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LOCAL SCHOOL NOTES.

Friday Morning Talks By Local Young Women and Men—Commercial Course Begins Monday—This and Domestic Science Course Open to People Not Connected With School—Need of Another Lot and Building Becomes More Evident Daily.

17 PER CENT. INCREASE OVER LAST SCHOOL YEAR

Miss Martha Flax Andrews and Mr. J. D. Proctor will make short talks at the opening exercises at the graded and high schools tomorrow morning. Supt. W. H. Cale plans to have talks every Friday morning by young women and men of the town. Mrs. Leslie Carlyle, Messrs. S. F. Caldwell and F. K. Biggs are scheduled for talks at an early date.

Miss Janie Carlyle will begin teaching violin and piano soon. She is teaching the fourth grade this week for Miss Dovie Prevatt, who is out on account of the illness of her sister, Mrs. Hall.

A commercial course will be started Monday of next week, as heretofore mentioned in The Robesonian. Miss Effie Ellen Butler, who has had charge of the commercial course at the Appalachian training school at Boone, will be the teacher. The course will be open to outside people of the town as well as to high school students.

The course in domestic economy, Miss Elizabeth Peay, teacher, also is open to people of the community not connected with the school. There are three sections: from 9:15 to 10:45 a. m., from 10:45 a. m. to 12:15 p. m., from 12:45 p. m. to 3 p. m. Arrangements may be made to enter either of the sections.

There is an increase of 17 per cent. in attendance over last year, making it necessary to employ two additional teachers. It is becoming more and more evident that an additional building is needed and will have to be provided before next fall. The school trustees and other citizens are convinced that the only wise thing to do is to make arrangements right away to purchase the vacant Carlyle property just across Eighth street from the present grounds.

The teachers, with their grades, are as follows: Lower First, Miss Emma Norment; Higher First, Miss Rachel McNamara; Second, Miss Pennie Rowland and Mrs. Josie F. Cobb; Third, Miss Winifred Rowland; some of Third and some of Lower Fourth, Miss Louise Townsend; Fourth, Miss Dovie Prevatt; Fifth and Sixth, departmental work, Misses Ruth Davenport, Lilly and Bertha Barker; overflow from Sixth and Seventh, Miss Eulalia McGill; Seventh, Miss Annie Louise Huff, this grade being taught in the high school building.

High school: Prof. J. W. R. Norton, principal, mathematics; Miss Mary D. Atkinson, history and French; Miss Esther Ervin, Latin; Miss Mariadde Turner, English; Miss Elizabeth Peay, domestic science.

Bull Weevil Talk Bobs Up Again.

Franklin Sherman, entomologist of the State Department of Agriculture, announced from Raleigh yesterday that a specimen of genuine boll weevil, said to have been found in the vicinity of Lumberton, had been sent to him by County Farm Demonstrator Dukes. This weevil was brought to Mr. Dukes from a field where was found one of the bug specimens about which there was a scare recently but which proved not to be a boll weevil, and there is going to be doubt about it until the State Entomologist or his agents actually find the boll weevils in the fields where this specimen was found.

MARRIAGES.

Lewis-Powell.
Mr. Archie F. Lewis of Fairmont and Miss Quessie Powell of Orrum were married last evening at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Rev. I. P. Hedgpath, Eighth street, who officiated. The ceremony was witnessed by only a few intimate friends and relatives.

The groom is a promising young farmer of the Fairmont section while the bride is an accomplished and charming young lady. Both are very popular in their communities.

THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

Mr. Pink Britt, Near Mt. Elim.
Mr. Pink Britt, aged about 60 years, died Tuesday afternoon at his home near Mt. Elim. Deceased had been in ill health for several years and his death was not unexpected. He is survived by two children, besides several other relatives. He was a member of Mt. Elim Baptist church. The funeral was conducted yesterday about noon and interment was made in the Ward cemetery.

