in Georgia' or 'who have known the weevil for years'." Perhaps a dozen or more people who have 'lived in Georgia' or who 'have known the weevil for years' came to the Robesonian office last week with interested citizens of the county to inspect the bugs that had been brought to this office "under suspicion" of being boll weevils, and they all with one accord pronounced them boll weevils. Which shows how easy it is to fool those who "have known the boll weevil for years" when it comes to distinguishing the real boll weevil from the forty-seven varieties that rejoice in the name of weevil but are not the variety known as boll.

Mr. Sherman's letter to Mr. McLeod follows:

Raleigh, N. C. Sept. 13, 1920.

Mr. A. H. McLeod,
Lumberton, N. C.

Dear Sir:—Thanks for your letter of 11th with specimen. It is NOT BOLL WEEVIL. It is one of the nut-weevils, evidently, one which infests acorns. They are quite frequently found on cotton but do no harm there—and they are a frequent cause of mistaken declarations by persons who have "lived in Georgia" or "who have known the weevil for years," that they are "IT"—and they aren't. We have been receiving such reports and specimens for fully 15 years. Yet to this hour no true boll weevil has been sent to us by any citizen of the State, nor any other citizen—except the official State and government inspectors who determined its line of spread last fall. At that time evidences of weevil were found at Marietta and Bernesville in extreme southern tip of your county, but not anywhere near Lumberton, and there is as yet no reason to believe that it has spread much if any this season. Its main spread for the year should begin within a month from now—and if it makes the usual average spread it will probably reach Lumberton this fall. When that time comes we expect to have 3 or 4 men in the field to determine its line of advance, and will expect to "scout" in Robeson and many other counties.

It's highly commendable for all citizens to be watchful, and highly commendable for each person to wish to be the first to really find it in a new locality. We who are in the "bug" profession are glad to see an interest in insect problems. But it is very unfortunate—not at all commendable, to make premature announcement of finding it, when one isn't sure. This office exists for the specific purpose of giving accurate information on insect matters, and it will be far better to get our confirmation before announcing presence of boll weevil.

All of which is said in the best of good nature, and only in the interest of accuracy, and to set your mind at ease for the present.

Very truly yours,
FRANKLIN SHERMAN,
Chief in Entomology.

IMPORTANT MEETING AT TOWN HALL THIS EVENING

To Reorganize Chamber of Commerce and Put it on Efficient Basis for Upbuilding of the Community.

A meeting will be held at the town hall this evening at 8 for the purpose of putting the chamber of commerce on an efficient, active basis for the upbuilding of Lumberton and the county. Mr. Furman Biggs has been circulating a petition which has been signed by a large number of business men. All who are interested in launching a program that will mean giving new stimulus to the life of the entire community should attend this meeting.

HEALTH CAMPAIGN BEGINS

Large Meetings Held in Lumberton Tuesday Afternoon and Evening—Unforgettable Story Told of the Ravages of the Venereal Diseases and the Way to Stamp Them Out—Campaign Will Reach All Sections of the County.

The 5-weeks' campaign in Robeson county against venereal diseases began here Tuesday with four largely attended meetings, two for white, people and two for colored.

The meeting for white ladies was held in the Pastime theatre at 3:30 p. m., some 300 ladies attending. Addresses were made by Drs. Charles V. Herdlika and W. H. Gillette, both of the U. S. Public Health Service, the former in charge of the campaign; Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer; and short talk by Miss Flax Andrews, county home demonstration agent, who gave up an appointment elsewhere for this meeting.

Some 200 colored women attended the meeting held at the same hour at the colored school, addresses being made by Dr. Hughes and Dr. J. D. Quick, both colored, the former the lecturer for the meetings for colored; the latter a local physician, and Drs. Herdlika and Hardin.

The court house was packed with men for the evening meeting. Standing room was at premium on the main floor. Dr. Herdlika explained the scope of the work, for which the U. S. Government has appropriated \$1,000,000.

Dr. Gillette told of the millions of dollars the government is spending to keep people well, of the success of campaigns against other diseases, and the importance of the present campaign. Among the striking statements he made illustrating the ravages of venereal diseases was that 6 per cent of the men drafted into military service during the World War were found to be incapacitated by these diseases and from the same cause during the war 187,000 men were incapacitated and had to be taken from the front to hospitals, equipped at a cost of millions, and doctors that were needed at the front had to be taken away to attend these men.

Moving pictures which tell with unforgettable force the ravages of these diseases were shown. Dr. Gillette's lecture running through the exhibition and explaining every detail. It is a wonderful exhibition that must be seen to be appreciated and no person in the county should miss seeing it.

