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## CO. BOARD AGRICULTURE ORGANIZED

Farmers Organize to Get Ahead of Boll Weevil—A. J. McKinnon of Maxton Elected Chairman—Each Township Will Have 3 Members on the Board.

### MORE FOODSTUFFS AND LESS COTTON IS THE PROGRAM

The Robeson County Board of Agriculture was organized here today at a mass meeting called for the purpose of making plans for combating the boll weevil. Major A. J. McKinnon of Maxton was elected chairman and Mr. O. O. Duke, county farm demonstrator, was elected secretary-treasurer of the board. The board will be composed of three members from each of the 25 townships of the county, the chairman of each township board having been elected this morning. The other two members will be appointed at a meeting of township chairmen this afternoon.

The purpose of the organization is to get ahead of the boll weevil, which already has reached some parts of the county, and to wage a campaign to get farmers to grow more foodstuffs and less cotton. The meeting today was addressed by Mr. G. M. Garren, assistant agronomist of the State Department of Agriculture, Mr. Dan T. Gray, head of animal industry of the same department, Mr. E. W. Gather, district demonstration agent of Goldsboro, and Mr. O. O. Duke, county farm demonstrator. Practically all the 25 townships in the county were represented at the meeting today. A full report of the meeting and organization will be published in the next issue of The Robesonian.

## Off Bridge Into Waters of River Swamp

Auto Turned Over in 8 Feet of Water Near Boardman—Mr. Geo. Anthony Was Caught Under Car and Nearly Drowned—Other Occupants Escaped With Bruises and a Bath. It was a close call that Messrs. Ed McLean, E. G. Paris and George Anthony had about 6:30 Tuesday evening when the car in which they were riding ran off bridge and turned turtle into 8 feet of water in the river swamp, near Boardman. Mr. Anthony was caught under the car and remained there until he was almost drowned before he escaped. Mr. McLean suffered several bruises about the head, and side and right leg. Mr. Paris escaped with an undesirable bath.

The car—a 7 passenger Oldsmobile—was owned and driven by Mr. McLean. A broken spring caused Mr. McLean to lose control of the car, it is said. The party were returning from a business trip to Chad bourn. Another car was secured from Boardman, and they made the trip to Lumberton. Mr. Anthony went to the Thompson hospital, where he remained until today.

## Schools Open For Spring Term

Chickenpox Has Decreased Attendance in Grammar Grades—First Grade Filled to Capacity. The Lumberton graded and high schools opened Tuesday for the spring term with the same faculty as employed during the fall term. The attendance in the high school is approximately the same as during the fall term, with the exception of some from the country who attended the fall term. The attendance in the graded school is off considerably on account of chickenpox in town. The first-grade is filled to its capacity, according to Supt. W. H. Cale, and some applications for admission had to be turned down.

## Township Pruning Demonstrations

Township Pruning Demonstrations Will be Held Next Week at the Following Places: Wisharts, H. E. Thompson's, Jan. 10. Rennett, A. M. Tolar's, Jan. 11. Saddletree, J. L. Humphrey's, Jan. 12. Lumber Bridge, J. J. Shaw's, Jan. 13. Raft Swamp, Joseph Townsend's, Jan. 14. O. O. DUKES, Farm Demonstration Agent.

Efforts Put Over Big Deal in Wilmington. Wilmington, Jan. 4.—What is declared to be the largest deal of its kind put over in the past five years was consummated here today, when Efford Brothers bought the five-story building and wholesale stock of dry goods and notions of Einstein Brothers, for many years one of the largest wholesale dry goods concerns in the south. It is announced that the new firm will open a retail establishment here. Einstein Brothers will continue in the wholesale trade and will erect a new building for their business.

## General Assembly

Bill for Repeal of Primary Law Offered at First Session—Date for Inauguration of New Governor January 12—Grier of Iredell Speaker of House.

The General Assembly convened in Raleigh yesterday at noon with every member present except Craven county's Representative in the House, who has resigned. The county will be unrepresented until after a special election January 25.