Mr. H. L. Reeves of Proctorville was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Jno. S. McNeill and two sons, Jno. Coble and Donald, spent Tuesday and yesterday in Wilmington.

DR. DURHAM DEALS WITH SOME LOCAL EVILS

Pastor of First Baptist Church Says Christian People Are Negligent of Their Duty—Sunday Sale of Drinks Should Be Stopped—He Thinks Degrading Pictures Are Shown at Movies.

AUTOS USED FOR IMMORAL PURPOSES

In his sermon Sunday evening Rev. Dr. Chas. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, dealt with a number of conditions that are existing in the town of Lumberton. Among the things mentioned was that of allowing the drug stores to remain open on Sunday for the purpose of dispensing soft drinks and other merchandise. In allowing this thing to exist, Dr. Durham stated that the mayor and town commissioners are failing to enforce the laws that have been placed upon the statute books of North Carolina. Dr. Durham also said that the Christian people of the town were negligent of their duty as sons of God when they allow this to go on in the good town of Lumberton.

Dr. Durham declared that he feared that the Christian people of the town were not as much concerned as they should be about the sort of moving pictures that are being shown here. Many of the pictures shown, he thinks, are degrading to the young people. The preacher also called attention to a statement made in the court house recently by Dr. Herdliaka with reference to prostitution to the effect that the automobile is being used by the same class of people that formerly occupied the houses of ill fame in the towns and cities.

The sermon Sunday evening was declared by many who heard it as timely and one that should result in some changes locally.

INTEREST CONTINUES IN HEALTH CAMPAIGN

Meetings Well Attended—Many Expressions of Appreciation from Members of Various Audiences—Dr. Gillette is Urging Importance of Marriage Health Certificates.

Meetings of the health campaign are being well attended at every place and those in charge of the work are very much gratified at the interest manifested. Dr. W. H. Gillette, regional consultant of the U. S. Public Health Service, who is delivering the lectures and explaining the motion pictures, is hearing many expressions commendatory of the work from both his women and men audiences. Many approach him at the close of the exhibitions and express regret that such information had not been given them when they were younger. Dr. Gillette is hammering hard on the necessity for a law requiring health certificates before marriage, and has heard many expressions from his audiences in favor of such a law. He also is urging druggists not to sell patent medicines for the cure of venereal diseases and denounces at every opportunity the medical quacks who "guarantee" a cure for these diseases.

A startling fact that Dr. Gillette has brought out is that the cost of prostitution yearly in the United States is \$553,500,000.

Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, is accompanying Dr. Gillette to all meetings and is giving hearty support to the work and rendering valuable assistance.

Meetings are held twice daily, at 3:30 p. m. for women and at 8 p. m. for men. Today, meetings will be held at Marietta; tomorrow, 24th, at Oak Dale; Saturday, 25th, at Fairmont; Monday, 27th, at Smyrna; Tuesday, 28th, at Center; Wednesday, 29th, at White Pond.

At Long Branch Monday afternoon the meeting was attended by 85 women and girls and at the night meeting the men and boys crowded the school house to its capacity, 125 or more being present.

At Orrum Tuesday 87 women attended the afternoon meeting and 350 men attended the evening meeting. Dr. Gillette was very much impressed with the interest shown at Orrum. Rev. Dr. J. J. Scott and Prof. R. L. Pittman made talks endorsing the work.

At Barnesville yesterday the afternoon meeting was attended by 25 women, unfavorable weather no doubt keeping many away, and the evening meeting was attended by 110 men.

Meetings are also being held for colored people at each place by Dr. Hughes, colored, of the State Board of Health.

Severe Wind and Rain Storm Last Night.
A severe wind storm, accompanied by rain, last night blew down some light and telephone wires, many limbs from trees and a tree and fence on East Fifth street in the yard at the home of Mr. D. R. Shaw. Farmers report considerable damage to cotton.