Short talks endorsing this campaign were made by Dr. Hardin, Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of schools; Dr. R. C. Beaman, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church; Mr. E. J. Britt, county attorney; Mayor A. E. White and Mr. C. B. Townsend member of the board of county commissioners. Mr. Britt made the striking statement that he was convinced that the \$750 appropriated by the county for this campaign will mean more to the county than all the 60,000 bales of cotton the county will raise this year.

Much interest was shown by the colored people at their meetings and many questions were asked. Educational literature is distributed free at all meetings.

Meetings were held at Red Springs yesterday afternoon and evening. The complete itinerary for the county is given in an ad elsewhere in this paper.

POPULATION OF ROBESON COUNTY IS 54,674

County's Population Has Increased 2,729 or 5.3 Per Cent—East Lumberton 1,011, Fairmont, 1,000, North Lumberton 367, Red Springs 1,018, Rowland 767—Other Towns in County.

The population of Robeson county is 54,674, the Census Bureau announced yesterday, an increase of 2,729, or 5.3 per cent.

East Lumberton's population is given as 1,011, North Lumberton 367, making with the population of Lumberton proper previously announced—2,691—a total for Lumberton and suburbs of 4,069.

The population of other incorporated places in Robeson, some of which had been announced before, is given as follows:

Buie, 78; Lumber Bridge, 202; McDonalds, 120; Marietta, 85; Maxton, 1,397; Ogram, 86; Parkton, 382; Pembroke, 329; Proctorville, 204; Red Springs, 1,018; Rennett, 292; Rowland, 767; St. Pauls, 1,147.

\$650 A BALE FOR GINNING IN PEMBROKE TOWNSHIP

Indignation Meeting Last Night Resulted in Agreement in One Township on Reduction of \$1 From Prevailing Price.

At an indignation meeting held at Glenwood school house last night the price for ginning cotton in Pembroke township was fixed at \$650 a bale, as high as \$550 pounds to the bale, by agreement between growers and ginners. The price, last year was \$6, and the price has been increased generally through the county to \$750 the ball this fall.

Mrs. James Britt of Little Rock, S. C., is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. McNeill.

LOCAL SCHOOLS OPEN WITH 2 GRADES OVERFLOW

Schools Have One More Teacher Than Last Year and Another Will Have to be Engaged—Total Enrollment 573 as Compared With 489 Last Year—Commercial Course Will Be Started Sept. 27th.

Lumberton's graded and high schools opened Tuesday with an overflow of as much as two grades notwithstanding the fact that provision already had been made for one grade more than last year and there are some 25 fewer outside pupils than last year. The total enrollment is 573—high school 143, grammar grades 430. School opened last year on Sept. 9 with 489 pupils. Miss Eulalia McGill is taking care temporarily of 40 pupils from the 6th and 7th grades until Supt. Cale can get another teacher.

A commercial course will be added Sept. 27th, under Miss Effie Ellen Butler, who has had charge of commercial work at the Appalachian training school at Boone. A small tuition will be charged and it will be open to students from the town as well as to high school pupils.

Quite a number of parents were present at the opening exercises. After the singing of "America," Dr. R. C. Beaman read a Scripture lesson and led in prayer.

In his announcements Supt. W. H. Cal, stressed the need of another building. He said that soon the main building will take care only of the primary grades. He announced the following prizes for the year: \$25 to the high school pupil making the highest average for the year, by Lumbee Research Club; \$10 in gold to the high school pupil for the best paper on the part North Carolina played in the War Between the States, not less than 10 pupils to compete; \$5 in gold to the grammar grades pupil writing the best life of Stonewall Jackson, not less than 6 to compete, both by Robeson Chapter, U. D. C.; Alf. H. McLeod medal to pupil making highest average in Latin. Other prizes will be announced later.

Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of schools, Mr. K. M. Barnes, a member of the school board, and Dr. R. C. Beaman were called upon and responded with encouraging remarks.

Supt. Cale introduced Prof. J. W. R. Norton of Laurel Hill, principal of the high school, who outlined something of what he hoped might be accomplished. For several years the school has been without a principal, and the addition of Prof. Norton and other teachers mentioned in Monday's paper makes the faculty stronger than it has been for some years.

Supt. Cale announced that pupils are not wanted on the grounds before 8:45 a. m., and must be present not later than 9.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Compromise Judgement Agreed Upon in Case of John W. Ward Versus R. F. Martin—Railroad Suit for Fire Damage Being Tried Today.

