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TAX REVISION IS CHIEF CONCERN

Senator Varner Will Introduce Bill For Complete Revision and Equalization of Property Valuation in Robeson—This Will be Chief Concern of Robeson's Members of Legislature for Some Time—Want Rural Police Increased From 4 to 6.

LET YOUR LEGISLATIVE WANTS BE KNOWN EARLY.

Senator L. R. Varner will leave this evening for Raleigh in order to be in time for the Democratic caucus which will be held prior to the convening of the General Assembly Wednesday morning.

Upon being questioned this morning by a representative of The Robesonian in regard to what he anticipated would be before the Legislature, he stated that he had much correspondence with reference to roads, tick eradication and many ideas with reference to general welfare activities. Of course he mentioned the well-organized agitation with reference to additional appropriations which are now discussed in all the papers. It is expected that this session of the Legislature will be very busy and that these matters will be presented at once, for it is stated that a great many of the bills have already been drawn for immediate introduction upon the convening of the Legislature.

With reference to local matters, which will largely consume the time of the three members from Robeson county, Senator Varner stated that a revision and equalization of property valuation, so that the taxes may be equalized and made fair and upon a proper and equitable basis, would be the chief concern for some time. He further stated that he would introduce a bill, as soon as it appeared proper and prudent to do so, providing machinery for a complete revision and equalization of the valuation of real and personal property in Robeson county, and would ask that a provision be made also to the end that those who had paid excess taxes when the revision was complete could be protected a sto such excess thereof.

Senator Varner says there has been considerable talk and requests to increase the rural policeman of this county from four to six so as to give all sections adequate police protection. He stated in this connection that it was desired by all the members of the Legislature that the citizens of this county call to the attention of the three representatives as early as possible, all matters that any citizen might desire the mtio consider, and that it was necessary that this should be done as early as possible, giving all the information upon the subject so that whatever steps might be taken to relieve the situation could be taken intelligently before the session became so congested with State-wide measures as to jeopardize the success of the bills.

Representatives Jenkins and McArthur will leave tomorrow so as to reach Raleigh in time for the Democratic caucus Tuesday night.

STILL CAPTURED IN WISHART TOWNSHIP THIS MORNING.

A whiskey-making plant, 75-gallons capacity, was captured while in operation in the Big Swamp, Wishart township, this morning. Tom Phillips and Prentiss Barker were at still and were placed under arrest. Phillips was placed in jail and Barker was released under a \$200 bond. It is thought that Barker was merely a spectator and not assisting in operating the still according to the officers. The plant was made of a gasoline tank, with a copper worm. The still was captured and the arrests made by Deputy Sheriff A. H. Prewatt and Rural Policeman A. R. Pitman. Phillips has been up before on the charge of operating a still.

GRADY MCCORMACK OF ST. PAULS PROBABLY FATALY INJURED.

Mr. Grady McCormick, a young white man of St. Pauls, was seriously, probably fatally, injured early this morning when caught between two trucks at the plant of the Oakland Lumber Co., He was rushed to a hospital in Fayetteville.

NEGRO SHOT AT ST. PAULS; TODE MCKINNON IN JAIL

A negro named Bethea was shot and dangerously wounded by Tode McKinnon, also colored, at St. Pauls Saturday night. Bethea is not expected to recover, the load from a shot gun taking effect in his stomach. McKinnon is in jail here.

Still Captured Near Shannon.

A copper whiskey still, 50-gallons capacity, was brought to town this morning by Rural Policeman W. A. Smith. The still was captured near Shannon. Two barrels of beer was found at the still, but the owner was absent.

More Houses Are Badly Needed

Demand for Residences Continues to Grow—Scarcity of Houses is Retarding Growth of the Town. The demand for houses to live in continues to grow and indications are that some people will have to leave Lumberton for lack of a place to live. "Do you know where I can get a house," is a question that has been put to this reporter often of late, and the answer is always in the negative. Very few of the houses that were pledged about the first of last year at a meeting called to consider the housing question are in evidence. Those who failed to live up to the resolution to build one or more houses last year would do the town a favor to re-resolute and erect the houses this year.

The town is bound to grow and the lack of houses is retarding the material growth of the town. With the prospect of cheaper material and labor during the next year, it is to be hoped that many new residences will spring up and relieve a situation that is holding the town in check in some respects.

Would it be wise to call another "housing meeting" and do some more resolving?