Gov. Cox's special train over the Santa Fe was wrecked near Phoenix, Ariz., yesterday. Neither Mr. Cox nor any member of his personal party was injured, although all were badly shaken up.

ROBESON WILDCATS ENJOYED FIRST REUNION

Columbia Entertained Members of Wildcat Division Royally at First Annual Reunion—Charlotte Selected as Next Meeting Place.

Robeson Wildcats returned from the first annual reunion held at Columbia Monday and Tuesday singing the praises of the South Carolina capital for the splendid manner in which they were entertained by the people of that city. They were entertained in the homes of the people of Columbia and well entertained according to the Wildcats.

Around 5,000 members of the 81st, or Wildcat, division gathered for the first reunion, where comrades mingled with comrades and talked of the 9 months they spent in France and of the days when they were first mustered into the army at Camp Jackson, near Columbia.

Among the outstanding features of Monday was an address by General Bailey, commander of the Wildcats while they saw service at the front and during the several months they spent in France after armistice was signed. The ex-soldiers were welcomed to the city of Columbia by the mayor and Governor Cooper of South Carolina. Dinner was served all the visiting Wildcats both Monday and Tuesday and they were royally entertained by the women of Columbia, who prepared and served the dinners.

Tuesday the ex-soldiers were taken to Camp Jackson, native home of the division, and there the boys spent pleasant hours renewing old friendships both among people and places. One of the most impressive scenes of the reunion was when the Wildcats' with bowed heads stood and sang "Nearer, My God, to Thee," in memory of members of the division who "went West."

At a business meeting of the organization Tuesday afternoon Charlotte was chosen as the next meeting place over Raleigh and Asheville, the three North Carolina cities making bids for the next reunion. The next reunion will be held next September, the exact date to be determined at meeting of the executive committee. Clarence E. Carpenter of Kings Mountain was chosen president of the organization.

RECORDER'S COURT.

Several Cases Aired Before Assistant Recorder, E. M. Johnson.
The following cases have been aired before Assistant Recorder E. M. Johnson this week:

R. F. Dudley, cruelty to animals; fined \$5 and cost. Dudley was found guilty of running an auto over and killing a dog belonging to Mr. Rowland Stephens, who lives near Orrum. Stephens has entered suit against Dudley for the purpose of trying to recover \$50 damages for the loss of the dog. Dudley lives in Columbus county, near Fair Bluff.

Bun Floyd, reckless driving; defendant agreed to pay damages done to an auto belonging to Mr. L. C. Townsend and paid the cost.

G. B. Wright, abandonment. The warrant was sworn out by Wright's wife and after the trial was begun the two came to an agreement and the case was dropped.

Don Powers, reckless driving and exceeding the speed limit with an auto; fined \$10 and cost.

Hector McNeill, colored, charged with two assaults upon his wife with a deadly weapon; sentenced to 18 months on the roads.

CHURCH NOTES.

There will be regular services at the Presbyterian church Sunday: Sunday school at 9:30, sermon at 11 o'clock, and evening service at 8 o'clock. Dr. G. E. Moorehouse, pastor. Dr. Moorehouse will conduct services at Baker's chapel Sunday afternoon at 3:30.

Twenty-seven of the 43 standard articles going into the American family market basket decreased in price between July 15 and August 15, the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics announced Monday. The retail price of potatoes fell 44 per cent. and the price of cabbage went down 41 per cent. The drop in sugar prices is placed at 14 per cent. Most kinds of meat decreased in price. Eggs went up 11 per cent during the period and pork chops were increased 5 per cent.

A warning that the customs house in New York would be destroyed Tuesday did not materialize. Thousands of people repaired to the place at the appointed hour but nothing happened. The mystery of the explosion in Wall street last Thursday, when 35 lives were lost and property was damaged to the extent of millions, remains unsolved.

