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Farmers Mass Meeting Wednesday

Robeson Branch of American Cotton Association Will Meet in Court House Here Wednesday at 1 P. M.—All Farmers of County Are Urged to Attend.
A meeting of interest to cotton-growers will be held in the court house here Wednesday at 1 p. m. The meeting is called by the Robeson division of the American Cotton Association. The meeting will be addressed by prominent speakers. All the farmers in the county are urged to attend.
Matters that directly affect each cotton-grower will be considered and it will be to the interest of the farmers generally to attend this meeting. Be on hand.

GOUGH AGAIN HEADS ROBESON COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION.

Report to Stockholders at Annual Meeting Shows That Last Fair Was a Financial Success—Dividend of 35 Per Cent.
Mr. Frank Gough was re-elected president, Mr. T. L. Johnson was elected vice-president and Mr. W. O. Thompson was re-elected secretary of the Robeson Fair Association at the annual meeting of the stockholders of the association Thursday evening. The following directors were elected: Messrs T. L. Johnson, K. M. Barnes, Frank Gough, W. O. Thompson, L. B. Barnes, D. D. French, J. A. Carle, J. N. Regan and B. Sam Edwards.
The report of the secretary-treasurer showed that the fair last fall, the first held in the new buildings, was a success. The association is incorporated with an authorized capital of \$50,000, with \$10,000 paid in. A dividend of around 35 per cent, was declared, a cash dividend of 4 per cent, having been paid. The balance of the dividend goes for improvements.

JETER STEPHENS AND MIKE HERRING LANDED IN JAIL HERE

Men Held Up Near Boardman May Serve Road Sentence—Under Conviction for Blockading.
Jeter Stephens and Mike Herring are in jail here, captives having been issued after they were held up in the suburbs of Boardman a week ago Friday night. As was stated in the Robesonian at the time, Stephens was shot in the left leg with buckshot by a band of negroes when he and Herring were held up. Stephens' condition is favorable. The two men were convicted before former Recorder E. M. Britt several weeks ago of manufacturing whiskey and were released upon condition that they leave the Boardman section. It is probable that they will now serve a road sentence, having failed to comply with the former order of the court.

Robeson's Senator Goes Up Head at Once

The scarcity of veterans in the present Senate has caused quite an unusual drain upon new timber. Senator L. R. Varner is probably the most prominent of the Senators without any previous legislative experience. The Lumberton man, who is a partner of Democratic National Committeeman A. Wilton McLean, has never held public office before his election to the Senate, but has made such a reputation as a lawyer that he was urged by a number of his friends to enter the recent contest for a position on the Supreme Court bench. Senator Varner is a member of committee on Rules and Salaries and Fees, the only two committees yet named in the Senate and has been agreed upon as Chairman of the Committee on Finance. He was a member of Governor Bickett's commission to investigate conditions among the negroes of the State.—Raleigh News and Observer.

MEETING OF OFFICERS OF THE HOME BUREAU.

A very important business meeting of the officers and chairmen of the Home Bureau for Robeson will be held on Saturday, January 15th. The Ladies will please meet at twelve o'clock in Miss Andrews office, at the court house. After having lunch together the business meeting will follow and a plan is hoped to be perfected for most effective work during the spring season. Every Home Demonstration club in the county is urged to have a representative present.

Sheriff's Tax-Collecting Assignments

Sheriff R. E. Lewis will go to Bullock's store, Alfordville township Friday of this week and to Rowland Saturday of this week for the purpose of collecting taxes. As has been stated in The Robesonian, tax collecting was held up in these townships by injunction proceedings instituted by the citizens of the townships.

The ground was covered with snow and it was still snowing in Charlotte early this morning, according to the Fullman conductor on the Seaboard train which arrived here at 10:35 a. m. from Charlotte.

Messrs. N. J. Page, H. L. Lupo, and O. R. Hayes and his son, Master Charles Lee, of the Fairmont section, were Lumberton visitors Saturday.