SADDLETREE REFUSES ROAD BOND ISSUE

Saddletree township voted down a road bond issue of \$25,000 Thursday, the vote being 16 for the issue and 100 against. Mr. O. C. Bruce was elected township road supervisor. Saddletree is the second township out of a total of 21 in the county that have held road bond elections to vote the issue down, 19 townships having voted bond issues.

Boll Weevil Conference Jan 6.

Ways of Fighting the Weevil Will be Considered at Conference in Court House Here Thursday of This Week—Representatives of State Department of Agriculture Will Be Present. "A Boll Weevil" conference will be held in the court house here Thursday of this week at 11 a. m. Prof. Franklin Sherman, of the State Department of Agriculture, and other representatives from that department will attend the conference.

As has been stated in The Robesonian, boll weevils were found in some parts of the county last fall, and this conference will deal with ways of combatting the weevil. All who are interested are urged to attend the conference.

Suggestions For 1921

To The Editor of The Robesonian: We are now in the midst of one of the worst depressed eras of business that this agricultural section has ever experienced. As a business man and planter I offer these suggestions to the planters for the year 1921.

1. That every man who has sufficient force and who can plant a moderate amount of tobacco and give it the very best of attention to be able to get the best grade.
2. Reduce your cotton acreage materially.
3. Raise a big crop of corn, oats and potatoes.
4. Produce the coming crop on about one-third the advancements of 1920 and exercise a greater degree of economy.

K. M. BIGGS,
Lumberton, Jan. 1, 1921.

10,000 Persons Rendered Homeless by Earthquake.

Paris, Jan. 2.—Fourteen persons were killed, 300 injured and 10,000 rendered homeless by an earthquake which nearly obliterated the city of Elbassan, Albania, according to an undated dispatch received here today from the American Red Cross at Tirana.

The only Americans in the city were two junior Red Cross nurses, Miss Norah Ruddy of St. Louis and Miss Winifred Warren of Chicago. Both were reported safe. They immediately took charge of the relief work and the American Red Cross is sending supplies from the Adriatic coast. The organization also is furnishing tents which are urgently needed because of the severe weather.

Three Regiments Will Be Stationed at Camp Bragg.

Despite the changes at Camp Bragg, Secretary of War Baker gives assurances to Senator Simmons in a letter relating to the matter that there will be three regiments stationed there. Senator Simmons at the instance of the people of Fayetteville took the matter up with Mr. Baker.

—Rainey Gaddy and Ernest Pitman, a colored couple, were married in the office of Registrar of Deeds M. W. Floyd, Friday at 2:30 of the clock. Justice M. G. McKenzie officiated.



RECORDER'S COURT White Man Shot By Band Of Negroes

Governor Bell Found Guilty of Assault Upon Rev. Stephen Hammond—Redmond Chavis Gets Jail Sentence for Non-Support. Governor Bell, Indian, was found guilty of assault upon Rev. Stephen Hammond, also Indian, with a knife and a gun by Recorder David H. Fuller Saturday. He was fined 50 and cost on the knife charge and prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of the cost in the second case, Governor to report to the recorder the first Monday in each month for a year and show good behavior towards all men.

Hammond was charged with assault upon Governor with his fist, a lightning rod and a gun, but was found not guilty of either. Both men were fined, according to the evidence, but at long range, and nobody was "kilt." Redmond Chavis, Indian, was up for non-support of his family. He was found guilty. Recorder Fuller first presented Redmond with a 60 day's road sentence, but later changed the sentence to 12 months in jail to be hired out, his wages to go to the support of his wife and several children.

Baptist Hospital Goes To Winston-Salem

Winston-Salem has been selected as the site of the hospital to be erected within the next year by the Baptist State convention. This decision was reached by the commission at a conference held on railroad train between Raleigh and Selma Thursday night after an all-day session in Raleigh had resulted in a deadlock.

The denomination proposes to invest \$100,000 in the construction of the hospital and to maintain the plant. Practically identical offers had been made by six competing cities and the only question before the commission was at which point can the largest number of people be served. Raleigh Greensboro, Charlotte and Winston-Salem each offered \$100,000 and a site and hospital plants already constructed were made available at High Point and Salisbury. The commission is composed of Dr. J. M. Kesler of Thomasville, R. C. Dunn, of Enfield, Stephen McIntyre, of Lumberton, J. A. Martin of Hickory, and Rev. J. M. Arnette of Wagram.