At party caucuses held Tuesday night, the Democrats selected Harry P. Grier of Iredell for speaker of the House and Lunsford Long, of Halifax, for president pro tem. of the Senate the Republicans selecting H. S. Williams, of Cabarrus as minority choice for speaker of the House and L. Bumgarner for president of Senate. D. P. Dellinger of Gaston was selected as reading clerk of the House over Miss Nancy Welbourn, of Wilkes, the only woman candidate for a clerkship. Other selections of the Democratic caucus for the House: Principal clerk, Alex. Lassiter, of Wake; engrossing clerk, Otis P. Shell, of Harnett; sergeant at arms, General Green of Guilford; assistant sergeant at arms, Major E. Woodhouse, of Currituck.

Bills for the repeal of the primary law, setting the date of inauguration of Governor-elect Cameron Morrison for Wednesday, January 12, at noon, and providing increase in salaries of the constitutional officers of the State, together with a partisan fight in the House over a resolution to provide a block of seats for the Republican members, featured the opening session yesterday.

Only two Senate committees were announced yesterday: committee on rules, W. L. Long of Halifax, chairman, and committee on salaries and fees W. L. Taylor chairman. Senator L. R. Varsee, of Robeson was appointed a member of both these committees. J. L. Delaney will be the Senate chairman of the committee on inauguration of the new Governor.

The bill for the repeal of the primary law was offered in the House by W. N. Neal. There will be considerable division on this measure. The women are said to be opposed to the repeal of the primary law on the ground that it takes away the right to vote and exercise their influence in the selection of nominees for office.

Minority Leader Williams, of Cabarrus offered a bill for division of seats in the House chamber in order that the Republicans might have a block to themselves. It was referred to the committee on rules.

Crisp, of Dare offered 3 bills in the House yesterday: to amend the law providing for the annual riding of the circuit by Superior court judges; amend the stock law of Dare County; provide for A. B. Willis, fish inspector.

## ANOTHER BUSY DAY FOR RECORDER

Fighting, Shooting Craps, Being Drunk, Disposing of Mortgaged Property and False Pretense Were Among Charges Against Various Defendants.

Monday was another busy day for Recorder David H. Fuller. Fighting, shooting craps, being drunk, disposing of mortgaged property and false pretense were the charges to be answered by the various defendants.

David McDowell and Harrell Evans, both colored, were up for an assault upon each other. Evans was fined \$10 and cost, while McDowell was allowed to go free upon payment of the cost. David showed marked evidence that he had been assaulted, being right badly "skint" up.

Willie Fairley, Henry Thompson and John Henry McKinnon, all colored, were found guilty of engaging in a crap game in the basement of the Lorraine hotel. The evidence showed that Thompson and Fairley are working negroes and Thompson was required to pay a fine of \$15 and cost, while Fairley was allowed freedom upon payment of cost. John Henry failed to show that he was employed and it was brought out that he had previously served a road sentence on the same charge. He was presented with another 30-days' road sentence.

Charlie West was fined \$10 on the charge of being drunk. N. H. Bethune, colored, was up on two charges—feloniously disposing of mortgaged property and false pretense. Probable cause was not found in either case and Bethune went his way rejoicing.

Walter Musselwhite, charged with selling imitation apple extract for beverage purpose failed to show up and forfeited a \$100 cash bond. Capias was issued. Cas Lewis, colored, was found guilty of assault upon his wife and was fined \$10 and cost.

Civil Service Examination Here Feb. 9. The Postoffice Department at Washington announced Tuesday a Civil Service examination at Lumberton on February 9 to fill the vacancy in the postmastership at Elizabethtown. The place pays \$1,500.

## War Finance Corporation Revived

Both Houses of Congress Pass Bill Over Veto of President—Two Months Before Board Can Function—President Must Select Directors.

The bill to revive the War Finance corporation as a measure to provide relief for farmers has been passed by both houses of Congress over the veto of President Wilson.