County Board Of Agriculture

Officers and Township Committeemen of Robeson Board of Agriculture Organized Last Week.
As stated in Thursday's Robesonian at a mass meeting held in the court house here Thursday, the Robeson County Board of Agriculture was organized. Following are the officers and township committeemen:
A. J. McKinnon, county chairman
O. O. Dukes, secretary-treasurer
Fairmont—D. A. Jones, A. J. Floyd, A. R. Bullock
Caddy—John Gaddy, J. W. Burns, J. N. Page
Sterlings—S. F. Jenkins, D. L. Floyd, Kelly Johnson
Wisharts—H. E. Thompson, A. E. Israel, E. R. Phillips
Britts—S. G. Williamson, G. E. Thompson, E. B. Stone
Orrum—J. Z. Stone, M. Sheppard, G. C. Atkinson
Whitehouse—J. S. Oliver, G. E. Morgan, W. M. Oliver
Thompsons—L. S. Townsend, G. M. Pate, C. M. Townsend
Rowland—C. T. Pate, G. L. Robertson, B. A. Edens
Alfordville—Fred McDonald, W. F. Bullock, Alex. Alford
Maxton—G. B. Sellers, Alex. White, Hamp McCormick
Smiths—D. L. Stewart, Neill Alford, W. G. McLean
Back Swamp—D. H. Britt, J. G. Prevatte, L. B. Barnes
Raft Swamp—L. E. Tyner, W. K. Culbreth, Rowland Davis
Loyal Swamp—Lacy Prevate, A. C. McLeod, W. R. McNeill
Pembroke—L. E. Blanchard, Roy Lewis, J. A. McCormick
Lumberton—D. B. McNeill, M. F. Cobb, W. K. Bethune
St. Pauls—A. R. McEachern, J. M. Bauger, Jas. A. Johnson
Phanton—C. C. Carter, J. D. Gibson, J. S. Blunphrey
Lumber Bridge—H. M. John, M. L. Marley, W. H. Chason
Lacwellville—N. A. Townsend, N. A. Kinlaw, H. A. McWhite
Red Springs—H. B. Ashley, W. W. Gibson, Lacy Buie
Fulton—C. Ross, J. B. McCormick, A. H. Perry
Reanert—W. T. Covington, B. Tolar, A. C. McGoogan
Sandhree—Arch McDuffie, J. L. Houghtrey, D. B. Humphrey
County-at-large members—County committeemen and members Board of Education.

General Assembly

To Amend Robeson County Drainage Laws

The first bill passed by the Senate was the one offered by Varner of Robeson to amend the drainage law as applied to Robeson county, changing the time limit for paying drainage taxes. The amendment provides that if drainage taxes are not paid in full by April 30th, following the due date in September, land may be advertised and sold on the first Monday in June. The present law provides that if the payment is not made by Dec. 31st, lands may be sold the first Monday in February. It is expected that the bill will pass the House today and become a law.

Bill to Lessen Crime of Lynching.

The first Senate public bill of the session of the North Carolina General Assembly which convened last Wednesday was offered Thursday by W. F. Taylor of Wayne, a bill "to promote the due administration of justice and lessen the crime of lynching."
The bill provides that whenever a grand jury returns a true bill charging a felony, the presiding judge shall have the authority to remove the case to some adjacent county without the arraignment or presence in court of the defendant, provided the defendant consents in writing. The bill also gives the grand jury of the county to which the case shall be transferred jurisdiction for the purpose of passing upon any further indictments that may be drawn by the solicitor.

The bill is the outcome of an attempted lynching at Goldsboro last month, when a mob sought to reach four negroes on trial for murder. One member of the mob was wounded and great bloodshed was only narrowly averted. It is believed that if Judge W. A. Devin, who was holding the court, had possessed the power proposed in Senator Taylor's bill, all disorder might have been avoided.

The Senate Thursday passed the House resolution appropriating \$1,200 for expenditures by the joint inaugural committee.
After several conferences between Lieut.-Gov. Gardner and Lieut.-Gov.-elect Cooper, it was announced Thursday that all committee assignments in the Senate had been agreed upon. The slate Mr. Cooper took with him from Wilmington caused something of a breeze and serious desultion was threatened. Senator L. R. Varner of Robeson is to be chairman of the committee on finance, one of the most important committees.

To Prohibit Grade Crossings
Lawrence of Alamance offering in the house Saturday a bill to prohibit grade crossings on the State highways after 1926 under a penalty of \$10,000 for its violation.

IT'S ACTION SHE WANTS



WOMEN'S COUNCIL SEEKS TO CENSOR MOVIES.

Coalition of Representatives of Women's Organizations Combine for Legislation.
Formed by a coalition of representatives of four of the largest and most influential organizations of women in this State, the North Carolina Legislative Council of Women was in session yesterday morning and afternoon, when its members, under the chairmanship of Mrs. C. C. Hook, of Charlotte, discussed public welfare measures, chief among them a State censorship of movies, which the council will back at this session of the General Assembly. The backing of the women and the counter efforts of the exhibitors in the State promises one of the most interesting of coming legislative battles.

The North Carolina Legislative Council of Women is composed of the president and chairman of the legislative committee of the following organizations: North Carolina League of Women Voters, North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, North Carolina Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, and the W. C. T. U.

The retention of the primary law with the institution of some form of the Australian ballot will also receive the support of the Legislative Council of Women. The council will give its backing to all State institutions for delinquents, and approves adequate provision for colored mental defectives. It will back the Mother's Aid bill, and approves appropriations for forest fire protection, the unification of State game laws, and the establishment of a State game commission. Another important part of its legislative program is the raising of the age of consent. When the Shepherd-Towner Maternity bill shall have passed Congress the council will seek to obtain from this State an appropriation to meet the conditions of the Federal bill. At its meeting yesterday the council endorsed the appropriation for a woman's dormitory at the university, and proposes to stand strongly behind the educational program of the State.—From Raleigh News and Observer, Jan. 8.