Cotton Mills Re-Opening. Asheville, Jan. 2.—Following a prolonged vacation, the Asheville Cotton mills, owned by the Cone interests of Greensboro, will reopen Monday morning with the full force, Secretary M. D. Long announced tonight. The plant is the largest of its kind in this section and rumors had been current that the mill would not reopen until spring. The company gave all employes before shutting down Christmas a bonus of from \$500 down, according to the length of service.

Lafayette, Ga., Jan. 2.—The Union Cotton mills here, one of the plants of the American Textile corporation, announced today that full time operation would be resumed at once, but that a reduction of 10 per cent in wages would be made effective.

J. W. Chaney, of Clinton, Killed in a Fight. Norfolk, Jan. 1.—J. E. McKean, bugler at the naval operating base here, is waiting court-martial on a charge of killing J. W. Chaney, a recruit, who died late yesterday following a fist fight. A blow between the eyes knocked Chaney unconscious, death resulting within an hour. Chaney's home is in Clinton, N. C.

Baptist Mission Board Appropriates \$78,000 for Year. The Baptist State Mission Board, at a session in Raleigh Friday, appropriated \$78,000 for the missionary work supported by the board and \$5,000 for evangelical and enlistment work. The board was asked for \$100,000 by the various associations for fields that are partially self-sustaining, but had only about \$60,000 at its disposal.

Messrs. Homer and Okey Stephens, of R. 4, Lumberton, are among the visitors in town today.

TOO MUCH COTTON

Do You Know That There is Now Enough Cotton in the World, Unspun, to Last About Two Years? The Cotton Acreage committee, with headquarters at Memphis, Tenn., is sending out cards which present facts about the cotton supply in striking form. Any one who wants a supply of these cards to distribute may obtain them by writing to the committee. The cards read as follows:

"The South must know the truth. The South needs every friend it can muster. Are you one? Are you willing to get out and work to wipe out the calamity of too much cotton? Do you know that there is now enough cotton in the world, unspun, to last about two years?"

"The ten-year average amount of American cotton on hand unspun at the beginning of each fiscal year was about 1,200,000 bales."

"At August 1, 1919, according to Hester, unspun American cotton, 6,844,000 bales."

"At August 1, 1920, beginning present fiscal year, according to Hester, unspun American cotton, 6,086,000 bales."

"The greatest consumption of all kinds of cotton ever known in a single year—21,000,000 bales."

"The greatest consumption of American cotton any one year ever known—15,000,000 bales."

"Ten-year average consumption American cotton prior to the Great War—13,000,000 bales."

"Ten-year average consumption of all kinds of cotton, including American, prior to the Great War—17,500,000 bales."

"Consumption of all kinds of cotton, 1919-1920, U. S. Census figures—18,181,000 bales."

"American crop of 13,000,000 this year indicates a world supply of all kinds of cotton, including American, of 29,000,000 bales."

"Probable amount of American cotton unspun July 31, 1921, now indicated—9,000,000 bales."

(Or 3,000,000 bales larger than any amount ever carried over before.)

"The world carry-over may reach a total of, or may exceed \$13,000,000 bales."

"The world during the present fiscal year is not likely to consume more than 15,000,000 bales."

"There is now enough cotton in the world unspun to last approximately two (2) years."

"If you want to plant more cotton after having read the foregoing figures, then we can have no more to say. It is up to you."

Program for State University.

A State university for three thousand and prospective students adequately housed, adequately fed and adequately taught, costing nearly six million dollars, and with an annual maintenance appropriation of nearly a half million dollars was laid before the trustees of the institution yesterday morning by President Harry Woodburn Chase, and by resolution the trustees unanimously endorsed the program and requested the Governor to transmit the report to the General Assembly.

Yesterday's meeting of the Trustees was the first formal step toward expanding the university of North Carolina to such dimensions that will take care of the present and prospective demands upon the institution. The program outlined by President Chase contemplates a building period of not longer than five years, with buildings to be erected, and the instruction force enlarged a rapidly as may be practicable. A determined effort will be made to have the measure pass the General Assembly carrying the appropriation asked for.—Raleigh News and Observer, Dec. 31.

Honor Roll for Alfordville School.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. "Honor roll" for Alfordville school: 8th grade—Martin Brady, Nannie Mae Bracy; 7th grade—Bernice Bracy; 5th grade—Marie Walters, Douglas Bracy, Mable Bryant. In order to get on the "honor roll" a pupil must average, each month, at least 90 on every study. His conduct must be excellent. He must not be tardy during the month, nor may he be absent more than three days without good excuse.