John W. Ward of Rowland vs. his former bookkeeper R. F. Martin, a suit in which misappropriation of funds to the amount of several thousand dollars was charged, ended in a compromise yesterday after occupying Superior court since Monday morning. Two days were taken up in testimony and it was expected that all of yesterday would be taken up in argument by counsel, but a compromise judgment was agreed upon by which Martin is to pay \$500 and plaintiff and defendant are to pay one-half the costs each and each is to pay his own witnesses. Attorney General J. S. Manning, Mr. H. F. Seawell of Carthage, and McNeill & Hackett and Johnson & Johnson of Lumberton represented the defendant and McLean, Varner, McLean & Stacy and McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor represented the plaintiff. No other cases were taken up yesterday as all had been continued to today.

This morning the trial of J. T. Denny vs. A. C. L. Ry. Co., a suit for fire damage, was begun. It is expected that court will last through tomorrow. Judge O. H. Guion of New Bern is presiding.

AUTOMOBILE PASSED OVER BABY GIRL'S BODY

2-Year Old Daughter of Mr. H. P. Inman of Back Swamp Killed When Father Was Backing Auto Out of Garage.

A 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Inman of Back Swamp died yesterday as a result of being run over by an auto when Mr. Inman was backing his car out of his garage. He did not know the child was near. Dr. T. C. Johnson was summoned at once and was bringing her to the Thompson hospital when she died in his arms at the iron bridge on Fifth street. Repairs were being made to the bridge and traffic had been stopped. Dr. N. A. Trompson met Dr. Johnson at the bridge and the child died while being carried from one car to the other. The car passed over the child's body.

TRAWICK BOUND TO COURT.

Man Who Shot Mr. Spell Gives \$5,000 Bond for Appearance in Higher Court—Also Appeals From Recorder's Road Sentences for Profanity and Carrying Concealed Weapon—Judge Britt Goes After Speeders.

Clarence Trawick of Blenheim S. C., was bound over to Superior court under \$5,000 bond for shooting Mr. A. P. Spell of Red Springs on the Lumberton-Red Springs road on August 29 last when the case came up before Recorder E. M. Britt Monday. For profanity and carrying a concealed weapon, Judge Britt's sentences were 30 days and two years on the roads, respectively. Herbert Culbreth, who was driving the car when the collision occurred, was given 30 days on the roads for reckless driving. Both appealed to the higher court and gave bond.

A large crowd gathered for the trial, including a number of character witnesses for Trawick from his home community, who testified that he had borne a good reputation up to this affair.

Recorder Britt was in right tune Monday and slapped fines and road sentences on reckless auto drivers to a fare you well. Several speeders were made to realize that it will not do to monkey with the speed laws where Recorder Britt is concerned. He has lost all patience with that class of offenders. Judge Britt left town Tuesday and it has not been possible to get a list of the number of cases disposed of in his court Monday.

SIMMONS SEEKS MONEY FOR TOBACCO CROP

Urges Treasury to Finance Crop in Eastern Carolina—Charge of Buying Combination Being Investigated by Department of Justice—Competition Has Ceased.

Senator Simmons issued a statement Monday to the effect that he had begun a movement that he felt would result in the relief of the critical financial situation of the tobacco growers and business men in Eastern North Carolina. He had been appealed to by growers to exert his influence with the Secretary of the Treasury to have that department duplicate its action of 2 years ago when Secretary McAdoo poured money into Southern banks to save the cotton crop from a disastrous drop in prices. This time it is tobacco that is in danger of being sacrificed.

Near the end of the season in this immediate belt, composed of the counties of Robeson, Bladen and Cumberland, when the markets opened last week in eastern North Carolina, there was a slump in prices of 50 per cent from last year's prices. The farmers are angry over the decline in prices and have held meetings at which resolutions were adopted urging growers to hold their tobacco off the markets and not to part with it at sacrifice prices. At Greenville, in the heart of a large tobacco-producing section, the warehouses were closed when angry growers threatened to start a riot if sales were not stopped. Some farmers hauled their tobacco back home, refusing to sell. Indignation meetings were held at Greenville, Farmville, Wilson and Smithfield. While auctioneers were selling tobacco in the warehouses farmers stormed them and forced them to stop. Two-thirds of the tobacco offered for sale at Fayetteville on the opening day Wednesday of last week was carried back home.

Some tobacco men say the decline in prices on the markets last week was due in a measure to the sorry grades offered.

It is charged that the decline in prices was brought about by manipulation among the buyers, that whereas fair prices were paid at the beginning of the last season, competition ceased and prices went down. The Department of Justice is investigating charges of a buying corporation to keep down the prices.