Almost immediately after receipt of the President's veto Monday the Senate voted 53 to 5 to make the bill law despite executive disapproval. The vote in the House Tuesday was nearly as ample as the vote in the Senate. The House stood 250 for the measure against 66 for upholding the veto, or 37 more than the required two-thirds majority. Seventeen Democrats voted to sustain the veto, while for its passage there were 135 Republicans, 114 Democrats and one Prohibitionist.

President Wilson will have to fill at least one of the two vacancies on the board of directors of the revived War Finance corporation before it can make any considerable number of loans for financing exports with a view to affording relief to the farming and other industries, Treasury officials said.

Treasury officials in further discussing the adoption of the resolution said that while the corporation would prepare to function immediately as a result of the action of Congress, President Wilson would be required to appoint one or two new directors before anything much could be done. The board of directors is composed of five members and officials explained that a majority is required by law to approve the application for a loan. While the present board membership constitutes a quorum, officials asserted, Secretary Houston, who is ex-officio chairman, would not be able to devote his time exclusively to corporation matters, as the investigation of the adequacy of securities would require.

The other two directors, Angus W. McLean, who now is managing director, and George R. Cooksey, officials said, would thus be unable to act upon applications for loans. Presidential nominations to the board require confirmation of the Senate and the question also arose as to whether the Republican majority of the Senate would depart in such cases from the policy of confirming no nominations at this session.

Finance corporation officials stated that in any event it probably would be two months before the first advance could be approved. Funds for making the loans must be raised, officials explained, and the methods of providing this money determined upon. The corporation has a balance of about \$375,000,000 with the treasury, but Secretary Houston has taken the stand that this money should not be used for making advances to private concerns.

## JURORS FOR CRIMINAL AND CIVIL TERMS OF COURT.

Week of Criminal Term Begins January 31 and Will be Followed by Week of Civil Court Beginning February 7.

At their meeting Monday the county commissioners drew the names of the following to serve as jurors for one week's term of Robeson Superior court for the trial of criminal cases which will convene Monday, January 31: G. W. Lennon, D. F. Webster, J. F. McLean, John A. Bass, G. W. Turner, J. H. Johnson, C. T. Davis, D. O. Currie, R. L. Cox, E. D. Pitman, E. H. Rouse, P. H. Fisher, J. H. Lewis, L. Shaw, W. S. Johnson, J. M. Powell, D. P. McLeod, H. F. Carter, E. T. Taylor, A. L. McCullum, L. G. Pitman, W. A. Lee, L. C. Townsend, Alfred Rice, W. J. Mercer, J. A. Branch, J. D. Hedgpath, C. E. Inman, W. J. Williams, R. W. Williams, D. M. Clarkson, M. H. Warwick, A. B. Todd, Gus McLean, W. L. Chapel, Duncan McNeill, M. G. Prevatt, J. L. McNeill, P. S. Stuart, K. E. Harris.

Jurors for the Term Beginning February 7. At the same time the names of the following were drawn to serve as jurors for the week's term of civil court which will convene Monday February 7: W. J. McCormick, J. O. Tedder, W. A. Sealy, J. J. Kincaid, H. S. Branch, B. N. Evans, J. I. Branch, T. D. Potter, W. C. Barnes, Geo. D. Edwards, M. W. Hester, J. C. Fuller, J. S. Hodges, R. S. Bond, Joe W. Davis, N. J. McRimmon, A. R. Lewis, L. W. Smith, Sog Parker, W. O. Thompson, W. R. Surles, R. T. Taylor, Lewis Pitman, D. S. McCormick.

## CONDITION OF MR. GRADY MCMORMICK IS STILL SERIOUS.

Special to The Robesonian. St. Pauls, Jan. 6.—The condition of Mr. Grady McCormick, of this place, who was caught between two log trucks at the plant of the Oakland Lumber Co. Monday, is still serious. He was rushed to a hospital in Fayetteville is still there. He rested better last night, according to reports from the hospital this morning.

Mr. W. L. Prevatt of the Buie section is in town today.