These explanations are for the information of the parents of the pupils, for in order that they may help their children they should understand the requirements. The teachers appreciate the cooperation of the parents and extend to them a cordial invitation to visit the school at any time. It is an incentive to the children, and to their teachers, to feel that their parents are really interested in their school progress.

MARJORIE STEELE, Principal. Washington, Dec. 31.—A contempt sentence of ten days in jail was imposed today on Major General Peter C. Harris, adjutant general of the army, by justice Siddons of the district Supreme court for his refusal to produce certain records in connection with the selective service act which were sought in Ohio divorce proceedings.

Mr. Boyd Adams of Marietta, R. 1, was Lumberton visitor this morning.

COTTON MARKET.

Middling Cotton is selling on the local market today for 11 1-2 cents the pound; strict middling 12 1/2 cents.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—License has been issued for the marriage of Winifred Smith and Euvorah Britt.

—Born, Monday, to Mr. and Mrs. McKay, of R. 5, Lumberton, 11 1-2 pound son.

—Born, Thursday, to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Britt, at their home—Second and Walnut streets, a son.

—Messrs. Prewatt & Lamb have installed a grist mill at their store, Second and Chippewa streets.

—Mr. W. J. DuBois is putting in a full line, of groceries in connection with his bakery on Elm street.

—Mrs. A. S. King, of Lumberton, held the lucky number—2485—and won the graphanola given away by Mr. A. J. Holmes, jeweler.

—Mr. William Fuchs of Wilmington has been here for several days assisting in taking inventory of the stock at the Lumberton Bargain House.

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

—Ex-State Senator Geo. B. McLeod arrived last week from Iola, Kans., and will spend some time here with his family. Mr. McLeod is minus the moustache he had been wearing for 20 years, more or less, and he does not look the same.

—Robeson Chapter, U. D. C., will meet at the home of Mrs. L. T. Townsend Thursday afternoon of this week at 3:30 o'clock. Committees will be appointed at this meeting to arrange for celebration on January 19 and all members are urged to be present.

—Harrell Thompson, the young white man sentenced by Recorder D. H. Fuller to 90 days on the roads on the charge of having more than one gallon of liquor in his possession for sale, gave notice of appeal to the Superior court and made bond in the sum of \$750.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Watson, who were married here on December 28, returned Saturday from their bridal trip and spent the week-end visiting Mrs. Watson's parents Dr. and Mrs. N. A. Thompson. They left this morning for Wilmington, where they will make their home.

—Alfred Watson, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Watson, was stabbed in the left leg with a knife by Dewey Lytton, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lytton, yesterday afternoon. The gash was deep and required three stitches. The boys had been scrapping, it is said. The parents of both boys live on East Second street.

—Aslight change in the local Sea-board schedule went into effect at 1201 yesterday morning. Train No. 14, now arrives at 10:35 a. m., instead of 10:25 a. m. and train No. 31 westbound, arrives at 10:35 a. m., instead of 10:48 a. m. These trains meet here under the new schdul instead of Allentown, as heretofore. Train No. 13 now arrives at 6:15 p. m., instead of 6:25 p. m.

—Mrs. W. W. Parker returned Saturday from Raleigh, where Friday morning she attended a meeting of the board of directors of the South Eastern Division of the U. S. Training Camp for Women, of which board she is a member. The meeting was held at the Governor's mansion and Friday afternoon Mrs. T. W. Bickett entertained the members of the board and other members of the camp at tea. Mrs. Parker spent some time in Richmond, Va., and came back by way of Raleigh to attend the meeting.

—Mr. S. J. Starnes, who had been in the employ of The Robesonian for three years as linotype operator, Mrs. Starnes and their infant daughter left Friday for Durham, where Mr. Starnes will enter Trinity Park school. During their stay in Lumberton Mr. and Mrs. Starnes made many friends whose best wishes follow them to their new home. Mr. Starnes' father, Mr. W. B. Starnes, who lives near Monroe, came to Lumberton with Mr. and Mrs. Starnes when they returned last Tuesday from their holidays visit to home folks, and returned home Friday.

—Mr. Clayton Ross, secretary of the Parkton division of the American cotton association, is a Lumberton visitor today. He is making arrangements for a mass meeting to be held in the school auditorium at Parkton one day next week to complete the local organization. The date will be announced in Thursday's Robesonian. A speaker will be present to give full information in regard to the work being done. It is desired that adjoining townships, and in fact all townships of the county, be represented at this meeting. Mr. Ross and Road Supervisor Angus Jernigan came to town today to take up with the county road board a matter connected with a Parkton township road.

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