Community Service Pictures This Evening.

Robeson county Community Service motion pictures will be given at the Lumberton high school auditorium this evening at 8:30. Admission 10c to all over 5 years.

Programme—How to Swim with Hands and Feet (1 reel); Steps to Somewhere, or Do Children Count (two reels); The Yellow Umbrella, or Do Children Count (two reels); The Ladder of Fame (one reel comedy); Mutt and Jeff in the big league (one reel comedy).

M. N. FOLGER,
Director Community Service.

Ballock-Abbott.

Miss Lena Abbott of Lumberton and Mr. Temple Bullock of Lake View, S. C., were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Abbott, Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Rev. Dr. C. H. Durham officiating. Shortly after the ceremony the couple left for Lake View, S. C., where they will make their home.

Messrs. E. C. Watson and N. A. Townsend of R. L. Lumberton, were among the visitors in town Wednesday.

Mr. L. R. Edens of Rowland was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday.

PARKTON NEWS ITEMS.

School Opens Monday of Next Week—Miss Nellie Stubbs and Mr. Angus Jenrigan, Surprise Their Friends—First Bale of Cotton Ginned—Farmers Advised to Save Cotton Seed and Start a Farmers' Gin.

Parkton, Sept. 14.—Parkton school will open Monday, the 20th. Following is the faculty: Prof. E. T. Hines, principal, of McLeansville; Miss Elsie Benthall, high school, of Woodland; Miss Esdale Currie, 6th and 7th grades, Parkton; Miss Hazel Ledbetter, 4th and 5th grades, Chapel Hill; Mrs. J. J. Cobb, 3rd grade, Parkton; Miss Elizabeth Noe, 1st grade, Beauford; Miss Annie Williamson, piano and violin, Parkton. Second grade and one more high school teacher to be supplied.

Another surprise marriage took place in our town Saturday evening when Mr. Angus Jenrigan and Miss Nellie Stubbs were married at the M. E. parsonage, Rev. W. L. Maness officiating. The happy couple left immediately for Clio, S. C., where they visited near relatives. They are rooming at present at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Marsh, where they are receiving many congratulations. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Jenrigan of our town and a thoroughgoing and energetic young man and has many friends, while his bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Stubbs of our town, beautiful and accomplished, and is admired by all her acquaintances.

Miss Lottie Farmer of Wilson is visiting her friend Miss Louise Garis.

Mrs. John A. McRae of Charlotte visited her sister Mrs. A. J. Garris this week.

Dr. D. S. Currie, P. H. Fisher and Maj. J. B. Malloy are spending a few days in Wilmington.

Mr. T. W. Thompson left Sunday for a few days in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Justin McNeill and two children, Helen Marie and Justin, Jr., of Lumberton, spent Sunday evening with homefolks in town.

Lancaster & Jones cotton gin was the first to gin any of the 1920 crop.

Mr. M. R. Tolar has repainted his nice residence.

Rev. F. H. Taylor, pastor of the M. E. church at Duke, preached a most able sermon at the M. E. church here Sunday night to a large congregation.

On the honor roll: Born to Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Fisher, on the 9th, a fine girl; and to Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Joye, a fine one on the 12th.

Farmers would do the wise thing if every one would take his cotton seed home from the gin and put them in his crib either for his price or use them for fertilizer another season; also keep his cotton off the market yet a while; and the present price they have to pay to have their cotton ginned they should combine together and put up a farmers' gin.

Our town will be blessed on next Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by the government and at night by community by Mr. Folger. Don't forget the date and hour.

N. C. COTTON DAY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Governor Urges Farmers to Meet and Perfect Plans for Financing and Holding Cotton Crop for Fair Prices—He Recommends Pledges for Reduction of Acreage and Substituting Grain Crops.

Cotton growers in every county in the State where cotton is grown are called to meet at their respective county seats at 11 a. m., next Monday to perfect plans and organization for holding the present cotton crop until fair and just prices are offered for it, and to more fully utilize the present cotton warehouses and build more of them.

The call for meetings comes through a proclamation issued, Tuesday by Gov. Bickett at the instance of the Cotton Growers' association. Similar proclamations will be issued by the Governors of all other cotton-growing States and next Monday will probably see more cotton growers in meeting throughout the South than have ever been gathered before.

The Governor recommends discussion of the following subjects:

"1. Plans for holding the cotton of the county until fair and just prices can be obtained, together with plans for co-operative marketing.

"2. Plans for fully utilizing existing warehouses and warehouse facilities of the county, and for erecting additional warehouses with special emphasis in this connection on practical plans for financing the crop.