INAUGURATION OF NEW GOVERNOR WEDNESDAY AT NOON.

Cameron Morrison, Governor-elect of North Carolina, will arrive in Raleigh at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, January 12, on a special train from Charlotte, accompanied by 200 people from his home town, and at noon, in the city auditorium, will take the oath of office. Elaborate plans for the inauguration, says the News and Observer, the following closely the arrangements of four years ago, are being worked out, are being worked out by the joint Senate and House committee, working with a committee of Raleigh men and women. At 11 o'clock the inaugural party will drive to the executive mansion, where they will be joined by the retiring Governor, and with the military escort will go to the city auditorium, where the inaugural oath will be administered by a member of the Supreme Court.

After the inaugural address Gov. Morrison will be tendered a luncheon at the executive mansion, when about 200 men and women prominent in the public life of the State will be guests. At 8:30 Governor Morrison will receive at the inaugural reception at the executive mansion. The inaugural ball will be held at the city auditorium, beginning at 10:30 o'clock.

Lumber Companies Resume Operations.

The Beaufort County and Jackson Bros. lumber companies at Fairmont were scheduled to resume operation this morning.

Mr. W. E. Phillips of R. 5, Lumberton, is among the visitors in town today.

THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

Funeral of James I. Barnes, Son of Mr. Wm. H. Barnes, Yesterday Afternoon—Death Occurred in High Point Friday.

The funeral of Mr. James I. Barnes whose death occurred Friday at 4 p. m. at his home in High Point, was conducted from the First Baptist church here yesterday at 3 p. m. by Rev. E. A. Paul, pastor of East Lumberton Baptist church and Rev. W. D. Combs, pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle. A large crowd attended the funeral and accompanied the remains to their last resting place in Meadowbrook cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. G. R. Ward, R. L. Proctor, Carl Kaneer, Ray Kaneer, Roy Kaneer and W. L. Alexander, all of High Point. The floral offerings completely covered the grave. Deceased was 43 years old and death resulted from pneumonia. He is survived by his widow and one daughter, besides his father, Mr. Wm. H. Barnes, several brothers and sisters. The remains were brought here Saturday afternoon and taken to the home of the father of deceased, 2 miles east of town.
Mr. Barnes was well known here, having lived here for many years prior to going to High Point some 2 years ago. He was shipping clerk in a cotton mill at High Point.

Miss Irene Currie of Red Springs.

From the Red Springs Citizen it is learned that Miss Irene Currie, 20 years old, daughter of Mr. D. J. Currie of Red Springs, died in Charlotte, where she had been employed as stenographer for 2 years, Jan. 1st from burns received Christmas night when her clothing caught fire in her room from a gas heater. The funeral and burial took place at Red Springs last Monday.

Eliza Faulk, Colored.

Eliza Faulk, colored, aged 65 years, fell dead in the yard at her home about one mile from town on the Elizabethtown road, late Thursday afternoon. Death resulted from heart trouble.

Willie Arnette of Wisharts Township.

Willie Arnette, aged about 30 years, died yesterday at his home in Wisharts township following an illness of several weeks. His widow and 2 children survive.

"Grow no Tobacco" in 1921 is Program of Kentucky District Farmers.

No burley tobacco will be grown in Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio during 1921, and tobacco sales floors will remain closed for an indefinite period, if resolutions passed at a meeting of representative farmers from all parts of the district at Lexington, Ky. Friday are carried out.
Accredited representatives from 35 out of 58 counties in the burley tobacco district of Kentucky, together with men from Indiana and Ohio tobacco raising sections, voted almost unanimously in favor of not planting tobacco this year.

A resolution also was passed asking that tobacco warehouses which have been closed since last Tuesday remain closed indefinitely, and suggesting that May 1 would be ample time for them to open, and that warehouses which had not closed to do so at once. This request, according to statements made by leaders of the meeting includes the hoghead tobacco markets at Louisville.

Meeting Places for Community Service.

Union Chapel Monday night, Jan. 10th.
Philadelphus Tuesday night, Jan. 11th.
Oakdale Wednesday night, Jan. 12th.
Floral College Thursday night, Jan. 13th.
Centenary Friday night, Jan. 14th.
Tabernacle Saturday night, Jan. 15th.
Programme
The Priceless Gem of Health.
The Crooky (5 reel comedy).
J. R. Poole, Supt. Schools.
M. N. Folger, Supt. Recreation.

Lumbee Tent Installs Officers.