Re-establishment of pre-war prices on all products of the Ford Motor Co., at Detroit, Mich., was announced Tuesday. The price reductions range from approximately 14 per cent. on motor trucks to 31 per cent. on small autos. "Now is the time to call a halt on all methods, war prices, war profiteering and war greed," said Mr. Henry Ford, in announcing the reduction.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEEMEN

Committees Appointed to Collect 10 Cents Per Bale for American Cotton Association Membership Dues.
In Monday's Robesonian it was stated that at the meeting held here Monday at which resolutions were passed, published in Monday's paper, urging all cotton producers to market cotton as slowly as possible and hold for a fair price, committeemen were appointed for each township to see farmers and ginners in regard to collecting 10 cents per bale for membership dues to the American Cotton association. Following are the names of the committeemen appointed for this purpose:

- Lumberton—H. M. McAllister, W. P. Barker.
- Back Swamp—M. M. Singletary.
- Wisharts—J. C. Stencil.
- Howellsville—J. I. Townsend.
- St. Pauls—L. H. Townsend, Marcus Smith.
- Saddletree—J. H. Powers.
- Raft Swamp—W. K. Culbreth, L. E. Tyner.
- Thompsons—David Townsend, L. S. Townsend.
- Rowland—G. L. Robertson, Lewood McCallum.
- Alfordsville—R. E. Bridgers, W. F. Bullock.
- Gaddys—R. F. Stewart.
- Maxton—A. J. McKinnon, Howard McNair.
- Pembroke—Jno. Thaggard, A. S. Locklear.
- Smiths—Dave McArthur, Will Walters.
- Red Springs—W. J. Johnson, Lacy Buie.
- Burnt Swamp—H. B. Ashley.
- Lumber Bridge—Jno. Baird.
- Shannon—J. F. Walters.
- Rennett—Lacy McNair.
- Parkton—Collier Cobb, J. B. McCormick.
- Britts—W. L. Thompson, Okey Stephens.
- Orrum—Carl Nye, D. E. Nance.
- Fairmont—Archie Griffin, Rowland Bullock.
- Sterlings—J. W. Barnes, Thompson Williams.
- White House—L. M. Oliver, G. E. Morgan.

PLANT NO MORE TOBACCO UNTIL 1920 CROP IS SOLD AT A PROFIT

Raleigh News and Observer, Sept. 23.
More than 1,000 tobacco growers, representing practically every large tobacco growing county in the State, in meeting here yesterday pledged themselves not to plant any more tobacco until they had sold this year's crop of a profit, organized a permanent Tobacco Growers association, elected Judge Stephen C. Bragaw, of Washington, president, and passed strong resolutions calling upon the farmers to organize, and the Federal Reserve banks to explain why the marketing of the crop cannot be financed.

As was the case of the meeting of the cotton growers here a week ago, the tobacco farmers were determined yesterday seriously intent upon finding out why the tobacco market is demoralized, and if there be ways to bring some sort of order out of the chaotic state into which they have fallen.

The association formed yesterday is destined to become a part of a National Growers association, now in progress of formation by tobacco growers everywhere alike concerned over the condition that prevail in the industry. Representatives were here from Kentucky and Virginia, bringing greetings from similar organizations that have been newly formed there, and assurances that those States will stand by North Carolina in whatever steps they may take toward permanent association.

Prices on All Ford Models Reduced on an Average of \$142 a Car.
A Detroit dispatch of the 21st gives the following:

Henry Ford announced today that prices on all models of his automobiles have been reduced on an average of \$142 a car, bringing them practically to their prewar prices. The Ford company has 146,000 unfilled orders.

In making the announcement, Ford said lack of materials which are stored in many parts of the country was impeding production and that a slashing of prices was the only way these materials could be forced on the market and prewar conditions brought about.

Despondent over the collapse of the tobacco market and personal difficulties with a man with whom he had worked his crop over the matter of placing it on the market, Joe Brannon, a farmer living near Wendell, committed suicide sometime between Friday and Saturday afternoon. The body was found in the tobacco barn where he had cured the crop over which he was worrying.