"3. Plans for immediately increasing the acreage in fall sown small grains, as the one wise and certain plan of effecting a reduction in cotton acreage, pledges to this effect to be taken."

Cartwright-Rogers.

Mr. Solomon K. Cartwright and Mrs. Leta Rogers, both of the Marietta section, were married here yesterday morning at 11:30 at the home of Justice M. G. McKenzie, Elm street, who officiated.

Messrs. Pink Floyd and Cliff Morgan, of Marietta, were Lumberton visitors yesterday.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Born yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McLean, in Washington, a 9-pound boy.

—Mr. Elwood Whaley is now the Townsend Motor Car company's "auto doctor." He began work there Monday.

—Miss Blanch, Platt of St. Pauls will go next week to Greensboro, where she will enter the N. C. college for women.

—Miss Emma Seales of the Ten Mile section has accepted a position in the Singer Sewing Machine office. She began work Monday.

—A call meeting of the Eastern Star will be held at the Masonic hall this evening at 8 o'clock. All members are requested to attend.

—Mr. Vernon McNeill left this morning for Chapel Hill where he will enter the State university. This is Mr. McNeill's second year.

—The Woman's club will give a reception tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock at the home of Mrs. T. L. Johnson in honor of the teachers.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Zelma Snow Hardin and Ralph E. Walters; Mary L. Wilkes and John Wesley Sinclair; Leta Rogers and Solomon K. Cartwright.

—Mr. J. H. Feltz, manager of the local Ford service station, accompanied by Messrs. Eddie Glover and Earl Crump, left last evening for Charlotte, to bring back 3 Ford coupes.

—Mr. Henry Taylor and children, Master William and little Miss Louise, of R. 5, Lumberton, were among the visitors in town Tuesday. A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Monday.

—Mr. O. P. Townsend of R. 6, Lumberton, who was a visitor in town Monday, is enthusiastic about being cured of rheumatism by a "faith healer" he visited in South Carolina last week. The "healer" lives at Caskey—you'll say that is some suggestive name for a place harboring a "healer"—and Mr. Townsend says many people are flocking to him.

—Mrs. Leslie Carly, has returned from a 3-months trip abroad. With a party of tourists she visited France, Italy, Switzerland, Belgium, England and Scotland, taking in all the principal cities in the countries visited, the battlefields, the restored provinces of France, Alsace and Lorraine, and returning via Montreal, the Thousand Islands, Toronto, and down the Hudson.

—Mr. Frank Gough is able to be out again after being confined for two weeks with chills and fever. He ventured out one day last week but had to duck back in on account of badly swollen tonsils. This condition interfered with his speech and a rumor quickly spread that Mr. Gough had suffered a stroke, of paralysis and a crowd assembled that over ran the yard at his home on Chestnut street.

—Misses Ovaline Turner of Fair Bluff, Gladis Floyd, Nellie Hamilton and Cleo Morgan—all of Marietta, passed through town yesterday en route to Maxton, to enter Carolina colleges. Miss Turner was accompanied to Lumberton by her mother, Mrs. J. H. Turner, and brother, Mr. Harold Turner, who were guests at the home of Mrs. Turner's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sharpe.

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ROBESON COUNTY FAIR.

Indications Are That Fair This Year Will Be Best Ever Held in Robeson. Interest is growing in the sixth annual Robeson county fair.

will be held at the new fair grounds here October 12 to 15. Indications are that the fair this year will be the very best ever held in Robeson. With ample exhibition buildings, three in number, and adequate grounds fenced in, there is no reason why Robeson should not have a fair equal to any county in the State.

Already several have requested space for booths and other exhibits and Secretary Thompson says it is necessary that he know before the opening of fair who expects space, as he cannot guarantee booth space up to the last moment. If you are thinking of having a booth, drop Mr. Thompson a card and tell him what you want and your space will be held in reserve. Last year several came in at the last moment, and all the space had been taken up and could not be accommodated, and he does not want this to occur this time.

Mr. J. D. Lee, of Graham writes that he will be here and do what he can for the "best chickens." Mr. Lee is well known here as he has judged the poultry at the last four fairs.

It is not a Lumberton fair, but a county fair, and all the people of the county should be interested in making it a success. If you have not secured a premium list, get one by calling at the Robesonian office or from Mr. W. O. Thompson, secretary of the Robeson Fair Association, Lumberton.

Hunt-Jones.

Lit Hunt and Janie Jones, Indians, who live near Maxton, were married in the register of deeds' office Tuesday afternoon at 3:20, Justice M. G. McKenzie officiating.

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