## Says State Is Able To Meet Its Needs

People Of North Carolina Are Urged to an Awakening to New Conditions.

Greensboro, Jan. 3.—"Facts carefully gathered for the Association for Promotion of Education in North Carolina, and set forth in the second of its series of advertisements to the people of the State, would seem to be the last convincing bit of evidence needed to show that North Carolina, while admittedly bankrupt in education, is amply able to provide every need for its boys and girls in education, as well as for the care and comfort of its unfortunates," says a statement issued by the association.

"The most outstanding of these facts is that in the past five years the farms, forests and factories of the State have produced in primary wealth a total of five billion dollars—wealth that is brand new! Also, that this growth of material resources has not been due solely to increase in value, but to greater quantity production of crops and manufactured goods."

"Is North Carolina bankrupt in purse," the association wants to know; and continues its refutation of such a charge—the old, old charge of "poverty"—in the reminder that the people of the State are holders of \$250,000,000 of Liberty Bonds, War Savings Stamps and bank account savings; that from this source alone last year we realized an income of not less than \$10,000,000. We are richer, too, it is pointed out in trade and bank resources as well as in the material good things that have been added in abundance about our town and country homes.

Comparison is made of this tremendous wealth of the State—the richest in the entire South—with the meager investment of \$14,000,000 in 31 institutions of higher education, accumulated during a period of 250 years! That might have appeared a colossal sum against the background of his poverty that certainly did exist through the years of the past; but compared to present-day wealth it appears as nothing more than a bagatelle. The people are urged to an awakening to the new conditions, when present-day problems and future necessities should be viewed in the light of plenty and not poverty.

And if North Carolina is not poor, the statement continues, comes the pertinent question, what excuse has she to offer for a shortage in equipment for the education of her youth and the care of her unfortunates that is nothing short of startling—a condition that witnessed the turning away from the doors of our colleges last fall a total of over 2300 ambitious boys and girls, in whose faces the State virtually slammed the door of opportunity? None, it is contended, unless the people of the State are bankrupt in courage, and that suggestion is properly scorned.

The people are asked to arouse themselves to the individual responsibility resting upon each citizen in such matters, and go to their representatives in the General Assembly with the urgent request that the needs of the State's institutions be met by providing the \$18,000,000 asked for a six years' building program. These legislators, voters are reminded are the guardians of their rights and anxious to follow their own desires in every progressive cause. And what greater right could be conceived than that every son and daughter of North Carolina to receive every educational advantage; her unfortunates every care? If the people ask of their representatives, the association insists, they will receive. The future is in their (the people's hands).

## CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Presbyterian, Dr. G. E. Moorehouse, Minister. Sabbath school every Sabbath morning at 9:30. Classes for all ages, men, women and children. Come. W. K. Bethune superintendent.

Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Sermon theme: "The Way of Holiness." Evening Worship at 7:30. Sermon theme: "Hopes that Fail." Mid-Week service Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Subject: "Counting the Cost" Luke XIV.

All Presbyterians resident in the town or vicinity, and all who have no regular church affiliation in town, are very cordially invited to share with us all the services of this church. You need the church. The church needs you.

## 17 Men Accepted for Army at Local Recruiting Office.

Seventeen men were accepted in the U. S. Army at the local recruiting office during the month of December. Those who enlisted here were: Dewey R. Byrd, Arrie Lowry, Pink Sutton, James E. Hammonds, Fleet Natts, Willie M'White, Claudius Britt, Jesse Hardee, Walter Mercer, Fred Stone, Willie Ward, Henry Barker, Henry H. Britt, Rock Ivey, Boston Thomas, James Harden, John E. Bass. Four applied and were rejected during December. These were, Joseph Jacobs, Conley Hardee, Luther Royal and Willie Knowles.

The office here is still open and will be for some time, according to Sgt. Smith, who is in charge of the local office.

## THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

Mr. John McArthur, Well-Known Citizen Died Yesterday at His Home Near St. Pauls—Funeral at St. Pauls This Afternoon.