Restaurant proprietors in Greenville, S. C., Tuesday announced a general reduction in prices from 5 to 20 cents an item. Ham and eggs dropped from 45 to 30 cents.

Three of the 5 Socialists in the New York State Assembly were expelled Tuesday night for the second time this year. The other two resigned their seats.

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

Delightful Reception Given by the Woman's Club in Honor of Teachers of Graded and High Schools.
Reported for The Robesonian.

A delightful social event was the reception given by the Woman's Club at the home of Mrs. Thomas L. Johnson on last Friday afternoon from 5 to 7 o'clock, complimentary to the lady teachers of the Lumberton grammar and high school.

The officers of the club assisted the hostess in receiving. The guests were welcomed at the front door by Mrs. Stephen McIntyre, vice-president, and shown to the drawing room, where Mrs. R. H. Crichton, treasurer, presented them to the receiving line composed of Mrs. John Knox, president; Mrs. Thomas L. Johnson, hostess, and the teachers as honorees.

Mrs. James D. Proctor, recording secretary, invited the guests from the receiving line to the dining room, where the social committee, consisting of Mrs. Thomas F. Costner, Mrs. A. T. Parmele and Mrs. Junius J. Goodwin, served delicious punch and assorted cakes. From here the guests repaired to the library, where a very delightful musical program was rendered, being arranged by Mrs. J. Q. Beckwith, chairman of the musical department. Those participating were Mrs. J. Q. Beckwith, Mrs. Hugh M. McAllister, Mrs. L. R. Varner, Mrs. J. A. Martin, Mrs. L. P. Stack and Miss Mary D. Atkinson of Elon college. A quartette of young men from the University of North Carolina Glee Club, who were here to give a concert that evening, under the auspices of the Woman's Club, very kindly gave several delightful, catchy selections which added very much to the occasion.

The spacious home of Mrs. Johnson was never more lovely than on this occasion, fall roses and other bright fall cut flowers being used in abundance everywhere. More than one hundred guests called during the reception and gave the teachers a most hearty welcome to our little city.

PERSONALS

Mrs. D. C. Quick of McColl, S. C., is a Lumberton visitor today.

Mr. M. J. Merritt is spending the day in Wilmington on business.

Mr. Ira Townsend of Howellsville township is a Lumberton visitor Tuesday.

Mr. Jno. A. Brown left Tuesday for Moore's Springs, where he will spend some time.

Mr. E. M. Paul of Pembroke was among the visitors in town Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Philander Edmund, who lives near Boardman, was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday.

Mr. Geo. E. Thompson of the Long Branch section is among the visitors in town today.

Messrs. T. S. Greyard and J. V. Faulk of McDonald were Lumberton visitors Tuesday.

Messrs. E. T. Lewis and W. S. Floyd of Barnesville were among the visitors in town Tuesday.

Messrs. Homer and Okey Stephens and M. C. Britt of Mt. Elim were Lumberton visitors Tuesday.

Mr. G. S. Harrell and son, Master Luther, of Rennett, R. I., were Lumberton visitors Monday afternoon.

Mr. R. E. Redmond of Rockingham left this morning for Wilmington after spending several days here at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Redmond.

POPULATION FIGURES FOR 8 NORTH CAROLINA COUNTIES

Beaufort Show Loss of One Person During Past Ten Years—Watauga Also Shows Decrease.

Population figures for eight North Carolina counties, six showing increases and two decreases during the past decade, were announced Tuesday by the census bureau. Beaufort stands out among the eight in that this county lost just one soul in the decade.

Beaufort had a population of 30,877 in 1910; this year the figures is 30,876. Twenty years ago its population was 26,404.

The other county receiving a loss was Watauga, which dropped from 13,556 in 1910 to 13,477 in 1920.

Counties which increased were Jackson, Craven, Martin, Yadkin, Polk and Swain.

Craven jumped from 25,594 to 29,148 an increase of nearly 4,000.