The following officers were installed by Lumbee Tent No. 18, Maccabees, Friday evening: Past Commander Jno W. Long, Commander, Rossie B. Britt; lieutenant commander, J. T. Penny; record keeper, I. L. McGill; chaplain, Dr. R. T. Allen; physician, Dr. J. A. Martin; sergeant, L. M. McKenzie; master at arms, W. L. Dawkins; first master guards, F. Grover Britt; second master guards, W. C. Kinlaw; sentinel, W. C. Cribbs; picket, F. P. Bodenheimer.

Refreshments were served after the installation.

Gov. Bickett Friday commuted to 30 years' imprisonment the death sentence of W. J. Ward, a 60-year-old man under sentence of death from Columbus county for murder. Ward killed his son-in-law but the Governor says his mental condition is such as to convince him and a large number of other people that the man was not responsible.

Mr. N. A. Andrews of Fairmont, was in town this morning.

COTTON MARKET.

Middling cotton is selling on the local market today for 13 1-2 cents the pound; strict middling 14 1-2 cents.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—The basketball team of Mason's Cross high school, Scotland county, defeated the local high school team here Friday 11 to 4.

—Mr. Leonard Britt of Mt. Elijm, was a Lumberton visitor Saturday. Mr. Britt killed a "pig" Friday that tipped the scales at 580 dressed.

—Mr. Neill Freeman and family moved Thursday from Mr. Freeman's farm on R. 4, Lumberton, into a residence owned by Mr. Freeman on East Third street.

—The trial of Tom Phillips and Prentice Barker, charged with manufacturing whiskey, was postponed from this morning to Tuesday, January 18 at 10 a. m.

—A special communication of St. Albans lodge No. 114, A. F. and A. M., has been called for Tuesday evening, Jan. 11, 7:30 for work in the third degree.

—Andrew McNeill and F. C. Jones were before Recorder D. H. Fuller Friday on the charge of being drunk on the highway, but were found not guilty of the charge.

—Mrs. Rowland Deese has been seriously ill since Thursday, when she was poisoned by eating some liver pudding. Her condition is thought to be improved, however.

—Miss Miriam Weinstein returned last week to Roanoke, Va., to resume her studies at Virginia college. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. A. Weinstein, who is expected home tomorrow.

—The Robeson Electric company moved Saturday from the building which it formerly occupied on Chestnut street into the McAllister building, Elm street, formerly occupied by the Dixie Automobile company.

—Robeson chapter, U. D. C., will meet at the home of Mrs. T. F. Costner tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon at 3:30. A full attendance is desired, as plans for the celebration on January 19th will be perfected at this meeting.

—The Burnt Swamp Preachers' and Teachers' conference, (Indian) has been postponed from Friday before the fourth Sunday in January to Friday before the fourth Sunday in February, according to W. D. Oxendine of the Bible section, who was in town Saturday. J. C. Clark is chairman of the conference.

—License has been issued for the marriages of Carl Gore and Geneva McMillan; June Ivey and Clara Lee Britt; General Cannon and Annie Ivey; H. Dayton Hardin and Donnie Belle Sellers; Bert Seals and Mary Ellen Ragan. Register of Deeds Floyd sold eleven marriage licenses Saturday, an unusually large number for one day in January, the off month in matrimony.

—Mr. J. L. McNeill, superintendent of the local light and water plants, will read the meters in the future, according to Mr. J. P. Russell, town clerk and treasurer. The meters have been read by a boy of late and there has been much complaint. The meters will be read between the 25th and last of each month and bills will be mailed out between the first and fifth of the following month. All who fail to pay their bills by the 15th will be disconnected, as heretofore.

Enduring of the Truce.

"Long live Liberty," declaims former Congressman Gib Patterson, of Maxton, Sojourning at the Yarbrough for the day. Nor is it all conventional patriotism. Mr. Patterson means Liberty county, a section of Robeson inhabited exclusively by descendants of the Scottish Clansmen. As yet, the county is unrecognized of authority, but the Scotch are a tenacious people and they will have their way yet about setting up a new county radiating from the town of Maxton.

Not all the wounds that were inflicted during the past year in that intestine struggle over the partition of the State of Robeson have been healed but at last a truce has been patched up and semblance of peace pervades. Senator Varner who contended with Mr. Patterson for the toga last summer, occupied a chair parked alongside, that of the vanquished yesterday, and they chatted quite calmly. Neither is quite sure that the battle will be resumed in the present General Assembly.—Raleigh News and Observer, Jan. 8.

Twelve Cotton Mills Resume Work.

Twelve cotton mills with a spindleage of 205,000, located in and around Charlotte or controlled from that city, employing an aggregate of more than 5,300 operatives, were scheduled to resume work today following a period of idleness varying from several weeks to several months. Whether the plants will be kept going permanently those in authority have not stated.

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