Mr. John McArthur, a prominent and well-known citizen of Robeson, died yesterday at noon at his home, near St. Pauls, death resulting from a stroke of paralysis which the deceased suffered two months ago. Nine children survive; five daughters—Messdames R. E. Lewis and W. P. McAllister of Lumberton, Messdames J. C. Lentz and L. L. McCoogan of St. Pauls and Mrs. J. B. Ivey of Charlotte and four sons—Messrs. Shaw and Jno. D. of St. Pauls, C. A. of Lumberton and Laurin of Bennettsville, S. C. Deceased was in his 71st year.

The funeral was conducted from the St. Pauls Presbyterian church, of which deceased was an elder, this afternoon at 2:30 and interment was made in the church cemetery.

Mr. McArthur was a native of Scotland county, but had lived in Robeson for about 25 years. He was of a quiet, unassuming nature, and his friends were numbered by his acquaintances. In his death his community and county lost a valued citizen.

## Dr. Dunlop Thompson of Morven Died in Charlotte Yesterday—Brother of Mrs. L. T. Townsend of Lumberton.

Dr. Dunlop Thompson, of Morven, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Thompson of Lumberton died yesterday morning at 7 o'clock at the Selwyn hotel, Charlotte, having gone to Charlotte the day before for medical attention. Deceased had been in ill health for several months. He was 41 years of age and is survived by his widow and 3 children.

Dr. Thompson was a brother of Mrs. L. T. Townsend, of Lumberton and was well-known throughout Robeson county. He had practiced medicine at Morven for a number of years. Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Townsend and Mr. F. P. Gray left last evening for Morven to attend the funeral, which took place there today.

## Ended Own Life.

The following is taken from today's Charlotte Observer: "Death is preferable to dishonor," read the farewell message of Dr. Dunlop Thompson, 42 practicing physician of Morven, Anson county, who was discovered yesterday morning about 10 o'clock in a room at the Selwyn hotel with a self-inflicted fatal bullet wound in his right temple. "Failure to receive certain drugs to which he is said to have been addicted is believed to have led to the state of mind that caused him to take his own life."

## Mrs. Snider Osborne.

Mrs. Snider Osborne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Arnette who live near Lumberton, died yesterday in a hospital in Chester, S. C., following an operation for appendicitis. Mr. and Mrs. Osborne lived at Winnsboro, S. C. The remains were brought here today and interment was made in Hollywood cemetery, near the county home, this afternoon. Deceased was 24 years old and is survived by her husband and two children.

## Mrs. Cale Inman of Fairmont.

Mrs. Cale Inman died last night at her home near Fairmont. The cause of her death has not been learned. Her husband preceded her to the grave about a year ago.

## Edith Bryant, Colored.

Edith Bryant, colored, aged 40 years, died Monday at her home in the northern part of town, following an extended illness.

## BUIE NEWS BATCH.

Death of Mrs. I. T. Brown—Rev. Wm. Black is conducting a Revival at Pembroke—Preaching at Buie Sunday and Sunday School Collection Same Afternoon Will be for Starving Armenians.

BY W. H. M. BROWN. Buie, Jan. 4.—Mrs. I. T. Brown was stricken with paralysis at Red Springs, on last Tuesday evening, and died Sunday evening about 6 o'clock. The burial took place at Philadelphia cemetery Monday at 3 o'clock p. m., Rev. W. M. Dixon, pastor of the deceased assisted by Rev. W. M. Black, of Charlotte conducted the services. Deceased is survived by her husband, Mr. I. T. Brown and one daughter, Miss Amanda.

Mr. Paisley McMillan is very much improved in health, being able to go around some.

Rev. William Black is conducting a revival at Pembroke this week. Rev. O. I. Hinson will preach at Buie next Sunday at 3:30 p. m., Sunday school at 2:30 p. m.