The figures for the remaining counties are: Jackson, 13,396 in 1920, against 12,998 in 1910; Martin, 20,828, against 17,797 in 1910; Polk, 8,832, against 7,640 in 1910; Swain, 13,224, compared with 10,403 ten years ago; Yadkin, 16,391, compared with 15,428 in 1910.

The population of Avery county was announced yesterday by the census bureau as 10,335. No 1910 population figures are available, the bureau said, because this county had been created from the counties of Caldwell, Mitchell and Watauga since the last census.

ELECTRIC POWER OFF.

Owing to electric power being off for several hours this morning The Robesonian has to omit today much news, editorial and advertising that otherwise would have been carried in this issue. The storm last night put the electric light and power plants out of commission and blew down wires, and it was nearly noon today before any type could be set or a press run.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

Regular meeting of the Eastern Star this evening at 8 o'clock in the Masonic hall.

License has been issued for the marriage of Archie F. Lewis and Quessie Powell; Jason Odum and Bertha Leola Sessoms.

Important meeting of the Lumberton post of the American Legion this evening at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

Large ears of corn 14 and 12 inches long are the unusual product of a patch of corn Mr. B. Sam Edwards has raised at his home in Lumberton.

Special meeting of Raft Swamp camp No. 164, W. O. W., Saturday evening of this week at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to be present, as some matters of importance will be considered.

Work has been begun on the new 3-story brick garage building which Messrs. Bullock Brothers will erect, corner Third and Chestnut streets. The garage will be equipped with a double electric filling station.

Miss Miriam Weinstein left today for Roanoke, Va., where she will enter Virginia college. She was accompanied by her father, Mr. A. Weinstein, who will go on to New York to purchase goods for his department store.

Mrs. H. M. Baker and brother, Mr. Robert Caldwell, returned yesterday from Front Royal, Va., to which place they accompanied their brother, Master William Caldwell, who entered Randolph-Macon academy. They visited Washington and other points of interest while away.

A double wedding of colored couples took place yesterday at 4:30 p. m. in the office of Register of Deeds Floyd, Justice M. G. McKenzie officiating. The contracting parties were: Belle McLeod and Willie McRae, Mary Bailey and Lewis Ridgers. Both couples hail from Red Springs.

Rev. Everett Ward, who had been visiting relatives and friends in the county and adjoining counties for several weeks, left yesterday morning for his home at Hope, New Mexico. He went Tuesday afternoon to the home of his brother Mr. William Ward, who lives in Bladen county, from where he started his journey home yesterday.

In the report in Monday's Robesonian of the concert given last Friday evening by the Tar Babies quartet mention was inadvertently omitted of the fact that little Miss Sue Blount Shaw won the 2-pound box of candy offered as a prize to the girl selling the most tickets. The presentation speech was made by Mr. W. K. Bethune.

Among the out-of-town Jews who gathered here yesterday for the observance of Yom Kippur—Day of Atonement—were: Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Weinstein and children, Mrs. Harry Weinstein and children, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Dunie, Fairmont; Mr. and Mrs. Moses Fine of Maxton; Messrs. Frank Blacker, Hopkins Brothers, Adler and Levine of Rockingham. The stores of Messrs. A. Weinstein and H. Dunie were closed yesterday.

Mr. H. H. Stanley of Howellsville township, who was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday, says that he has 25 acres of cotton that has the finest weed he ever saw, high enough to hide an automobile, cotton which if well fruited all over would make two bales to the acre, but owing to the wet weather it will not make more than a bale to the acre. There are many fields of cotton that will not yield anything like as much cotton as the rank weed would indicate.

Mr. D. A. Owens of R. 2, Fairmont, was in town yesterday.

COTTON MARKET.

(Reported by P. F. Johnson)
Strict middling, 30 cents; middling 28 1-2 cents.

DR. WILLIAM W. PARKER

EYE SPECIALIST

Office: National Bank of Lumberton Building.