We have been asked to get up all we could in money for the starving Armenians, and next Sunday all who can do so, will be given the opportunity at Sunday school to contribute to this worthy cause. If you can't be at Sunday School and wish to give something, send it; or it will be accepted at any time between now and then, and forwarded on next Monday to Raleigh, headquarters of the Near East Committee.

Mr. G. L. Robertson of Rowland is among the visitors in town today.

## COTTON MARKET.

Middling cotton is selling on the local market today for 12 1-2 cents the pound; strict middling 13 1-2 cents.

## BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

The Alfred Rowland chapter, U. D. C., will meet Friday afternoon at 3:30 in the municipal building.

Thanks for the cooler weather, which is welcomed by the farmers who had killed hogs during the last week.

Mr. J. A. Betha of the local post-office force, was able to be out yesterday after being confined to his room since Christmas day.

The regular monthly meeting of the mayor and town commissioners was held Tuesday evening. Nothing except routine matters was considered.

Mrs. H. H. Stanley, of R. 1, St. Pauls, entered the Thompson hospital here today for an operation. She was accompanied here by her husband.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Robeson Fair association will be held in the office of Secretary W. O. Thompson this evening at 7:30. Officers will be elected at this meeting.

Mr. J. I. Seabolt returned Monday from Cleveland, Ga., where he spent Christmas with relatives. He was accompanied home by his mother, Mrs. W. C. Seabolt. Mrs. Seabolt is 83 years old and this was her first time to ride on a train.

A number of subscriptions to The Robesonian expire during the month of January. Consult your label and send renewal before your subscription expires. All subscriptions are cut off when they expire. Remember that \$2 pays for a year, new or renewal, at present.

REMEMBER THIS! In ordering a change in your address always give the old address as well as the new. Several subscribers have recently asked that their address be changed and failed to give the old address. This causes delay in making the change. REMEMBER THIS!

Messrs. R. O. Edmund and W. H. Kinlaw, local Republicans, are candidates for the Lumberton postmastership. Both are circulating petitions among patrons of the office asking that they be appointed when the term of the Postmaster D. D. French expires. Mr. French's appointment will expire in January, 1922. There may be other aspirants for the postmastership.

Mr. Ira Wilkins of eBlamy, who is a Lumberton visitor today, says the Big Swamp has gotten impassable between Lumberton and Bladenboro. He said he came mighty near not being able to make it across yesterday in an empty wagon. This has cut off travel by Bellamy and the carrier on rural mail route No. 5, from Lumberton, on which Bellamy is located, has not been able to serve the folks in the eBlamy section for some time on account of the swamp. The carrier now has to cut across via Allenton and does not go via Bellamy at all.

## Kentucky Tobacco Markets Closed

Farmers Haul Weed Home—State Meeting Tomorrow to Consider Situation.

Practically every market of importance in the central Kentucky tobacco region was closed Tuesday night, states a dispatch from Lexington, Ky., in protest against low prices offered by buyers for this year's crop, and farmers hauled their tobacco away from warehouses and stored it in barns.

The Lexington loose leaf market, the largest in the world, closed an hour after the opening Tuesday morning with the announcement that it would reopen Wednesday but a later announcement set January 11 at the date for re-opening. It was said that other places would follow the lead of Lexington.

Farmers mass meetings in some counties decided to hold the 1920 crop and cut the 1921 crops. Farmers began hauling their tobacco out of the Lexington warehouses, in which there were 7,700,000 pounds, when the sales started Monday morning.

Bankers and warehousemen will meet in Lexington tomorrow to decide on ways and means of financing growers who do not want to sell. A mass meeting of tobacco growers from all parts of the burley district is called for Friday, Jan. 7, at Lexington for the purpose of providing ways and means of handling the 1920 crop and to arrange for curtailing the 1921 crop.

The tobacco board of trade of Winston-Salem Tuesday passed a resolution urging tobacco farmers of the Piedmont section to curtail their acreage at least half.

Mrs. J. F. Stuart, of Greenville, arrived Saturday and will spend some time here visiting relatives and friends. She was accompanied by her husband, who returned to Greenville Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Stuart formerly lived here.

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